

ORAL

NO. 1169 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

FINING OF EMPLOYERS USING ILLEGAL LABOUR

Can Government say what fines have been issued to employers during 2010 for using illegal labour?

ANSWER

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

Twenty nine fixed penalty notices have been issued during 2010 to date for using unregistered labour.

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NO. 1170 OF 2010

UNALLOCATED QUESTION

ORAL

NO. 1171 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – GIBRALTARIANS EMPLOYED IN SHIP-REPAIR INDUSTRY

Can Government state the number of Gibraltarians employed in the ship-repair industry in Gibraltar as at the end of August 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The number of Gibraltarians employed in the ship-repair industry in Gibraltar as at the end of August 2010 was 99.

NO. 1172 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

SHIP-REPAIR INDUSTRY APPRENTICES

Can Government state the number of apprentices currently undergoing training in the ship-repair industry in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

There are currently 27 apprentices undergoing training in the ship-repair industry in Gibraltar.

NO. 1173 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – PERSONS REGISTERED AS BEING EMPLOYED IN THE HOTEL INDUSTRY

Can Government say how many persons were registered with the Employment Service as being employed in the local hotel industry as at the end of June 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The number of persons registered with the Employment Service as being employed in the local hotel industry as at the end of June of 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 are as follows:

2007	-	315
2008	-	318
2009	-	325
2010	-	278

NO. 1174 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – DETACHED WORKERS EMPLOYED

Can Government state as at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 591 of 2010, how many detached workers were in employment and provide a breakdown by industry and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The statistical information that is requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 1174/2010

Detached workers by Nationality

June 2010

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non- EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				6	95	101
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	2	118		4	10	134
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade		1				1
Hotel Trade						0
Restaurants, Bars etc						0
Repairs of Consumer Goods						0
Sea Transport and Related Services						0
Air Transport and Related Services						0
Road Transport and Related Services						0
Post and Communications						0
Banking, Finance and Insurance	3	7				10
Public Administration and National Defence						0
Police and Fire Service						0
Sanitary Services						0
Education						0
Medical and Health Services						0
Other Services					1	1
Total	5	126	0	10	106	247

Cond't Answer to Question 1174/2010

Detached workers by Nationality

July 2010

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				6	115	121
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	9	130		3	10	152
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade		1				1
Hotel Trade						0
Restaurants, Bars etc.						0
Repairs of Consumer Goods						0
Sea Transport and Related Services						0
Air Transport and Related Services						0
Road Transport and Related Services						0
Post and Communications						0
Banking, Finance and Insurance	3	7				10
Public Administration and National Defence						0
Police and Fire Service						0
Sanitary Services						0
Education						0
Medical and Health Services						0
Other Services					1	1
Total	12	138	0	9	126	285

Cond't Answer to Question 1174/2010

Detached workers by Nationality

August 2010

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non- EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				5	105	110
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	8	144		3	7	162
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade		1				1
Hotel Trade						0
Restaurants, Bars etc						0
Repairs of Consumer Goods						0
Sea Transport and Related Services						0
Air Transport and Related Services						0
Road Transport and Related Services						0
Post and Communications						0
Banking, Finance and Insurance	3	7				10
Public Administration and National Defence						0
Police and Fire Service						0
Sanitary Services						0
Education						0
Medical and Health Services						0
Other Services		6				6
Total	11	158	0	8	112	289

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1174 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

I note that in the retail trade where there had been a regular number of ten for virtually one whole year which I questioned and the hon Member, in fact, may remember that he said he was going to look into it in more detail as to what exactly these ten people were doing. It seems that since the matter has been raised on several occasions in the House, these detached workers have disappeared. Was it the case that they were actually doing work that did not mean coming in and doing a job and then going and that that has now been stopped?

HON L MONTIEL:

Yes. If you will recall I did explain that there were a number of employees who for particular reasons, like trained drivers or heavy equipment persons, used to come for a short period of time, then used to go and then used to come back again. Some people are here, others are not. Apparently now they are not here, except one.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But did the hon Member actually check those ten persons. It could have been that they were ten different ones every month but it was very peculiar that it was the one figure that never seemed to change and then after the matter was raised several times the ten simply disappeared. Did he actually check the ten or not?

HON L MONTIEL:

No. I should have checked them but I have not. I will of course give him the information as soon as I get it.

NO. 1175 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED

Can Government provide a breakdown by nationality of the frontier workers registered with the Employment Service as at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 589 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Answered together with Question No. 1176 of 2010.

NO. 1176 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED

Can Government state the total number of frontier workers registered with the Employment Service as at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 588 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The statistical information that is requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedules that I now hand to him, together with corrected copies in respect of the answer provided to Question Nos. 588 and 589 of 2010.

The explanation for such a correction is that whilst the information provided in respect of numbers and breakdown by nationality is correct, the totals did not account for the number in the first of the two sheets making up the report.

To avoid any similar future error, it will be noted that sheets now include carry over and/or brought forward totals as necessary.

Answer to Question 1176/2010**Answer to Questions 1175/2010 and 1176/2010****Frontier Workers by Nationality (June to August 2010)**

Nationality	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
American	8	9	9
Argentinian	3	3	3
Australian	3	3	3
Austrian	9	10	12
Belgian	10	10	11
Brazilian	4	4	4
Bulgarian	15	16	16
Canadian	3	3	3
Chinese	0		
Colombian	1	1	2
Czechslovakian	29	29	30
Danish	37	37	37
Dutch	41	38	34
Estonian	3	3	3
Finnish	5	7	7
French	71	75	77
German	115	113	114
Gibraltarian	133	136	133
Greek	25	26	25
Greek Cypriot	7	7	7
Guyanese	0	0	1
Hungarian	44	48	45
Indian	3	3	3
Irish	55	55	55
Israeli	6	6	6
Italian	58	57	62
Japanese	2	2	2
Latvian	7	7	7
Lithuanian	27	42	46
Luxembourg	0		
Macedonian	1	1	1
Maltese	1	1	1
Totals C/F	726	752	759

Contd...Answer to Question 1176/2010
Answer to Questions 1175/2010 and 1176/2010

Nationality	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
B/F Totals	726	752	759
Mexican	1	0	0
Moroccan	3	3	3
New Zealander	4	4	4
Norwegian	2	3	4
Other British	2018	2053	2052
Peruvian	1	1	1
Philipino	0	1	1
Polish	132	156	157
Portuguese	354	326	317
Romanian	77	78	74
Russian	3	3	3
Slovakian	15	16	16
South African	1	1	1
Spanish	3598	3761	3736
Swedish	13	17	15
Swiss	11	11	10
Ukranian	5	5	5
Totals	6964	7191	7158

Cond't Answer to Question 1176/2010
Answer to Questions 588/2010 and 589/2010

Frontier Workers by Nationality since Dec 2009

Nationality	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10
American	11	11	10	8	8	8
Argentinian	2	3	3	3	3	3
Australian	4	4	5	5	5	5
Austrian	7	6	7	7	7	8
Belgian	11	11	11	11	13	12
Bolivian	1	1				
Brazilian	4	4	4	4	4	4
Bulgarian	12	10	20	15	14	13
Canadian	2	2	3	3	3	3
Chinese	1	1	1	1	1	
Colombian	1	1	1	1	1	1
Czechslovakian	27	29	31	32	29	26
Danish	39	38	35	35	35	36
Dutch	50	45	43	44	45	44
Estonian			1	2	3	3
Finnish	6	7	7	6	6	5
French	69	66	65	69	70	71
German	118	119	120	116	115	115
Gibraltar	130	127	128	129	127	127
Greek	15	16	17	18	19	24
Greek Cypriot	9	9	8	8	7	8
Hungarian	32	31	33	37	40	42
Indian	3	3	4	4	4	4
Irish	53	54	56	56	55	55
Israeli	6	6	6	6	6	6
Italian	43	46	48	52	55	55
Japanese	2	2	2	2	2	2
Latvian	6	8	7	8	7	8
Lithuanian	19	18	25	21	22	20
Luxembourg	2	2	2			
Macedonian	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maltese	2	2	2	1	1	1
Totals C/F	516	517	531	534	537	544

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.../Contd. Answer to Question 1176/2010

.../Contd. Answer to Questions 588/2010 and 589/2010

Frontier Workers by Nationality since Dec 2009

Nationality	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10
B/F Totals	516	517	531	534	537	544
Mexican	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moroccan	4	4	4	4	4	4
New Zealander	3	3	3	3	3	3
Norwegian	2	2	1	2	2	2
Other British	2040	2030	2029	2035	2028	2047
Peruvian					1	1
Polish	114	118	122	127	123	134
Portuguese	347	345	364	354	365	371
Romanian	66	74	77	76	76	74
Russian	2	2	2	2	2	2
Slovakian	15	16	16	18	18	17
South African	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spanish	3288	3200	3349	3413	3472	3558
Swedish	16	15	15	13	13	13
Swiss	10	10	9	10	11	11
Ukranian	4	5	5	5	5	5
Totals	6429	6343	6529	6598	6662	6788

ORAL

NO. 1177 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

NATIONAL DAY 2010

What has been the cost incurred by Government, with a breakdown, of National Day 2010?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 1187 of 2010.

NO. 1178 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

MINISTER FOR CULTURE – USE OF GOVERNMENT CAR

What was the cost to the taxpayer of a chauffeur driven Government car collecting the Hon Minister for Culture from the coach park after the National Day Eve Rock Concert on 9th September to take him to his home at Harbour Views and why did the Minister not walk?

ANSWER

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

A vehicle was requisitioned by the Ministry of Culture for the evening of 9th September 2010 in connection with a series of duties the Minister for Culture, Heritage, Sports and Leisure had to undertake at different locations around Gibraltar.

These duties included, but were not restricted to, attendance at the Rock Concert which took place at Waterport Coach Park. Therefore, it would be incorrect to assume that an official Government car was used just to convey the Minister to and from his residence at Harbour Views to the very nearby Rock Concert venue.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1178 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Will the Minister say how much it cost for the whole day?

HON E J REYES:

My understanding is that these costs are absorbed by my ministerial colleague who has there ... But if I want to be perhaps pedantic and legalistic, if the vehicle finished its duties in all the things I had to attend and when the concert closed at just gone two o'clock in the morning at Waterport Coach Park, that vehicle had to return to its depot because I was satisfied that the preparations in other venues, John Mackintosh Square being one example, were now complete. That vehicle should have returned to its depot which is probably fifty/one hundred metres away by the nearby roundabout garage. With my home being so close by, if one takes the cost from the depot to my home and back I think we are talking of well over one pound sterling.

ORAL

NO. 1179 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

CHILDREN'S PARK AT CATALAN BAY

When does Government anticipate that the children's park which is to be reprovided at Catalan Bay will be ready?

ANSWER

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

The children's park at Catalan Bay is contractually required to be reprovided by the developers of the Little Genoa project. It is expected that the park will be completed within this current financial year.

ORAL

NO. 1180 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECRUITMENT OF DEPUTY CEO

Can Government state whether it has now recruited the Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority?

ANSWER

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

I am very pleased to report that the new Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Sports and Leisure Authority was appointed with effect from 13th September 2010.

NO. 1181 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – VACANCIES

Can Government state whether it has now filled the vacancies for the posts of Sports and Leisure Officer following the interviews which took place in June 2010?

ANSWER

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

The two vacancies for the posts of Sports and Leisure Officer, for which interviews took place during the month of June 2010, were filled with effect from the 1st July 2010 and the second one with effect from the 1st August 2010.

NO. 1182 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EMPLOYEES

Can Government state how many people were employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority as at the end of August 2010 giving a breakdown by grade, sex, nationality and department?

ANSWER

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

The information requested is contained in the written schedule that I now hand over to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 1182/2010

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2010**

NO	TITLE	GRADE	DEPT	SEX	NATIONALITY
1	Chief Executive Officer	1	Admin	Male	British
1	Finance Manager	3	Admin	Male	British
1	Administration and Resources Manager	3	Admin	Female	British
1	Facilities Manager	3	Facilities	Male	British
1	Sports Development and Training Officer	3	Sports Dev. Unit	Female	British
1	Accounts Executive	4	Admin	Male	British
1	Assistant Sports Development and Training Officer	4	Sports Dev. Unit	Male	British
1	Assistant Facilities Manager	4	Facilities	Male	British
1	Technical Officer	5	Facilities	Male	British
6	Centre Managers	5	Facilities	5 Male 1 Female	British
2	Administrative Clerk	6	Admin	Female	British
1	Supervisory Groundsman	7	Facilities	Male	British
25	Sports and Leisure Officers	8	Facilities	23 Male 2 Female	British
1	Secretarial / Typist	9	Admin	Female	British
2	Support	11	Admin & Facilities	1 Male 1 Female	British

NO. 1183 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

GASA SWIMMING POOL

Can Government state whether the overhaul and upgrade to the air treatment system of the 25 metre pool run by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority has now been completed?

ANSWER

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

The overhaul and upgrade to the 25 metre pool air treatment system has not yet been completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1183 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister have an idea when it might be completed or at least commenced?

HON E J REYES:

I am informed that we are well advanced in the stage of obtaining and analysing technical specifications for what is a rather complex air treatment system. We in the Sports Authority believe that it is essential to get these specifications correct in order to avoid the problems which we have experienced with the existing system and which, unfortunately, has proved was not the ideal one to be installed for this purpose.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state who are doing these technical supervisions or looking at it technically, for the Government to be in a position to tender out or whatever, the works for the treatment system?

HON E J REYES:

I am afraid that I do not have accurate information. I do know there has been contact with the original advisors and installers of the system which was carried out prior to this party being in administration. Whether they have actually, physically, come over or there has just been some sort of correspondence and so on with them to get certain specifications, I do not know. I would be misleading the House if I were to pinpoint anyone. I know experts have been engaged. If the hon Member wants he can write to me and I can find out the details and give him a breakdown of who is advising the Sports and Leisure Authority.

NO. 1184 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 5th June 2010?

ANSWER

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

The previous Heritage Action Committee meeting was held on 1st June 2010. It could be a simple typographical error and, since that date, one further meeting has taken place and that was on the 14th September 2010.

NO. 1185 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR MUSEUM – ADMISSION FEES

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament in admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum?

ANSWER

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

Further to Question No. 619 of 2010, the revenue raised in admission fees for the Gibraltar Museum on a monthly basis is as follows:

June 2010	£972.60
July 2010	£1105.78
August 2010	£3437.70

NO. 1186 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Can Government say how many entities have submitted tenders for the "Organisation, Production and Staging of the New Year's Eve Celebrations at Casemates Square 2010" which was advertised on 27th July 2010 with a closing date of 20th August 2010, has the tender now been awarded and if so to whom and in what amount?

ANSWER

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

Two entities submitted tenders for the organisation, production and staging of the New Year celebrations at Casemates Square for 2010.

The tender has been awarded to Events Unlimited in the sum of £36,000.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1186 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA

Did the tender go to the lowest bidder?

HON E J REYES:

Yes. The tender did go to the lowest bidder.

NO. 1187 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES

NATIONAL DAY 2010

Can Government give a breakdown of the cost of all events related to National Day from the beginning of the fair week up to National Day?

ANSWER

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

All invoices pertaining to the Gibraltar Fair, National Week and National Day 2010 events have not been received so, therefore, I am unable at this stage to provide the hon Member with any accurate details.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1177 AND 1187 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister know when he envisages to have all these invoices collected and know exactly how much each item has cost.

HON E J REYES:

Round about this date last year, the hon Member also asked me the same question and, unfortunately, I had to give him a reply concurrent to what I have given him today. I would hope that now that the month of September is nearly over, that invoices still pending will be submitted by those who delivered goods, supplies or whatever. Some companies actually prepare invoices at the end of the month of September and that is when National Day lies. So, hopefully, within the month of October is when the details should arrive. If the hon Member does not wish to wait as long as whenever the next Question Time comes along, I would not think it is out of order if he wrote to me and I can make that information available. But I would dare say that during October, perhaps early November, it would all be processed through payment vouchers to Treasury and so on. I will be as helpful as I can but when I have accurate information.

NO. 1188 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

ST BERNADETTE'S ADULT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CENTRE – VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT MANAGER

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Assistant Manager – St Bernadette's Adult Occupational Therapy Centre which was advertised on or around 19th August 2010 with a closing date of 3rd September 2010, how many were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Eight applicants have applied for the post of Assistant Manager at St Bernadette's Adult Occupational Therapy Centre. Three of the applicants are Gibraltarians. Interviews are likely to be held within the next two weeks.

NO. 1189 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Social Worker in the Care Agency which was advertised on 14th September 2010 with a closing date of 28th September 2010, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has the post now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

To date one application has been received for this post. However, please note that this figure may change since the closing date was only yesterday. The nationality of the only applicant to date is Gibraltarian. There are two vacant posts and, obviously, they have not been filled since we are now at the stage of accepting applications until the 28th September.

Perhaps for the benefit of clarity for the hon Member opposite, when the actual department received notice of the question, I think it was about a week ago, round about the 23rd ... At the time when we gathered the information, there was only one applicant but given that the closing date was only yesterday, it may well be that there are more applicants. I am saying, may well be, because Social Workers are civil servants and therefore the collection and the processing of the applications are not handled directly by the Care Agency but rather the centralised Human Resources Department. So please bear that in mind.

NO. 1190 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

MOUNT ALVERNIA – WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many elderly citizens are presently waiting for a place at Mount Alvernia, and how many of these are occupying a bed at St Bernard's Hospital or in John Cochrane Ward?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I suppose I will not have to answer the next question given that it is a replica of this one.

Answered together with Question No. 1191 of 2010.

NO. 1191 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

MOUNT ALVERNIA – WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many elderly citizens are presently waiting for a place at Mount Alvernia, and how many of these are occupying a bed at St Bernard's Hospital or in John Cochrane Ward?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

There are 551 persons in the waiting list for Mount Alvernia out of which 42 are occupying a bed in St Bernard's Hospital and 29 in John Cochrane Unit.

ORAL

NO. 1192 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm the number of staff employed at the Shopmobility Centre with a breakdown by post and say which of these vacancies were advertised?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1193 to 1204 of 2010.

NO. 1193 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm how much has been spent on the Shopmobility Centre (a) for the refurbishment works (b) scooter purchases (c) other costs (with a breakdown by item)?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 and 1994 to 1204 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1194 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm the names of all companies, trusts or charities involved and their financial contribution to the Shopmobility Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192, 1193 and 1195 to 1204 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1195 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm what system, if any, they have in place to ensure that all possible users of the Shopmobility Centre can and will use the scooters/wheelchairs safely and that they will pose no risk to the public?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1194 and 1196 to 1204 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1196 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm whether the scooter users using scooters from the Shopmobility Centre will be insured when using them?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1195 and 1197 to 1204 of 2010.

NO. 1197 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm whether a service, repair and maintenance contract has been put in place to service the scooters or wheelchairs of the Shopmobility Centre, and what accreditation has been sought from those companies invited to quote?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1196 and 1198 to 1204 of 2010.

NO. 1198 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm the names of the companies which (a) carried out the office refurbishment (b) supplied all the electrical mobility scooters/wheelchairs for the Shopmobility Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1197 and 1199 to 1204 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1199 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm whether all supplies and services for the Shopmobility Centre have been put out to tender and, if not, why not?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1198 and 1200 to 1204 of 2010.

NO. 1200 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government state how many quotations were obtained in each financial year since 2007/2008 to supply equipment to the Shopmobility Centre with a breakdown showing who was the successful tenderer, the name of the equipment in question, the name of the supplier and indicating in each case whether the successful tenderer was the lowest bid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1199 and 1201 to 1204 of 2010.

NO. 1201 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Can Government confirm when the Shopmobility Centre will re-open to the public?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1200 and 1202 to 1204 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1202 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Does the Care Agency have arrangements for private parties to sell mobility scooters from the Shopmobility Centre at the ICC?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1201, 1203 and 1204 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1203 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

Is the Care Agency selling mobility scooters from the Shopmobility Centre at the ICC, and, if so, how many such scooters have been sold, at what price and for what profit?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1192 to 1202 and 1204 of 2010.

NO. 1204 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon N F Costa

SHOPMOBILITY CENTRE

What arrangements have the Care Agency put in place for the supply of equipment to it for the Shopmobility Centre at the ICC?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1192 of 2010

There is one shop attendant currently employed in the Shopmobility Centre. This post was transferred to the Care Agency when it took over the responsibility of the Centre.

Answer to Question No. 1193 of 2010

The amount spent on the Shopmobility Centre is as follows:

- (a) £7,000 was spent on the refurbishment and associated works on the Shopmobility Centre;
- (b) With regard to the scooters, these were acquired by a donation given specifically for this purpose;
- (c)

All in one computer	£785.98
Laser printer/fax/scanner	£609.87
Filing cabinet	£185.00
Aids	£712.28
Office kettle/mugs/tea towels	£ 51.53
Printer and cable	£ 80.00
Office Décor	£446.95
Shop chairs	£523.10
Revolving desk stand	£239.90
Shelves and frames	£332.76
No Smoking signs	£ 45.00
Counters	<u>£2,517.27</u>
	<u>£6,529.64</u>

Answer to Question No. 1194 of 2010

The Gibraltar Red Cross Society has contributed financially towards the Shopmobility Centre.

Answer to Question No. 1195 of 2010

All service users will be required to fill in a registration form which includes declaration of issues, surrounding visual, mental, physical condition and weight.

Additionally, before loaning a scooter, the service user will be required to undergo a driving performance test to ensure that they are acquainted with the use of the scooter.

A Safety Consideration Leaflet of Do's and Don'ts will also be issued to the service user and they will be required to duly sign this prior to the loan of any equipment.

Answer to Question No. 1196 of 2010

The Shopmobility Centre will ensure that all functions of the scooter are in good working condition prior to the loan of any equipment and this will be provided by a maintenance and log book record of daily checks. Shopmobility will have an all risks insurance in situ.

- (a) All equipment is covered for all risks by insurance;
- (b) Insurance is in place for liability caused by the scooter of which the Care Agency is liable for. Nobody can insure other persons' liabilities.

Answer to Question No. 1197 of 2010

A maintenance contract has been entered into with the company supplying the scooter and electric wheelchair which also includes a recovery service.

Answer to Question No. 1198 of 2010

The names of the companies are as follows:

- (a) Gibraltar Joinery and Building Services Ltd carried out the refurbishment of the Shopmobility Centre at the ICC;
- (b) Car Care Centre supplied the mobility scooter and electric wheelchairs.

Answer to Question No. 1199 of 2010

Four quotations were sought from the suppliers of the items required and consideration was taken with regard to the price/reliability/experience and number of personnel within the firm who would provide maintenance.

Answer to Question No. 1200 of 2010

Government did not take the responsibility until the creation of the Care Agency in May 2009.

Between the financial year 2009/2010 to date, the Care Agency has only requested quotes on one occasion.

Four Quotations were requested:

- (a) From a UK firm;
- (b) From a UK firm Shopmobility based in Spain;
- (c) From two local suppliers

UK Firm	UK Firm based in Spain	Local Supplier 1	Local Supplier 2
Proved to be more expensive than a local company which was unable to meet maintenance needs	Were more expensive than the local suppliers but unable to meet the maintenance needs	Quote not like for like	Quote not like for like but provides a team of mechanics and a recovery service.

The name of the equipment purchased:-

One Shoprider Paris Mobility Scooter GK.
Four Shoprider Cadiz Mobility Scooters 5889SL.
One Shoprider Valencia Mobility Scooter.
One Pride Go Chair Power chair bat loaded.

The three quotes received were not like for like as equipment varied.

The Local Supplier 2 quotes were in line with the Local Supplier 1. However, the preferred model, following advice on reliability from other UK charity run mobility shops, were the ones purchased. Local Supplier 1 was making suggestions on how to run the shop and also suggested how he would like to sell the products in the shop and requested that a display information was advertised in the shop for persons who frequent this facility. The Care Agency opted for Local Supplier 2, which is, as I said, the Car Care Centre.

Answer to Question No. 1201 of 2010

The Shopmobility Centre will open to the general public when the recruitment of a Shopmobility Attendant is processed.

Answer to Question No. 1202 of 2010

The Government's Shopmobility Centre has no arrangements with private parties to sell mobility scooters from its premises and this will not be a consideration either.

Answer to Question No. 1203 of 2010

The Shopmobility Centre is not open to the public and no mobility scooter has been sold from the Shopmobility Centre in the ICC at any price or for any profit.

Answer to Question No.1204 of 2010

At present, no arrangement has been put in place for further supply of equipment to the Shopmobility Centre.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1192 TO 1204 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Did the hon Member say that Local Supplier 2 was selected because of their previous experience of providing these things or did I lose that with the long answer?

HON J J NETTO:

What I did say was that Local Supplier 2 was selected on the basis that it provided a team of mechanics in terms of maintenance of the electric scooters and a recovery service while Local Supplier 1 was more or less the same price in the selling, but did not provide the maintenance or the recovery service. So the difference was that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But is the hon Member saying that Local Supplier 2 had previously been selling and repairing scooters or not?

HON J J NETTO:

My understanding is that they have been doing that for many years.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, and is that on the basis that when they submitted the bid they claimed to have been doing it for many years?

HON J J NETTO:

I think that is the case and, in fact, I would say that it is a well established fact that this is the case, not necessarily at the time when the quote was sought, but it is a fact.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, is the hon Member not aware that the entity that was supplying the scooters to them did not have a trade licence to do so and that they were told by the DTI that they could not do it and that they gave an undertaking not to do it, notwithstanding the fact that they had broken the undertaking and continued doing it. Is he aware of those things?

HON J J NETTO:

No. I am not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, would the hon Member agree with me that if it is indeed the case, that they have not been in this business before, and that, in fact, they did not have a trade licence to do it, then that needs to be taken into account?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes. It definitely has to be taken into account but my recollection of ... or rather my information is that the garage, the Car Care Centre which is Local Supplier 2, does have a number of mechanics who have been doing this kind of work, apart from other general maintenance work for cars, motorbikes and electric scooters, for many years. That is a fact and that is the issue that we considered at the time. It was not just a question of same price as Local Supplier 1 but also could do the maintenance side which is also extremely important to us.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But is it not normal ... that the Government requires the suppliers who put tenders to have the licence to sell what they are offering to sell? The trade licence?

HON J J NETTO:

Well, obviously, I am not aware whether at the time they had a trade licence or not. Obviously, for some reason it may be that the Leader of the Opposition is aware of this whereas I am not aware of this. I assume that my staff at the time when they purchased the equipment from the donation given, they would have considered that. But I am not in a position to confirm that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it then that the hon Member is not aware either that another Government department, the DTI, received a complaint that these people were supplying scooters without a trade licence to sell them and that they told the Car Care Centre that they could not do it and that the Car Care Centre gave a commitment in writing that they would not continue supplying them because they did not have a trade licence. So he is not aware of any of that?

HON J J NETTO:

No.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see. Well perhaps the hon Member will welcome that that information is provided to him.

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, certainly. I can look into that and provide that information.

NO. 1205 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

MOUNT ALVERNIA – SCAFFOLDING

Can Government state when the scaffolding presently at Mount Alvernia was first erected?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The scaffolding presently at Mount Alvernia was first erected on the 23rd June 2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1205 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

Can the Minister tell us what was the purpose of the scaffolding being placed there?

HON J J NETTO:

The scaffolding was erected at the time to provide fans around the scaffolding for the purpose of ... whenever a piece of masonry fell. We had an experience back then that a few pieces of masonry had fallen and it was more of a safety issue. In the interim period, of course, what we have done is we requested the Technical Services Department to provide us with a survey and to provide us with some kind of a contract so that we can actually put it out to tender and this is something that we are pursuing in terms of getting the money in the usual way that most Government departments do in any given financial year. So at the moment the purpose of having the scaffold with the fan is just in case, as a precautionary measure, in case a piece of masonry falls. We have done the survey. We have got the contract and we are now waiting to see whether we are lucky enough in this financial year to get the necessary funds to do the works or whether we will have to wait for the next financial year.

HON C A BRUZON:

Thank you. The Minister may remember that just over two years ago I asked him a question concerning the possibility of having awnings placed outside the windows which were exposed to the sun for many hours affecting people who were room bound and could not therefore go to the areas, the leisure areas in the centre of Mount Alvernia which were protected from the sun. The answer he gave me two years ago was, if I remember rightly, that they were at present doing repair work concerning the balconies, that consideration

would be given to the placing of awnings when that work was done. Can the Minister confirm that?

HON J J NETTO:

The question of the awnings is a separate question for which I have not had notice. As I am standing and recollecting from the time, yes, I remember that the hon Member opposite did raise that question and I think I said at the time that the Managing Director, the Chief Executive of Mount Alvernia had been providing awnings for some of the flats and it is an ongoing process. That is, from my recollection as I am standing right now. But it is a separate issue and, obviously, if he would have given me notice we could have looked into that in much greater detail.

NO. 1206 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the monthly income, expenditure and balance of the Statutory Benefits Fund since the answer to Question No. 631 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1207, 1212 and 1213 of 2010.

NO. 1207 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment, for each month to date, since the answer to Question No. 630 of 2010, from the Statutory Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of pre-1969 Spanish pensioners and locally funded pensioners, showing the number of Gibraltar/UK nationals, Moroccans and other nationals for the months in question?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1206, 1212 and 1213 of 2010.

NO. 1208 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state how many persons receiving Social Assistance to date, since the answer given to Question No. 626 of 2010, 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. 1209 and 1210 of 2010.

NO. 1209 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving Social Assistance to date, since the answer to Question No. 627 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1208 and 1210 of 2010.

NO. 1210 OF 2010

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 to date, since the answer to Question No. 628 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown by their age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I will now hand the hon Member the lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1210 of 2010

Answer to Question 1208

Persons in receipt of social assistance for the months of June to August 2010.

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
June 2010	220	324	544	99	139	141	165
July 2010	223	329	552	101	143	145	163
August 2010	223	321	544	99	146	139	160
As at 23 Sept 2010	225	322	547	103	147	141	156

Persons employed during the months of June to August 2010.

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
June 2010	7	4	11	4	2	2	3
July 2010	3	2	5	5	0	0	0
August 2010	5	7	12	4	2	5	1

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 1210 of 2010

Answer to Question 1209

Persons receiving social assistance for the months of June to August 2010 by month, sex and age.

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
June 2010	220	324	544	99	139	141	165
July 2010	223	329	552	101	143	145	163
August 2010	223	321	544	99	146	139	160

Answer to Question 1210

Persons receiving disability allowance under the social assistance arrangements for the months of June 2010 to August 2010 giving a monthly breakdown of their age and sex.

	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
June 2010	26	33	25	25	17	14	4	144	101	43
July 2010	26	32	25	26	17	14	4	144	101	43
August 2010	26	32	25	26	16	15	4	144	101	43

ORAL

NO. 1211 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – VACANCIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Can Government state whether the posts advertised in September 2009 for part-time and full-time Administrative Officers in the Elderly Care Agency have now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I can confirm that the Administrative Officer vacant posts have now been filled.

ORAL

NO. 1212 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – EMPLOYMENT INJURIES

Can Government state what payments were made out of the Statutory Benefits Fund for each month from June 2010 to August 2010 in respect of employment injuries?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos.1206, 1207 and 1213 of 2010.

NO. 1213 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – INSOLVENCY PAYMENTS

Can Government state what payments were made out of the Statutory Benefits Fund for each month from June 2010 to August 2010 arising from the insolvency of any employer?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I will now hand the hon Member the lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1213 of 2010

Answer to Question 1206

The monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Statutory Benefits Fund from June to August 2010 is as per the following tentative statement:

(*For the purpose of this statement the contribution from the Consolidated Fund has been calculated pro-rata although the contribution will be effected at the end of the financial year).

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Jun-10</u>	<u>31-Jul-10</u>	<u>31-Aug-10</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>			
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£18,305,538.38	£18,086,842.48	£18,090,509.96
<u>Add</u>			
* Contribution from the Consolidated Fund	£625,000.00	£625,000.00	£625,000.00
Contributions collected in cash (Insurance contr.)	£1,443,521.71	£1,598,471.65	£1,236,990.71
Misc Receipts	£27,992.94	£24,935.15	£6,431.39
	<u>£20,402,053.03</u>	<u>£20,335,249.28</u>	<u>£19,958,932.06</u>
<u>Less</u>			
Payments	<u>(£2,315,210.55)</u>	<u>(£2,244,739.32)</u>	<u>(£2,281,761.97)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£18,086,842.48</u>	<u>£18,090,509.96</u>	<u>£17,677,170.09</u>

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1213 OF 2010

Answer to Question 1207

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Statutory Benefits Fund for the months of June to August 2010.

	Jun 2010	July 2010	Aug 2010
Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners	241	236	230
British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nationals)	5719	5751	5791
Moroccan Pensioners	2048	2054	2057
Other Nationalities	710	729	739
Total	8718	8770	8817

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1213 OF 2010

Answer to Question 1212

Payments from the Statutory Benefits Fund from June 2010 to August 2010 in respect of employment injuries have been as follows :-

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND - TENTATIVE STATEMENT

	June 2010	July 2010	August 2010
Payments:			
Employment Injuries	£48,865.71	£45,154.87	£42,979.54

Answer to Question 1213

The following payments were made out of the Statutory Benefits Funds from June 2010 to August 2010 from the employers' insolvency:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 2010	£4,012.81
July 2010	£52,660.68
August 2010	£35,592.32

NO. 1214 OF 2010

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 to the full amount as at the end of August 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question No. 1215 of 2010.

NO. 1215 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE

Can Government provide a breakdown of the number of pensioners who have been granted the Minimum Income Guarantee showing the number receiving the single and married rates in bands of £5 to the full amount since the answer to Question No. 635 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I will now hand the hon Member the lists of the information being requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1215 of 2010

Answer to Question 1214

The number of pensioners in receipt of the Minimum Income Guarantee, receiving the single and married couple rates in bands of £5 up to the full amount as at the end of August 2010 is as follows:

				SINGLES	COUPLES	TOTAL
FROM	£161.00	TO	£165.00	0	2	2
FROM	£156.00	TO	£160.00	0	0	0
FROM	£151.00	TO	£155.00	0	0	0
FROM	£146.00	TO	£150.00	0	0	0
FROM	£141.00	TO	£145.00	0	0	0
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	30	0	30
FROM	£116.00	TO	£120.00	3	0	3
FROM	£111.00	TO	£115.00	0	0	0
FROM	£106.00	TO	£110.00	0	0	0
FROM	£101.00	TO	£105.00	0	0	0
FROM	£96.00	TO	£100.00	0	1	1
FROM	£91.00	TO	£95.00	0	1	1
FROM	£86.00	TO	£90.00	0	0	0
FROM	£81.00	TO	£85.00	1	0	1
FROM	£76.00	TO	£80.00	15	0	15
FROM	£71.00	TO	£75.00	0	0	0
FROM	£66.00	TO	£70.00	3	0	3
FROM	£61.00	TO	£65.00	0	4	4
FROM	£56.00	TO	£60.00	12	1	13
FROM	£51.00	TO	£55.00	11	1	12
FROM	£46.00	TO	£50.00	11	2	13
FROM	£41.00	TO	£45.00	19	0	19
FROM	£36.00	TO	£40.00	9	1	10
FROM	£31.00	TO	£35.00	15	1	16
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	20	0	20
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	29	1	30
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	215	3	218
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	12	3	15
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	15	7	22
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	10	0	10
TOTAL				430	28	458

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1215 OF 2010

Answer to Question 1215

The number of persons who have been granted the Minimum Income Guarantee, receiving the single and married couple rates in bands of £5 up to the full amount during the period June to August 2010 is as follows:

				SINGLES	COUPLES	TOTAL
FROM	£161.00	TO	£165.00	0	0	0
FROM	£156.00	TO	£160.00	0	0	0
FROM	£151.00	TO	£155.00	0	0	0
FROM	£146.00	TO	£150.00	0	0	0
FROM	£141.00	TO	£145.00	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
FROM	£101.00	TO	£105.00	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
FROM	£76.00	TO	£80.00	0	0	0
FROM	£71.00	TO	£75.00	0	0	0
FROM	£66.00	TO	£70.00	0	0	0
FROM	£61.00	TO	£65.00	0	0	0
FROM	£56.00	TO	£60.00	0	0	0
FROM	£51.00	TO	£55.00	0	0	0
FROM	£46.00	TO	£50.00	0	0	0
FROM	£41.00	TO	£45.00	0	0	0
FROM	£36.00	TO	£40.00	0	0	0
FROM	£31.00	TO	£35.00	1	0	1
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	0	0	0
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	0	0	0
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	0	0	0
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	2	0	2
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	0	0	0
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	0	0	0
TOTAL				3	0	3

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1214 AND 1215 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

I believe I was told in answer to a question, I think it might have been at Budget time, that the figure of the Minimum Income Guarantee was being increased, I think it was by 2.8 per cent and the threshold was being increased by 2.8 per cent. Can the hon Member tell me whether that change came into effect in June or was it backdated to the 1st April?

HON J J NETTO:

I would have to look it up and provide the information. I cannot remember now off the top of my head whether it was on 1st June or 1st April. I remember mentioning it myself but I cannot remember now which of the two dates it was. Does the hon Member wish to have ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am assuming, perhaps the hon Member will confirm, that these figures, in fact, are with the change. So that it would definitely be from the 1st June.

HON J J NETTO:

Yes. Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What I am not clear is whether the change was introduced on the 1st June or was made on the 1st June but backdated three months. That position was not clear from the answer I got the last time.

HON J J NETTO:

Well, I would have to go and check it out and provide the information.

NO. 1216 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – COMMITTEES

Can Government list the different Committees which come under the auspices of the Department of Education and Training showing the date on which each Committee was established and its composition in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The information requested is set out in the schedule which I am now handing over to the hon Member.

Answer to Question No. 1216 of 2010

List of Committees of the Department of Education & Training:

Committee	Date Established	Composition
Commonwealth Scholarship Committee	1959	Director of Education & Training, an Education Adviser and two established members of the community.
Educational Awards Committee	1990	Director of Education & Training, Senior Education Adviser plus two members from the private sector, one of which chairs.
National Curriculum Advisory Committee	1991	Director of Education & Training, Senior Education Adviser, two Headteachers from the Primary sector and the two Headteachers of the Secondary sector.
Consortium Committee	2006	Director of Education & Training, Senior Education Adviser, Headteachers from the two Secondary schools and the Principal of the Gibraltar College. Senior staff responsible for examinations also attend.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1216 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state whether the Commonwealth Scholarship Committee is still active?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Yes. It is.

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister know how much money we get from the Commonwealth in order to give these scholarships?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I do not have that before me.

HON S E LINARES:

But is there a fund that the Commonwealth gives in order to have these Commonwealth scholarships awarded?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, I think the way it works is that candidates identified here as being candidates deserving of receiving such an award are then forwarded over to the United Kingdom, the central office as it were, the Commonwealth Office, for their consideration. I do not think that we allocate, I think, those scholarships directly ourselves as we do with Gibraltar Government scholarships. They are recommended, people who are recommended.

HON S E LINARES:

So the Department of Education handles it because you have got to be ...

HON C G BELTRAN:

Yes.

HON S E LINARES:

The Director and the Education Adviser?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Correct.

HON S E LINARES:

And therefore any student who would like to apply for a Commonwealth scholarship will have to go through the Department of Education and is the Minister aware of how many awards are given on an annual basis?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I am not ... standing here as I do now, but from memory, I think not many because they do not seem to attract a lot of applicants over the last few years. So, not many.

HON S E LINARES:

Is it because many students are not aware of this because it is an old ... It is a 1959 thing. I remember in my time that people knew about certain monies being awarded to students from the Commonwealth but few applied. Is it that the students are not aware of it or are the schools aware of it and can publish it in order for students to be in a position to apply for them?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Yes. Schools are aware of this and an advert comes out every year, certainly in the media generally. I think that what has happened is that over the last maybe fifteen years the practice has tended to be from the UK end to award this type of scholarship to applicants who intend doing Masters and PhD's. Not for first degrees. So, hence it is not that relevant to schools and I think that is why the practice of only those who already have a first degree and wish to do higher degrees tend to go for this. But it is advertised in the media generally and the schools, of course, know about it.

HON S E LINARES:

And are these scholarships similar to the type of scholarships that we give in the Department of Education as in funding or is it just a one off payment that the student might obtain, for example if the course is £10,000, they get a £5,000 flat fee or is that the whole course is being paid for by the Commonwealth xxxxx.

HON C G BELTRAN:

As I understand it, yes, tuition fees and maintenance allowance and the flights and so on.

NO. 1217 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – 14-19 COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Education 14 to 19 Committee (referred to in the profession as the “Consortium”) met since it was established?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1218 and 1219 of 2010.

NO. 1218 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – 14-19 COMMITTEE

Can Government give the present composition, and I think it has already been answered within the paper that you have already given me, the composition of the Education 14 to 19 Committee (referred to in the profession as the “Consortium”)?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1217 and 1218 of 2010.

NO. 1219 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – 14-19 COMMITTEE

On what date was the Education 14 to 19 Committee (referred to in the profession as the “Consortium”) established? I think two of the questions have already been answered in the schedule that he gave me before.

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answer to Question No. 1217 of 2010

In the circumstances, if the hon Member is willing I will just give the answer to Question No. 1217 of 2010 and if he takes the other answers as having been given, that is the information requested in terms of the meeting dates of the 14 to 19 Committee, the Consortium, are set out in the schedule that I am handing over to him now.

Answer to Question No. 1218 of 2010

The present composition of the 14 to 19 Committee (referred to in the profession as the “Consortium”) is as follows:

The Director of Education and Training
The Senior Education Adviser
An Education Adviser
The Headteacher, Bayside School and a Deputy
The Headteacher, Westside School and a Deputy
The Gibraltar College Principal and a senior member of staff

Answer to Question No. 1219 of 2010

The Education 14 to 19 Committee (referred to in the profession as the “Consortium”) was established on 19th January 2006.

Answer to Question No. 1219 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1217 of 2010

The following are the dates when the Education 14 to 19 Committee (referred to in the profession as the “Consortium”) have met since it was established.

19th January 2006
1st February 2006
15th February 2006
15th March 2006
30th March 2006
19th April 2006
3rd May 2006
17th May 2006
9th June 2006
12th October 2006
22nd February 2007
28th February 2007
27th June 2007
2nd October 2007
20th November 2007
12th December 2007
5th February 2008
21st August 2008
9th October 2008
24th March 2009
29th August 2009
8th February 2010
21st April 2010
6th May 2010
23rd September 2010

NO. 1220 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GIBRALTAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Can Government confirm whether the criteria for obtaining a Gibraltar Scholarship remains three grade A passes at A-level and say whether there have been any changes to this requirement?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1221 to 1223 of 2010.

NO. 1221 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GIBRALTAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Can Government list the number of Gibraltar Scholarships that have been awarded in the academic years 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 and state what was the criteria for the award in each academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1220, 1222 and 1223 of 2010.

NO. 1222 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GRADE ‘A’ PASSES AT A-LEVEL

Can Government say how many Gibraltar students obtained three grade A passes at A-Level in this past academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1220, 1221 and 1223 of 2010.

NO. 1223 OF 2010**THE HON S E LINARES****EDUCATION – HIGHER THAN GRADE ‘A’ PASSES AT A-LEVEL**

Can Government say how many Gibraltar students obtained higher than three grade A passes at A-level in this past academic year?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING****Answer to Question No. 1220 of 2010**

As a consequence of the introduction by the Examination Awarding Bodies this year of the A* grade as the new top grade at GCE Advanced Level, the criteria for excellence in the award of a Gibraltar Scholarship were accordingly adjusted from three passes at the previous top grade A to three passes at the new top grade of A* and the other criterion being in one sitting.

Answer to Question No. 1221 of 2010

The breakdown is as follows:

AAA	2007/08	18	Gibraltar Scholarships
AAA	2008/09	17	Gibraltar Scholarships
A*A*A*	2009/10	2	Gibraltar Scholarships
	2010/11	Has just started and no awards have been given yet.	

Answer to Question No. 1222 of 2010

Seven students obtained three grade A passes at A-level this past academic year.

Answer to Question No. 1223 of 2010

Thirteen students obtained higher than three grade A passes at A-level this academic year.

NO. 1224 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £25,000 2009/2010 Consolidated Fund forecast outturn in Head 1-A, Sub-Head 2(2) (c), Refreshments in Schools, indicating who the sum was paid to and when?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1225 to 1228 of 2010.

NO. 1225 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £2000 2009/2010 Consolidated Fund forecast outturn in Head 1-A, Sub-Head 2(2) (e), Visits of School Children from Abroad, providing details of who the sum was paid to, when and for what purpose?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224, 1226 to 1228 of 2010.

NO. 1226 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £20,000 2009/2010 Consolidated Fund forecast outturn in Head 1-A, Sub-Head 2(2) (g), Educational Field Trips, providing details of who the sum was paid to, when and for what purpose?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224, 1225, 1227 and 1228 of 2010.

NO. 1227 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £1,000 2009/2010 Consolidated Fund forecast outturn in Head 1-A, Sub-Head 2(7), Intensive Language Courses, providing details of who the sum was paid to, when and for what purpose?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224 to 1226 and 1228 of 2010.

NO. 1228 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the Improvement and Development Fund expenditure forecast outturn for 2009/2010 shown in Head 101, Sub-Head 1(a) Education, for £800,000, showing who the sum was paid to, when and for what purpose?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedules which are now before him.

Answer to Question 1228 of 2010

Answer to Question 1224

The following is the breakdown of Head 1A Item 2(2)(c) (Refreshments in Schools) for financial year 2009/10, indicating when and to whom the payments, totalling £26,877.10 were made to.

Payments made to	Amount (£)	Date	
Fastafood	194.80	15/4/09	
	35.04	23/4/09	
	181.20	28/4/09	
	46.72	1/5/09	
	87.60	8/5/09	
	292.00	14/5/09	
	116.80	22/5/09	
	35.04	2/6/09	
	175.20	11/6/09	
	11.68	18/6/09	
	35.04	22/6/09	
	23.36	23/6/09	
	107.20	3/7/09	
	35.04	7/7/09	
	589.84	1/9/09	
	525.60	1/9/09	
	40.88	15/9/09	
	46.72	16/9/09	
	35.04	21/9/09	
	35.04	29/9/09	
	350.40	9/10/09	
	233.60	22/10/09	
	116.80	22/10/09	
	64.24	19/11/09	
	46.72	19/11/09	
	29.20	19/11/09	
	58.40	23/11/09	
	116.80	12/1/10	
	397.12	12/1/10	
	35.04	17/2/10	
	221.92	25/2/09	
	35.04	4/3/09	
	175.20	11/3/10	
	146.00	23/3/10	£4,676.32
Saccone & Speed	304.00	15/4/09	
	199.50	16/6/09	
	237.50	14/7/09	
	54.00	26/8/09	
	108.00	30/9/09	
	450.00	9/10/09	

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Payments made to	Amount (£)	Date	
Saccone & Speed	180.00	27/10/09	
	198.00	26/11/09	
	288.00	7/1/10	
	108.00	22/2/10	
	270.00	23/2/10	
	558.00	11/3/10	£2,955.00
Anglo Hispano	61.65	1/5/10	
	89.28	8/5/10	
	35.43	23/6/10	
	18.42	1/9/10	
	102.06	15/10/10	
	73.68	19/11/10	
	55.26	17/2/10	£435.78
GHA	1,615.00	April 2009	
	1,710.00	May 2009	
	855.00	June 2009	
	1,430.00	September 2009	
	2,420.00	October 2009	
	2,310.00	November 2009	
	1,800.00	December 2009	
	1,955.00	January 2010	
	2,185.00	February 2010	
	2,530.00	March 2010	£18,810.00
Total Expenditure 2009/10			£26,877.10

Answer to Question 1225

The following is the breakdown of Head 1A Item 2(2)(e) (Visits of School Children from Abroad) for financial year 2009/10 indicating when, to whom and for what purpose the payment of £1,800 was made.

Payment made to	Amount	Date	Purpose
Globe Travel	£1,800	22/2/10	Hiring of 2 minibuses on 12/2/10 for a tour of places of historical and institutional interest to school children. Hiring of 2 minibuses on 15/3/10 for a tour of places of historical and institutional interest to school children.

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Answer to Question 1226

The following is the breakdown of Head 1A Item 2(2)(g) (Educational Field Trips) for financial year 2009/10 indicating when the payments totalling £15,942.91 were made to whom and the purpose of these payments:

Payments made to	Amount (£)	Date	Purpose
Dipronautica	1482.07	15/4/09	Gibraltar College trip to Tajo del Aguila, iro site surveying & construction, accommodation and meals.
Westmed Insurance	155.00	27/7/09	Bayside - Insurance for Geography trip
Calypso Tours	120.00	15/10/09	St Bernard's First – hiring of coach for field trip to Chiclana Archaeology Centre
	135.00	23/11/09	Gibraltar College – hiring of coach for field trip to Marbella Business Retailing Applied Unit.
	240.00	20/1/10	St Mary's First – hiring of coach for field trip to Chiclana.
	420.00	15.2.10	Gibraltar College trip to Tajo del Aguila, iro site surveying & construction.
Masbro Insurance Brokers	135.00	20/10/09	Westside – insurance iro Geography trip to Surrey
Blands Travel Services	1560.00	12/11/09	Westside – air fares for Geography trip to Surrey visit.
	325.00	2/12/09	Gibraltar College – air fare, familiarisation
Elite Travel	6743.28	2/12/09	Westside – flights and insurance for Biology trip
	1804.00	20/1/10	Gibraltar College – flights, accommodation & insurance for travel and tourism trip.
Field Studies Council	200.00	19/1/10	Westside Biology trip to Dorking.
Eurolinx	300.00	20/1/10	Gibraltar College insurance renewal in respect of field work.
Tajo del Aguila	1129.02	15/2/10	Gibraltar College accommodation iro site surveying & construction
Bank Charges	15.00	15/2/10	Gibraltar College – bank charges iro payment for Tajo del Aguila, site surveying and construction, familiarisation visit
D Benrimoj	1083.32	30/11/09	Gibraltar College – reimbursement of expenses iro trip to Barcelona
V Hermida	88.89	24/3/10	Gibraltar College – reimbursement of expenses iro trip to Tajo del Aguila

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2009/10 £15,942.91

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Answer to Question 1227

The following is the breakdown of Head 1A Item 2(7) (Intensive Language Courses) for financial year 2009/10 indicating when, to whom and for what purpose the payment of £1,800 was made.:

Payment made to	Amount	Date	Purpose
Supply Teacher	£805.56	13/11/09	Home Tuition
Supply Teacher	£191.80	14/12/09	Home Tuition (Pupils not fit to attend school for health reasons)

Answer to Question 1228

Payment made to	Amount (£)	Date	Purpose
GJBS	43,641.98	20/4/09	General repairs at various schools
	11,173.08	7/5/09	General repairs at various schools
	10,459.07	29/5/09	General repairs at various schools
	32,965.27	10/6/09	General repairs at various schools
	11,852.75	22/6/09	General repairs at various schools
	9,085.27	25/6/09	General repairs at various schools
	8,714.98	8/7/09	General repairs at various schools
	8,801.79	28/7/09	General repairs at various schools
	6,671.88	4/8/09	General repairs at various schools
	18,361.30	5/8/09	Minor Works at St Anne's Middle and St Joseph's First Schools
	9,980.57	14/8/09	General repairs at various schools
	96,035.39	8/9/09	Minor Works at Westside School
	40,390.41	23/9/09	General repairs at various schools
	10,383.12	24/9/09	Minor Works at Westside School
	3,016.59	24/9/09	Minor Works at Hebrew School
	4,036.00	5/10/09	General repairs at various schools
	24,814.29	22/10/09	General repairs at various schools
	15,823.16	2/11/09	General repairs at various schools
	120,155.85	4/11/09	Minor Works at Westside School
	41,290.75	9/11/09	Minor Works at St Bernard's School
	26,939.28	17/11/09	General repairs at various schools
	20,646.36	9/12/09	General repairs at various schools
	9,649.41	22/12/09	Minor Works at Notre Dame School
	38,555.08	22/12/09	Minor works at Westside School
	32,725.66	11/1/10	General repairs at various schools
	5,962.37	14/1/10	Minor Works at St Joseph's First School
	19,767.62	28/1/10	General repairs at various schools
	6,398.30	10/2/10	General repairs at various schools
	14,250.00	9/3/10	Minor Works at St Anne's Middle School
	13,034.25	9/3/10	Minor Works at Westside School

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Payment made to	Amount (£)	Date	Purpose	
	4,999.76	26/3/10	Minor Works to St Anne's Middle School	£734,621.29
Gibral Flora	2,627.80	21/4/09	Relocation of trees in connection with the Minor Works at Westside School	
Sign Design	250.00	16/6/09	Gibraltar College "school" sign	
Westex (Gib) Ltd	55.20	24/6/09	Purchase of spares	
EDG	422.89	24/6/09	Purchase of building materials	
	814.52	4/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	6,97.60	27/11/09	Purchase of electrical spares	
	173.52	20/1/10	Purchase of electrical spares	
A A Sheriff	66.00	24/6/09	Purchase of electrical spares	
Hire U Shop	14.30	24/6/09	Purchase of electrical spares	
	215.30	23/2/10	Hiring of Vax Water and Transformer	
TTS Group Ltd	162.39	22/7/09	Purchase of furniture	
	1902.53	21/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	209.00	18/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
A to Z Supplies	83.90	22/7/09	Purchase of furniture	
	539.80	7/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
	342.85	1/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
	1225.71	23/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
	825.22	2/12/09	Purchase of furniture	
	547.40	17/12/09	Purchase of furniture	
Findel Education	2,404.85	22/7/09	Purchase of furniture	
	359.90	4/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	3,402.44	11/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	8,639.49	21/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	536.22	25/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	349.95	28/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	2,238.81	14/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
	2,863.21	25/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
	764.62	1/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
	1,002.00	15/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
	15.98	23/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
	99.95	4/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	145.22	20/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	54.90	20/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	8.16	2/12/09	Purchase of furniture	
CES Holdings	5,426.84	22/7/09	Purchase of furniture	
	2,004.89	10/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	59.00	15/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
	453.15	11/12/09	Purchase of furniture	
	650.56	11/1/09	Purchase of furniture	
R& J	155.00	23/7/09	Purchase of water heater	
	165.00	20/10/09	Purchase of water heater	
	155.00	17/3/10	Purchase of water heater	
Cemats	1,003.90	4/8/09	Purchase of furniture	

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Payment made to	Amount (£)	Date	Purpose	
Abecasis Gonzalez	626.00	4/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
	246.50	20/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
Gresswell	615.19	25/8/09	Purchase of furniture	
Helmsman	935.90	15/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
Beacon Press	183.00	18/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
	1,587.00	23/9/09	Purchase of furniture	
	95.00	17/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	398.00	25/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	820.49	27/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	1607.45	15/1/10	Purchase of furniture	
Icon Business Systems	899.25	6/10/10	Purchase of furniture	
Charles Trico	1,110.00	9/10/10	Purchase of furniture	
	185.00	20/10/10	Purchase of furniture	
Mobihofi (Gib) Ltd	856.00	20/10/10	Purchase of furniture	
	39.00	16/12/10	Purchase of furniture	
Emmerich	697.50	27/10/09	Purchase of furniture	
Cold Aire	955.00	28/10/09	Repairs to air conditioning	
	40.00	12/11/09	Repairs to air conditioning	
AquaGib	1,965.96	28/10/09	Tests/repairs underground leak	
	1,965.96	8/12/09	Tests/repairs underground leak	
	1,965.96	10/2/10	Tests/repairs underground leak	
Teacherboards (1985)	3,238.77	5/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
	980.90	15/1/10	Purchase of furniture	
Fire Security	4,653.00	16/11/09	Supply and install intruder alarm	
Officemart	299.99	18/11/09	Purchase of furniture	
Car Care Centre	199.50	5/1/10	Purchase of solar tint	
Rumagas	270.00	3/3/10	Repairs to gas system	
GEA	1,177.80	March	Works carried out by GEA	
A L Sacarello & Sons	42.70	11/11/09	Purchase of furniture	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2009/10 - £799,423.48

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1224 TO 1228 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister say why, in relation to Question No. 1224 of 2010, Refreshments in Schools, the item which is £25,000 or £26,000, there are GHA invoices. Can the Minister explain those? I think it is £18,810, where these Refreshments for Schools go to the GHA?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, I will give him more than that. I can tell him that Fasta Food provide milk and Saccone and Speed provide milk. Anglo Hispano refreshments, that is, squash and the meals are GHA meals for the pupils at St Martin's Special School.

NO. 1229 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – MANDATORY GRANTS

Can Government say how many mandatory grants have been awarded this academic year giving a breakdown by subject and institution chosen by the students?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

One hundred and eighty seven mandatory grants have been awarded this academic year and I am handing the hon Member a breakdown by subject and by institution. The hon Member will notice there has been an increase of mandatory awards compared to last year. I am very glad to report to this House that our students are doing extremely well as are our teachers at schools.

Answer to Question 1229 of 2010

BREAKDOWN OF MANDATORY COURSES 2010/11

ACCOUNTING & FINANCE	6
APPLIED SPORT	2
ARCHITECTURE	5
ART	12
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	6
BUILDING & SURVEYING	2
BUSINESS RELATED COURSES	12
CHEMISTRY WITH FORENSICS	1
CHILDHOOD STUDIES	1
CHILD HEALTH NURSING	1
COMPUTING	11
CRIMINOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY	17
DANCE & DRAMA	4
ECONOMICS	3
EDUCATIONAL STUDIES	7
ENGINEERING	4
ENGLISH LITERATURE	2
ENVIRONMENT RELATED COURSES	3
FORENSIC STUDIES	2
GEOGRAPHICAL STUDIES	1
HEALTH RELATED COURSES	18
HISTORY	6
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	1
LAW	18
MATHEMATICS	5
MEDIA STUDIES	6
MODERN LANGUAGES	11
MUSIC	2
PHARMACEUTICAL STUDIES	1
PHILOSOPHY/POLITICS	1
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	1
SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY	1
SOCIAL SCIENCE	1
SOCIAL WORK	4
SPORT RELATED COURSES	6
TOURISM	1
TRANSPORT DESIGN	1
VETERINARY SCIENCE	1
	187
187 IN TOTAL	

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BREAKDOWN OF MANDATORY AWARDS 2010/11 BY INSTITUTIONS

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY	2
ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY	1
ASTON UNIVERSITY	1
BANGOR UNIVERSITY	2
BATH SPA UNIVERSITY	1
BRUNEL UNIVERSITY	2
CANTERBURY CHRISTCHURCH UNIVERSITY	3
DE MONT FORT UNIVERSITY	1
EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOL LONDON	1
GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY	1
GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE LONDON	1
IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON	1
KINGS COLLEGE LONDON	3
KINGSTON UNIVERSITY	9
LABAN UNIVERSITY	1
LEEDS COLLEGE OF MUSIC	1
LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	15
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	1
LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY	1
LONDON COLLEGE OF THE ARTS	1
LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	3
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	1
MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	2
MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY	7
NORTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY	1
NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY	6
NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY	3
OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY	5
OXFORD UNIVERSITY	2
ROEHAMPTON UNIVERSITY	3
ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	2
SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY	5
SOUTH NOTTINGHAM COLLEGE	1
ST GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	2
ST MARY'S COLLEGE	4
STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY	2
TEESSIDE UNIVERSITY	1
THAMES VALLEY UNIVERSITY	2
UNIVERSITY CENTRE PETERBOROUGH	1
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN	1
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	1
UNIVERSITY FOR CREATIVE ARTS ROCHESTER	1
UNIVERSITY OF BATH	2
UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE	1

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UNIVERSITY OF BOURNEMOUTH	2
UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON	3
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL	4
UNIVERSITY OF CARDIFF	5
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE	1
UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER	3
UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA	1
UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE	1
UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM	1
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA	2
UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON	1
UNIVERSITY OF GLAMORGAN	2
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW	1
UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH	3
UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD	1
UNIVERSITY OF KENT	8
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL	2
UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER	2
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE	3
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON	2
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM	1
UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH	6
UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH	2
UNIVERSITY OF READING	4
UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD	1
UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD	1
UNIVERSITY OF SURREY	4
UNIVERSITY OF WALES INSTITUTE CARDIFF	3
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	2
UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND BRISTOL	2
UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER	1
UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON	2
UNIVERSITY OF YORK	2
	187
187 IN TOTAL	

NO. 1230 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Can Government state how many discretionary grants have been awarded this academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Forty four discretionary grants were given this year.

NO. 1231 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Can Government state how many applications have been received for discretionary grants giving a breakdown by subject which the applicant wanted to study?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Fifty two applications for discretionary grants have been received. I am handing over to the hon Member a breakdown by subject.

Answer to Question No. 1231 of 2010

Health Related Courses	9
Law	8
PGCE	3
Accounting and Finance	1
Business related courses	2
ICT	4
Air Traffic Control	1
VET	1
Technology	1
Music and Performing Arts	1
Central Heating Specialist Course	1
Counselling	1
Engineering	1
Journalism	1
Social Work	1
Politics	1
Languages	4
Environmental Studies	2
Fashion & Beauty Stylist	2
Media Studies	1
Quantity Surveying	1
Geography	1
Tourism	1
Health and Safety	1
Anthropology	1
Psychology	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1231 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

In the breakdown by subject, I have not added it up but I presume it adds up to what, forty four or to the fifty two?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The question asks for the number of applications received by subjects. So it would be fifty two.

HON S E LINARES:

Okay.

NO. 1232 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES FOR BAYSIDE AND WESTSIDE PUPILS

Can Government state what vocational training courses have been introduced in Bayside and Westside for pupils who do not opt to do GCSE examinations?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

At Bayside School, all students are offered the opportunity of opting for GCSE and other Level 2 courses. However, those who are unable to follow a fully academic GCSE package are offered vocational courses. The hon Member may have seen a very extensive vocational course recently put out in the press. You will have seen that. This course consists of English and Mathematics Functional Skills, Applied Science, an IT award in digital applications, a Level 1 Certificate in Engineering and Technology or Business Enterprise, Accredited Diploma Course in Sports Leadership, Food Hygiene and First Aid as well as Spanish, RE, PSHE and PE/Games. There is a full curriculum for those who cannot aspire to do the fully academic GCSE course.

At Westside, there is provision for a repeat Level 2 course with a vocational slant which includes subjects such as Child Studies, Computer Literacy, Literacy and Numeracy, as well as Spanish, RE, PSHE and PE/Games.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1232 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

This talks about Level 2 in whatever. Is it the NVQ we are talking about, the National Vocational Qualifications, Level 2?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Some are. NVQ's are set at Level 2 but so are GCSE and Vocational GCSEs. Level 2 indicates a number of possibilities in the national grid of qualifications that they have in UK and which we follow. For your information and for future reference, Level 3 would be the equivalent of Advanced Level.

HON S E LINARES:

So it would be like actually getting a GCSE?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Something like that, yes.

NO. 1233 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SUPPLY TEACHERS

Can Government state how many teachers who have been on a supply basis for more than two years have been given permanent and pensionable status this academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

A total of fourteen teachers who have been on a supply basis for more than two years have been given permanent and pensionable status this academic year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1233 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Have there been any that have been less than two years and have got permanent and pensionable status?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I would not be able to tell him. I do not think so. I do not think so. Off the top of my head, I would have heard that because it would have been a case of a specialist, for example, I do not know. For arguments sake “A” Level physics teacher being needed and only one being available and that person has returned from University, sort of, last year and, of course, the Director of Education legally has to make sure that all courses in schools are catered for. But I do not know off the top of my head, I would say, no.

HON S E LINARES:

The fourteen teachers that are being given permanent and pensionable status who have been teaching for two years or more, have they been going through an induction course or any induction or any probationary year or will they have to fulfil any probationary year after they get P&P?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I think that is what the department does, the Senior Education Adviser and his advisory group take care of NQTs. That is, the newly qualified teachers who are required to undertake and yes they do see to them. Yes.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister confirm that those fourteen teachers are replacing teachers that have retired, generally?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I would surmise so, yes.

HON S E LINARES:

That is, not over and above the complement?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, we cannot have more. I do not think that the Treasury would be very happy if I started employing more teachers than I am supposed to.

ORAL

NO. 1234 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MRSA INFECTION

Can Government say whether any cases of MRSA Infection were detected at St Bernard's Hospital, on a monthly basis, since June 2010 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Four in June.
Two in July.
One in August.

NO. 1235 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CANCELLED OPERATIONS

Can Government list the dates between June 2010 to date, 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 AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1236 to 1238 of 2010.

NO. 1236 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CANCELLED KEYHOLE SURGERY OPERATIONS

Can Government state how many keyhole surgery operations have been cancelled since June 2010 to date, on a monthly basis, and the reasons for the cancellations?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1235, 1237 and 1238 of 2010.

NO. 1237 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – WAITING LISTS FOR OPERATIONS

Can Government say how many people are on the GHA waiting lists for operations at St Bernard's Hospital with a breakdown by the type of surgical discipline?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1235, 1236 and 1238 of 2010.

NO. 1238 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – WAITING LISTS FOR OPERATIONS

How long has the person, who has been waiting for longest on the GHA waiting list for a surgical operation, been on the list with a breakdown by the type of surgical discipline?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1235 of 2010

The information requested is contained in the attached schedule that I will hand over to him.

Answer to Question No. 1236 of 2010

There have been no cancelled keyhole operations.

Answer to Question Nos. 1237 and 1238 of 2010

Due to the unexpected illness sustained by the officer responsible for the management of the waiting list, I am told that at this moment it is impossible to provide validated numbers to the hon Member opposite.

I shall provide answers to both questions as soon as the individual has returned and has had time to validate the names and their planned procedures in the waiting list database.

Continued Answer to Question No. 1238 of 2010
Answer to Question No. 1235 of 2010

Cancellations June 2010

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Total
Patients Medical Condition	1	1		1	1		2	6
Bed availability				1				1
Per patient			2	4	(1)	1	2	9 (1)
Patient DNA					(2)	1		1 (2)
Due to emergency or prolonged elective complex cases					2			2

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Continued Answer to Question No. 1238 of 2010
Continued Answer to Question No. 1235 of 2010

Cancellation July 2010

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Total
Patient Medical Condition	1			3	2 (2)		6 (2)
Per patient	1			1			3 (2)
Patient DNA	1			1	1(2)		3 (2)
No longer required	1			1	1(2)		2
Surgeon sick						5	5
Dept staff sick			7				7
Anaesthetist Sick				4			4

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Continued Answer to Question No. 1238 of 2010
Continued Answer to Question No. 1235 of 2010

Cancellation August 2010

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Pain	Total
Patient Medical Condition		1		4			5
Per patient				2			2
Patient DNA				1			1
Doctor sick						7	7
Bed availability					5		5

ORAL

NO. 1239 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – WAITING LIST FOR TESTS CARRIED OUT BY THE RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Can Government say how many people are on the GHA waiting list for Ultrasound test, CT scan or MRI scans?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1240 and 1241 of 2010.

NO. 1240 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – WAITING LIST FOR MAMMOGRAMS

Can Government say how many persons are on the GHA waiting list as waiting for a mammogram and from what date has the person who has been on the list for longest been waiting?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 and 1241 of 2010.

NO. 1241 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – WAITING LIST FOR RESULTS OF MAMMOGRAMS

Can Government say how many persons are on the GHA waiting list for the results of a mammogram and for how long has the person who has been waiting for results for longest been waiting?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1239 of 2010

Ultrasound	250
CT	0
MRI	0

Answer to Question No. 1240 of 2010

There is no waiting list for patients who need mammograms.

Answer to Question No. 1241 of 2010

There is no waiting time for mammogram results.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1239 TO 1241 OF 2010

HON N F COSTA:

Could the Minister give an explanation as to the reason for the waiting list in relation to the Ultrasound tests?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes. The hon Member will note that it has not changed much from the last time that he asked this question.

HON N F COSTA:

Yes.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Previous to that ... the greatest demand from GP referrals and other sources is for Ultrasounds. There is an average I think of, it is the sheer volume of people being referred, an average of 358 per month. So basically, it is just a question of the demand exceeding the supply and I think I have pointed out to him in the past that there are periodical initiatives to catch up on the Ultrasound waiting list and one is due very shortly.

HON N F COSTA:

With Mr Speaker's indulgence, I would like to return to a question I asked previously, in respect of mammography which is Question No. 1240 of 2010.

MR SPEAKER:

Yes.

HON N F COSTA:

My question to the Minister there was whether the hon Lady could indicate to me now whether the routine structured mammography has started or whether it has not yet?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes. I am pleased to say that it has.

NO. 1242 OF 2010**THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – INFORMAL AND FORMAL COMPLAINTS**

Can the Minister for Health provide the number of informal and formal complaints lodged against the GHA since June 2010 to date, on a monthly basis?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION**

Month	Formal	Informal
June 2010	5	14
July 2010	3	6
August 2010	7	3

NO. 1243 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SETTLEMENT OF COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES OUT OF COURT

Can Government now say how much it has paid out to claimants against the GHA for the settlement of complaints/disputes out of court in each of the financial years 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1244 of 2010.

NO. 1244 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SETTLEMENT OF COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES OUT OF COURT

Can Government say how many cases of complaints/disputes against the GHA which involved a payment by the GHA to the complainant to settle the matter out of court, there were in the current financial year 2010/2011?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1243 of 2010

The information requested, which was also requested in Question No. 669 of 2010, is still not readily available. The GHA is engaged in an extensive manual exercise to retrieve the information requested and once this is completed the information will be provided to the hon Member.

Answer to Question No. 1244 of 2010

Two.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1243 AND 1244 OF 2010

HON N F COSTA:

As the hon Lady has pointed out, I did ask this question at the last Question Time precisely because the hon Lady informed me that the information would be made available to me at a different point because it was not yet ready. The hon Lady says and I note that it is a manual exercise which is being carried out ... Would she have an indication of when the figures will be available? Have her officials been able to indicate that to her?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No. I actually check on a fortnightly basis to see whether I could have provided the hon Member with that information before having to come to this House to give him the same answer and there is no indication. Apparently, it is a very extensive exercise and there is no indication of when it will be ready.

HON N F COSTA:

Given the answer that the hon Lady has given me and the fact that she says that it is a manual exercise which is being conducted, am I to assume from that that there has been no central database, or central archiving system, where these matters would have been archived or filed?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No. It is obvious, by the answer that I have given him, that they are being retrieved manually. There is no such database. Something which we will be looking, obviously, to develop. Not that we need it for our own purposes but it will be easier for the administrative staff to be able to answer the questions of the Opposition.

NO. 1245 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS

Can Government say what is the earliest available date at present for someone who telephones asking for an advance appointment with each of the GPs at the Primary Care Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1246 and 1247 of 2010.

NO. 1246 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PATIENTS SEEN BY GPs AT PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

Can Government say how many patients were seen by GPs at the Primary Care Centre each month since June 2010 on a monthly basis and indicate how many of those patients were children aged 16 or under?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1245 and 1247 of 2010.

NO. 1247 OF 2010**THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – HOUSE CALLS LOGGED BY GPs**

Can Government say the actual number of house calls logged by GPs in respect of June 2010 to date on a monthly basis?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question No. 1245 of 2010**

I hand the hon Member the information requested.

Answer to Question No. 1246 of 2010

	June 10	July 10	Aug 10
NO. OF PATIENTS SEEN BY GPs	7791	6281	7275

	June 10	July 10	Aug 10
NO. OF CHILDREN AGED 16 OR UNDER	2246	2041	2203

Answer to Question No. 1247 of 2010

	June 10	July 10	Aug 10
HOUSE CALLS	195	153	163

The table shows calls logged while the GP clinics are in session.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1247 OF 2010

Answer to Question No. 1245 of 2010

Dr Robles	6 weeks
Dr Cortes	4 weeks
Dr Fitzpatrick	4 weeks
Dr Gupta	9 weeks
Dr Galloway	14 weeks
Dr Mena	14 weeks

Dr Chichon	14 weeks
Dr Ferrera	9 weeks
Dr Penrice	4 weeks
Dr Pinto-Ocana	14 weeks
Dr Pincho	0
Dr Poyatos	10 weeks

Dr Negrette	6 weeks
Dr Nerney	14 weeks
Dr Jones	14 weeks
Dr Montero	4 weeks
Dr Thoppil	6 weeks

NO. 1248 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PRESCRIPTION ADVISORY UNIT

Can Government say how many prescriptions have been provided to patients by the Prescription Advisory Unit at the Primary Care Centre on a monthly basis since June 2010 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

June 2010	-	133
July 2010	-	250
August 2010	-	84

NO. 1249 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NEW PATIENTS REFERRED BY GPs TO CONSULTANTS

How many new patients are referred (on average in each calendar year since 2008) each week to Consultants at the GHA by Practitioners at the Primary Care Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1250 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1250 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NEW PATIENTS REFERRED BY GPs TO CONSULTANTS

Can the Government say how many new patients were referred by Practitioners at the Primary Care Centre to Consultants, on a monthly basis, in each month of 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The information requested is contained in the schedules that I now hand over to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1250 OF 2010

Answer to Question No. 1249 of 2010

The average number of new patients referred per week to Consultants at the GHA by Practitioners at the Primary Care Centre is as follows:-

Year	Average No. of Patients per week
2008	91
2009	97
2010 to end August	103

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CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1250 OF 2010

2008	No. of Patients per month
January	340
February	440
March	380
April	440
May	390
June	366
July	276
August	489
September	398
October	513
November	376
December	318

2009	No. of Patients per month
January	444
February	306
March	425
April	354
May	485
June	520
July	555
August	368
September	480
October	409
November	305
December	378

2010	No. of Patients per month
January	490
February	537
March	463
April	407
May	447
June	328
July	519
August	414

NO. 1251 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SWINE FLU CASES CONFIRMED

How many laboratory tested cases of Swine Flu have been confirmed in Gibraltar to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1252 to 1255 of 2010.

NO. 1252 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SWINE FLU HOTLINE

How many calls have been received by the Swine Flu hotline since June 2010 on a monthly basis?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1251 and 1253 to 1255 of 2010.

NO. 1253 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF PERSONS PRESCRIBED TAMIFLU

How many persons have been medically assessed and tested positive for Influenza A and have been prescribed Tamiflu by the Flu Clinic since June 2010 on a monthly basis with a breakdown showing the number of patients and contacts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1251, 1252, 1254 and 1255 of 2010.

NO. 1254 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED AGAINST SWINE FLU

Can Government give the total number of people who have been vaccinated against Swine Flu since the process commenced on 16th November 2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1251 to 1253 and 1255 of 2010.

NO. 1255 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SWINE FLU VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED AT PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

Can Government say how many Swine Flu vaccinations have been administered on a weekly basis at the Primary Care Centre since June 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1251 of 2010

The total to date is 116.

Answer to Question No. 1252 of 2010

June 2010	July 2010
7	2

Answer to Question No. 1253 of 2010

As I informed the hon Member in the last and second last session of Parliament, the Flu Clinic ceased operation on Friday 18th December 2009.

Answer to Question No. 1254 of 2010

2,882.

Answer to Question No. 1255 of 2010

None.

NO. 1256 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – VACCINATION AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER

Can Government say how many females were administered the vaccination against cervical cancer since June 2010 with a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

This programme is continuous throughout the year, that is, initial dose starts in September, second dose in November and final dose in May. Each girl has three doses.

However, there are cases where the girls postpone their final dose until after their exams, therefore:

- Ten doses of the final dose were administered in June 2010.
- Six doses administered in July 2010.

The new programme for all Year 8 Westside Girls has commenced as from 23rd September 2010 with an expected 220 girls being offered the HPV Vaccine.

NO. 1257 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ZERO TOLERANCE LETTERS

Can Government say how many zero tolerance letters have been issued by or on behalf of the GHA to members of the public on a monthly basis since June 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1258 of 2010.

NO. 1258 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SECURITY IN GHA PREMISES

Can Government say on how many occasions members of the public have been escorted out of the GHA premises by security staff when instances of verbal or threatened physical abuse have been recorded, on a monthly basis since June 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1257 of 2010

One zero tolerance letter was issued in June 2010 and none in July or August.

Answer to Question No. 1258 of 2010

As regards to persons being escorted out, once, in August 2010.

NO. 1259 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – HYPERBARIC TREATMENT

Can Government say how many patients have been referred by the GHA for hyperbaric treatment in Spain or elsewhere outside Gibraltar since June 2010, with a breakdown showing the dates, the cost and the centre where the treatment was administered in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1260 of 2010.

NO. 1260 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – HYPERBARIC TREATMENT

Can Government say of the persons referred by the GHA for hyperbaric treatment in Spain or elsewhere outside Gibraltar since June 2010, what was the level of the atmospheric pressure at these centres in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

There were no patients referred by GHA for hyperbaric treatment in Spain or elsewhere since June 2010.

NO. 1261 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER

Can Government say whether their plans for the establishment and operation under the GHA of a recompression chamber on a 24/7 basis envisages the use of any equipment not owned or operated by the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Assuming the hon Member is referring to a decompression chamber, the GHA has no plans to establish or operate such a chamber.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1261 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The wording of the question was taken from the consultation paper issued by the Government in relation to diving and at the back it lists a series of plans or projects and one of them is this recompression chamber on a 24/7 basis under the GHA. It was not sure whether it was going to be private equipment or GHA equipment. But it is certainly listed as one of the plans of the Government in that paper.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

As far as I am aware, as Minister for Health, I am not aware that there are such plans under the GHA. I do not know whether the hon Member has read the information correctly or it could be under some sort of other organisation. I am certainly not aware of a decompression chamber being operated by the GHA.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Just to clarify, remember when we discussed this question internally, somebody asked the same question and going back to the paper it actually says a recompression chamber under the GHA. So that was why the question has come up. This was in the consultation paper in relation to diving and fishing. This obviously was related to the diving part of it.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have had no part in the internal proceedings that the hon Member is referring to. I have not had that conversation with anyone in this Parliament.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think the thing has to be put into context. There is a consultation paper out in the public domain and it is exactly that, a consultation paper. The plans that the Government may develop or not develop, subsequent to that consultation paper coming back, are plans that are not yet in existence. So the answer to the hon Member's question is not possible at this stage until the plans are developed.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I understand what the hon Member has said. It is just that this came from the consultation paper. It was not something said in this House by anyone. That was the point that I was trying to make.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not have the consultation paper in front of me. I am a qualified BSAC diver myself and it has always been known as a decompression chamber. If now that is modern jargon that calls it something else, I am not aware. It probably means the same thing but, be that as it may, whatever plans are developed subsequently, are not yet in existence. So GHA obviously, from my hon Colleague's reply, have not been in the picture and therefore have not studied whether this is equipment that is needed. So the answer is not possible. It is not possible to give an answer to this question, Mr Speaker.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Mr Speaker, while my colleague looks at that, can I come back to the question of the diving and the recompression chamber.

MR SPEAKER:

Yes.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I happen to have the actual consultation paper with me for a different question on diving which comes later on in the Order Paper and this was at point 6. It says, establishment and operation under the GHA of the recompression chamber, the word is recompression, available on a 24/7 basis. Now, obviously, it has been put here and the GHA was not even aware of it. I take it that is the answer to the question. But that is what it says in the paper.

NO. 1262 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MIDWIFERY SISTER/CHARGE NURSE

Can the Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Midwifery Sister/Charge Nurse in the GHA which was advertised on 13th September 2010 with a closing date of 24th September 2010, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has the post now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1263 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1263 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PHYSIOTHERAPIST - ROTATIONAL SEN II

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Physiotherapist – Rotational Sen II in the GHA which was advertised on 13th September 2010 with a closing date of 24th September 2010, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, why is the contract only up to 3rd June 2011 and has the post now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 and 1264 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1264 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – REGISTERED MENTAL NURSE

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Registered Mental Nurse which was advertised on 18th August 2010 with a closing date of 27th August 2010, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and have the posts now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262, 1263 and 1265 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1265 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – REGISTERED GENERAL NURSE

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Registered General Nurse which was advertised on 20th August 2010 with a closing date of 31st August 2010, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and have the posts now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1264 and 1266 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1266 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – REGISTERED SICK CHILDREN’S NURSE

Can the Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Registered Sick Children’s Nurse with the GHA that was advertised on 30th July 2010 with a closing date of 13th August 2010, how many vacancies were there, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1265 and 1267 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1267 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – REGISTERED SICK CHILDREN’S NURSE

Can the Government explain why the post of Registered Sick Children’s Nurse with the GHA that was advertised on 30th July 2010 is for a short-term contract of 44 weeks?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1266 and 1268 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1268 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – HOSPITAL OPTOMETRIST

Can the Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Hospital Optometrist which was advertised at the end of August 2010 with a closing date of 13th September 2010, how many were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1267 and 1269 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1269 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONER

How many persons have applied for the post of Operating Department Practitioner with the GHA which was advertised on 23rd July 2010 with a closing date of 30th July, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1268 and 1270 to 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1270 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONER

Can Government say why the post for Operating Department Practitioner with the GHA which was advertised on 23rd July is for a short-term contract of 44 weeks?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1269, 1271 and 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1271 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Ambulance Care Assistant with the GHA which was advertised on 26th July 2010 with a closing date of 6th August 2010, how many vacancies there were, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1262 to 1270 and 1272 of 2010.

NO. 1272 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT

Can Government say why the post of Ambulance Care Assistant with the GHA which was advertised on 26th July is for a short-term contract of 44 weeks?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1262 of 2010

One Midwifery Charge Nurse post is vacant and no applications have been received up to 23rd September 2010 although I must update the hon Member. I have just heard news today that one local applicant applied on the 24th September 2010. No interview dates have been set as yet.

Answer to Question No. 1263 of 2010

One Physiotherapist Senior II post is vacant and to date only one Gibraltarian candidate has applied. The contract is only until 3rd June 2011 because the post is to cover a period of maternity and unpaid leave.

Answer to Question No. 1264 of 2010

Two RMN posts are vacant and no applications have been received.

Answer to Question No. 1265 of 2010

Two RGN posts are vacant, no Gibraltarians have applied and interviews are to be carried out shortly.

Answer to Question No. 1266 of 2010

No applications have been received for the post of Registered Sick Children's Nurse.

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Answer to Question Nos. 1267, 1270 and 1272 of 2010

The GHA policy is to advertise and offer contract positions with a probationary period which may require satisfactory completion of specific additional training for the post. A period of 44 weeks is used to assess the individual's performance prior to offering a contract of longer duration, an indefinite or permanent contract.

In some cases also, as I have referred to earlier, contracts are offered for this time period to cover maternity leave absence or interim periods during which a Gibraltarian is in training abroad for a specific position.

Answer to Question No. 1268 of 2010

No applications were received for the post of Hospital Optometrist.

Answer to Question No. 1269 of 2010

No applications were received for the post of Operating Department Practitioner.

Answer to Question No. 1271 of 2010

With regard to the Ambulance Care Assistant position, two posts were vacant, twelve applicants were Gibraltarian and two candidates have been appointed.

NO. 1273 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS ON SHORT-TERM RENEWABLE CONTRACTS

How many Consultants at the GHA are on short-term renewable contracts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Mr Speaker, twelve.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1273 OF 2010

HON N F COSTA:

Could the hon Member say the exact period after which the contract will need to be renewed?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Three year fixed-term contract.

NO. 1274 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – LOCUM COVER FOR ENT SPECIALISATION

What is the cost of providing locum cover (calculated per hour and per week) in respect of Ear, Nose and Throat specialisation after the retirement of the person previously holding the Consultant position in that post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Our current Consultant ENT Specialist retired three days ago, on 25th September 2010.

The cost of our current coverage plan is dependent on the nature of the locum cover obtained and will be approximately £46 per hour and therefore approximately £7,700 per week.

The Department of Medical HR is exploring options for short-term contract if following the recruitment there is a period of notice for the successful candidate.

NO. 1275 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

Can Government say how many children are on the GHA waiting list for a preventive dental check-up with a breakdown by the children's age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1276 to 1281 of 2010.

NO. 1276 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

Can the Government say how many school children were entitled to free dental care with the GHA in non-emergency cases as at the end of the last school year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1275 and 1277 to 1281 of 2010.

NO. 1277 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

Can Government say how many school children received free dental care with the GHA in non-emergency cases on a monthly basis in each month of 2009 and 2010 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1275, 1276 and 1278 to 1281 of 2010.

NO. 1278 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

Can Government confirm the number of dentists working for the GHA and state whether any of these are dedicated to care for school children?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1275 to 1277 and 1279 to 1281 of 2010.

NO. 1279 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

Can Government say whether children are entitled to free dental treatment with the GHA in non-emergency cases?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1275 to 1278, 1280 and 1281 of 2010.

NO. 1280 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

Can Government say why a child who was registered with the GHA dental service in 2007 has not yet been called to see a dentist in 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1275 to 1279 and 1281 of 2010.

NO. 1281 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL SERVICE

What is the procedure for the provision of dental care for children within the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1275 of 2010

There are currently 526 children on the GHA's paedontic waiting list. The current waiting list is not organised as to age of patient but the date placed on the waiting list.

Answer to Question No. 1276 of 2010

Approximately 7,500 children are entitled to free dental care with the GHA at the end of the last school year. This includes children in schools and students undergoing further education.

Answer to Question No. 1277 of 2010

The information requested as to how many children received free dental care in non-emergencies. This information is not available. However, there is information which relates to the number of appointments given to school children for dental care with the GHA as follows:

2009

January	-	1,419
February	-	1,182
March	-	1,596
April	-	1,284
May	-	1,142
June	-	1,432
July	-	1,165
August	-	1,114
September	-	1,649
October	-	1,649
November	-	1,247
December	-	1,294

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Continued Answer to Question No. 1277 of 2010

2010

January	-	1,510
February	-	1,351
March	-	1,448
April	-	1,256
May	-	1,332
June	-	1,357
July	-	1,308
August	-	1,227

Answer to Question No. 1278 of 2010

I can confirm that there are six dentists working for the GHA. There are two dentists exclusively dedicated to care for schoolchildren. However, all six deal with school children for other dental needs.

Answer to Question No. 1279 of 2010

All schoolchildren are entitled to free dental treatment with the GHA.

Answer to Question No. 1280 of 2010

The Government cannot give an informed reply to this question without having further details of this particular case. It is unclear from the question whether the child had been placed on the waiting list or not. If the hon Member wishes to provide me with the details of the patient, in confidence, I will certainly look into it.

Answer to Question No. 1281 of 2010

The procedure for the provision of dental care for children is as follows:

All children requiring emergency dental care are treated immediately either in a routine clinic or by the on call dentist after hours. If the patient is not already being seen by a dentist for routine treatment, he/she is placed on the paediatric waiting list following management of the acute condition. However, if the patient is seen as an emergency and the dentist feels that there is an urgent need for treatment the patient is not placed on the waiting list but the elective treatment is commenced.

Children referred by a practitioner or self referred for elective dental treatments are placed on the paediatric waiting list.

Once the child is under the care of a dentist he/she is normally regularly reviewed every 6-12 months dependent on the dental need of the patient and any treatment required is carried out.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1275 TO 1281 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA:

In relation to Question No. 1280 of 2010, as the Hon Minister has rightly assumed, I am referring to a particular case and the dates referred was because registration did take place in 2007 and I will, of course, speak with the person concerned and ask whether they have any problems in providing you with the details, in confidence, so that she may look into that and I am grateful to her for that suggestion.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I ask the hon Lady, the number of appointments that she gave per month, is that for emergency cases or for routine treatment?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

The question asks non-emergency cases.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would she be able to say how many people are on the waiting list for non-emergency cases? How many children?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes. That is the first thing I said, 526.

NO. 1282 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DIGITISING OF MEDICAL NOTES

Can the Government say what progress has been made in digitising medical notes at the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The answer remains the same as that provided in answer to Question No. 702 of 2010.

NO. 1283 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD

Can Government say how often and on what dates the Medical Registration Board has met since June 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1284 of 2010.

NO. 1284 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD

Can the Government say how many complaints have been heard by the Medical Registration Board since June 2010 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1283 of 2010

The MRB has met once on 14th September 2010.

Answer to Question No. 1284 of 2010

No complaints have been heard by the Board since June 2010 to date.

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NO. 1285 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF LONG-STAY ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS AT ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL

Can the Government provide the number of long-stay elderly care patients in each ward of St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1286 and 1287 of 2010.

NO. 1286 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CONVERSION OF WARDS FOR THE CARE OF LONG-TERM PATIENTS

Can the Government confirm whether a policy decision has been taken to convert any medical or surgical wards in St Bernard's Hospital into non-medical and non-surgical wards for the care of long-term patients instead, and, if so, which wards have been converted and for what reason?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 1285 and 1287 of 2010.

NO. 1287 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MANNING OF CONVERTED WARDS

Can Government confirm whether it is their policy that any ward which has been converted into a non-medical or non-surgical ward at St Bernard's Hospital should continue to be manned by the same nursing staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1286 of 2010

The medical and surgical designation of the general wards at St Bernard's Hospital remains the same.

The focus of the medical wards has been divided into acute and rehabilitative, with John Ward being designated as the acute ward and Victoria Ward focussing on medical rehabilitation.

Similarly, Dudley Toomey Ward continues to be the acute surgical ward and Captain Murchison will focus on the post surgical rehabilitation.

The primary reason for this change is to enable the GHA to further develop the rehabilitative emphasis, thereby allowing for a quicker recovery and more timely discharge of patients who have passed the acute stage, and to concentrate the acute patients together. As a result eight patients have been xxxxx between John and Victoria Ward.

Answer to Question No. 1287 of 2010

No general wards in St Bernard's Hospital have been converted into non-medical or non-surgical wards. Changes in clinical programming may be associated with changes in skill-mix and redeployment of staff.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1285 TO 1287 OF 2010

HON N COSTA:

Unless I have missed it, the hon Lady has not replied to Question No. 1285 of 2010.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, I apologise. The number of long-stay elderly by ward as follows:

Captain Murchison Ward	8
Victoria Ward	13
John Ward	0
Dudley Toomey Ward	0

A total of twenty one.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the hon Member saying that the rehabilitation was not taking place before or was it that the people that were there for rehabilitation were mixed in the same ward as other people?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct. They were mixed and the rehabilitation process was not as effective as I would have liked it to be. The hon Member will recall the last time that he asked me whether I was satisfied that people, he was actually talking about people with dementia, were receiving the motivation and the rehabilitation that they require and I replied that if they were not, I would certainly be looking into it. They were receiving but not to the extent that one would have liked. The bottom line is that we have twenty one patients who are going nowhere until a bed is provided for them in, hopefully soon, the new residential unit for the elderly and I felt that these people needed a bit more motivation and keeping them together is the best way of providing that rehabilitation.

HON J J BOSSANO:

And is it that the people that are employed now in their wards with their rehabilitation, are they getting, sort of, any special training so that they specialise in that aspect as opposed to what they were doing before or not?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

There will be an element of retraining of staff. A very small ... not something that needs to go very deep into looking at the logistics of training or ... because at the end of the day when the elderly people who have been there for some time now were in different wards, they had to be cared for by the nursing staff anyway. So there will be, what is envisaged if necessary and that is what I mean when I say by clinical programming, for example, if the acute ward, which is John, is full of acute patients and they need more staff, obviously,

staff from the rehabilitation ward will be moved as and when necessary to the acute ward and also the ... Well, as I say, I have already mentioned the retraining of staff. There is a skill-mix review also underway and obviously this will be taking into account depending on what needs are needed in each ward at a specific time.

HON N F COSTA:

If I am allowed to pick up on some of the comments made by the hon Member in respect of the comments she made as to persons suffering from Alzheimers and Dementia. She said that following some exchanges in this House she looked into the issues raised and she said that whereas in her view matters were taken care of, they were not to the extent that she would have liked. Could she now indicate what has now changed for her to make those comments that things have changed?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, precisely what I explained.

HON N F COSTA:

Well, it was a very general statement asking for specifics as to what she said before that it was not to her satisfaction. What changes have taken place so that she now considers it xxxxx?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not want to leave this House with the impression that these changes have taken place because I was not satisfied with ... That was only part of it. I mean, there were already plans being mooted because of the fact that we have twenty one long-stay elderly people and the number does not seem to move either one way or the other. This was something that was being considered anyway and I must say that the hon Member's question on Alzheimers prompted me personally to look at the situation and I personally was not completely satisfied with the way that these elderly people xxxxx. Not only because of their personal quality of life but also because I was then told by clinicians that if they received even more rehabilitation and motivation, or what they call reactivation, which is a word I do not like to use, there was even a chance that more people could be discharged from hospital, home or either, with domiciliary care. So that is the way we are focussing this problem at the moment.

HON N F COSTA:

So then it is fair to say that those people that had expressed their concern at the time that not enough was being done in order to enable those persons suffering from Dementia and Alzheimers to have a better quality of life, was not being met at the time. That would be a fair comment on the basis of what the Hon Minister has said?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, because I am talking about elderly people, not only those with Alzheimers, and the comment that was made at the time, and I received the person who had made the comment in my office and talked to him. People do not seem to understand when they obviously find themselves in this situation with a loved one with this terrible illness, that these cases are looked at individually, the Alzheimers cases. There are some that benefit from rehabilitation and there are some that have reached a stage where no sort of rehabilitation can be offered because at the end of the day it is an illness which is caused ... or rather the illness is memory loss, basically, and you cannot teach a person who has not got any short-term memory how to do certain exercises and things like that. So basically, it would not be fair to say, xxxxx the situation at the time, that this person was right. He was right in some respects but not in all.

HON N F COSTA:

A partial admission in this House is a first time for me anyway.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes.

NO. 1288 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – TREATMENT OF STROKE PATIENTS AT A & E

What protocols are in place for the treatment of stroke patients at the A&E at St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1289 of 2010.

NO. 1289 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – STROKE VICTIMS REFERRED TO UK

Since 1st January 2010, how many stroke victims have been referred to UK as a sponsored patient for treatment, giving a breakdown of the hospitals or other establishments to which they were referred, the costs charged to the GHA as a result and the treatment received?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question No. 1288 of 2010

The GHA follows standard assessment and treatment plans for each discipline in stroke management. It uses a multidisciplinary team approach in rehabilitation.

Answer to Question No. 1289 of 2010

There have been no stroke victims referred to the UK as a sponsored patient for treatment since 1st January 2010.

NO. 1290 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

How many of the nursing staff in the acute and long-stay wards at the KGV Hospital are bi-lingual in English and Spanish?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The following is a breakdown of the number of staff in KGV who are bi-lingual.

Acute Ward – 13

Long-Stay Ward – 19

NO. 1291 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PATIENTS REQUIRING AIR-LIFTING BY AIR AMBULANCE, PRIVATE AIRCRAFT OR HELICOPTER

How many patients from St Bernard's have required air-lifting by air ambulance, or private aircraft (including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, by helicopter) for specialist treatment outside of Gibraltar in the calendar years since 2005, giving a list which particularises the conditions for which they transferred?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

I will hand the hon Member the information requested.

Answer to Question No. 1291 of 2010

Year	UK	Spain
2005	1 Cardiac Failure	
	1 Unstable ischemic heart disease	
	1 Terminally ill Cancer patient, repatriation home.	
	1 Unstable cancer Patient	
Total	4	0
2006	1 Cardiac Failure	1 Head injury patient.
	1 Renal failure and acute pancreatitis.	
Total	2	1
2007	1 unstable Cancer patient	
	1 unstable cancer patient	
	1 unstable cardiac patient	
Total	3	0
2008	1 Brain injury patient	
	1 Spinal surgery patient	
	1 Terminally ill cancer patient, repatriation home.	
	1 Unstable aortic aneurysm	
Total	4	0
2009	1 Adolescent brain tumour unstable	
	1 unstable cancer patient	
Total	2	1
2010	1 Terminally ill cancer patient, repatriation home.	1 Road traffic accident, head injury and liver failure.
	1 3 month old baby bowel obstruction	
	1 unstable cancer patient	
	1 Terminally ill cancer patient, repatriation home.	
	1 Unstable gastric bypass patient	
	1 Spinal surgery patient	
	1 Spinal surgery patient	
	1 unstable Cardiac failure	
	1 5 week old baby Acidosis.	
Total	9	0

NO. 1292 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – HOSPITAL INFANTIL DE MALAGA

Can Government confirm that the Hospital Infantil de Malaga are now refusing to see patients from Gibraltar under the E-112 Form – other than emergency patients?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The Province of Cadiz and not Malaga is the referral zone in Spain for access to the Spanish National Health system. The tertiary referral centre is Cadiz. At times there are bed availability problems in Cadiz (surprise, surprise) and therefore the other tertiary centres in Andalucia may be used. Also, there may be direct referrals to Sevilla or Cordoba for highly specialised services.

In addition, the GHA has a direct referral relationship with Hospital Infantil de Malaga which may accept referrals for tertiary care Obstetrics/Paediatrics and Neonatology. They are under no obligation to provide that service but when they can, do so under the E112 Form.

NO. 1293 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – HOSPITAL UNIVERSITARIO DE PAMPLONA

For how many patients have the GHA paid for any treatment, investigations or other costs associated in receiving care at the Hospital Universitario de Pamplona?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Three patients.

NO. 1294 OF 2010**THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – AMOUNTS DUE TO HOSPITALS AND CLINICS IN SPAIN**

What amounts are due from the Gibraltar Health Authority as at the end of August 2010 to hospitals and clinics in Spain, with a breakdown by clinic?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION**

The amounts are as follows:

Hospital/Clinic	Amount in sterling due £	Amount in Euros due €
Xanit Hospital	£88,565.79	€8,527.00
Clinica Radon		€75,464.87
Centro Diagnostico Pet scan		€995.00

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1294 OF 2010**HON N F COSTA:**

Out of curiosity, could the Minister explain why there are payments due in pounds and in euros and only in pounds in the other clinics?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Because the amount in sterling is for a contract that we have with Xanit entered into some time ago for cardiac procedures and at the time that we entered into a contract because we are both free to negotiate whatever we wanted, it was the time when the pound was very, very low and we managed to negotiate a deal in sterling. As to the amount in euros, this is not a contract that we have with Xanit. These are cases that we send, for example, for specialist diagnostic services on one-off occasions.

NO. 1295 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS

Can Government say whether the new policy on sponsored patients which require the patient to obtain clearance through a GHA Consultant before proceeding with pre-arranged appointments in the UK has now been implemented?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1296 of 2010.

NO. 1296 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS

Can the Government say how many sponsored patients who have been receiving treatment in the UK have been notified by the GHA that they will be unable to arrange appointments to continue that treatment without clearance from a GHA Consultant first?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

As I explained the last time that a similar question was asked and in fact the Hon the Leader of the Opposition asked various supplementaries, there has been no change in the policy with regard to referrals under the sponsored patient programme. What I did say is that the GHA is applying greater rigour in enforcing the policy to ensure that patients that can be followed up in Gibraltar are not sent to the UK unnecessarily.

And in answer to Question No. 1296 of 2010, all sponsored patients require a GHA Consultant's approval for their UK appointments and treatment.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1295 AND 1296 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

But did the hon Member not explain that this was a tightening up of the system because some people might be abusing it, although it is difficult to think of people wanting to pretend to be sick when they are not, and therefore, is the hon Member saying that it is applied to everybody even in cases where it is known that nothing can be done for the person here?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Not in all cases are we aware that nothing can be done for the person here. The hon Member has to realise that this has been going on for a great number of years. There are cases where a patient has been going and coming to the UK based on a UK appointment by the Consultant over there and they have not come through the GHA. So basically, obviously, they have been through the Sponsored Patients Department. But there has not been communication between one Consultant and the other. So, therefore, what the GHA is doing at the moment is as and when people need to go to the UK for this continuous referral, they go to the Sponsored Patients Department and whereas before they were

automatically given a ... whatever it is ... the tickets to fly over or whatever, now the Consultant is checking with the UK Consultant to see whether the treatment can be followed up here or the patient has to go to the UK.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, and my question is, if you are dealing with an illness, the nature of which requires specialist treatment which we know is not available here then, presumably, the checking is a nominal thing because you know the answer before you put the question? If you have got the medical records of the person and you know that the person requires the kind of treatment that is not available then, presumably, if they are requiring people to go through that system, it can only be to see if the person has got better or is cured or whatever. Because if the answer is the person is not cured, then you know you still cannot do it because otherwise you would have done it already.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, I think this answer has been drafted with new cases in mind because the hon Member is right. If we are already dealing with a patient whose Consultant at the GHA has conferred with the Consultant in the UK and they have agreed a course of treatment, then these patients obviously are not going to be subjected again to the GHA Consultant's approval. I think the answer relates to new patients where there has not been a previous consultation between the UK and Gibraltar.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I can understand that difference and I would say in cases where, for example, the position is known, would the hon Member not agree that it is undesirable that, for example, treatment that is due on a certain date might not be taken up because of the operation of the system and be prejudicial to the patient because when the Consultant here is available, the Consultant there might not be. Would the hon Member not agree that there is a need to ensure that the system does not delay treatment that is required through mismatch of availability over there and over here?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, I agree with the hon Member 100 per cent. I have not heard of such a case happening and I certainly hope that it never does.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Can I just clarify a point because I do not want to mislead the House, on the question about sponsored patients and the referrals by Consultants?

MR SPEAKER:

Yes.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

When I said that I assumed that the answer had been drafted bearing in mind that it was only for first referrals, that is nonsensical because first referrals ... I mean, we are only doing this because of the number of times that people who routinely go to the UK have been going without them having being checked, basically. So it cannot be for first referrals. What I meant was that they will be checked the first time in those cases that there has not been consultation for quite some time between Gibraltar and the United Kingdom and once it is established that that patient needs the treatment and they are both in agreement then they will not be checked again. That is what I meant when I said just for the first referral or for new referrals.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I just ask in respect of that answer? Presumably, when the hon Member told me the last time that what they were doing was, if you like, enforcing the system more rigidly than in the past, it does not mean it was not being enforced at all in the past. So there must have been, even before the tightening up, shall we say, for want of another word of describing it, even before that, there was still some mechanism which actually started off the process, surely. People did not just go off on their own without being sent there in the first instance by somebody who felt that there was a need for them to go for treatment or for them ... because they had tried here and not got to the bottom of whatever was wrong. So, in all cases there must have been a first referral, surely?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes. That is correct. There was some sort of procedure in place to try and monitor this. There was a net but there were quite a number of people that slipped through that net.

NO. 1297 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

How many fires have been reported at the KGV Hospital since 1st January 2000, giving a date for each report?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Since 1st January 2000 there have been two fires reported at the KGV Hospital site; one within the hospital in December 2004, and we are obviously referring to the tragic incident at the time, and one more recent in a refuse bin in the grounds outside the hospital in April 2010.

NO. 1298 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government say how often and on what dates the Development Appeals Tribunal has met since this question was asked at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 1299 of 2010.

NO. 1299 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government say whether any of the three cases before the Development Appeals Tribunal that were pending in June have now been determined and, if so, have they been resolved in favour or against the DPC?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The Tribunal has not met since this question was asked at the last Question Time in this Parliament.

None of the three cases that were pending in June have been resolved.

ORAL

NO. 1300 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**GHA – STAFF ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT FUND NO. 2
PENSION FUND**

Can Government provide a breakdown by grade and post of the 101 GHA employees eligible to join the No. 2 Provident Fund Trust as at the end of March 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The information requested is contained in the attached schedule which I now hand over to him.

Answer to Question No. 1300 of 2010

MEDICAL GRADES

<u>POST</u>	<u>No. of Officers</u>
Clinical Psychologist	1
Consultant Anaesthetist	6
Consultant General Surgeon	1
Consultant Gynaecologist	2
Consultant Ophthalmologist	1
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon	2
Consultant Paediatrician	2
Consultant Pathologist	1
Consultant Physician	3
Consultant Psychiatrist	2
Consultant Radiologist	2
Consultant Clinical Psychologist	1
Dental Officer	1
Director of Public Health	1
General Practitioner	2
NCHD – A&E	4
NCHD - Medicine	4
NCHD - Surgery	4
Occupational Therapist Senior I	1
Occupational Therapist Senior II	2
Radiographer Senior I	3
Senior Dental Officer	1
SMLSO	1
Speech and Language Therapist	1
Technical Instructor Grade III	1

NURSING GRADES

<u>POST</u>	<u>No. of Officers</u>
Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Charge Nurse	5
Diabetes Nurse Specialist	1
Midwife	4
Nurse Practitioner	1
Nursing Assistant	2
Operating Department Practitioner	5
Principal Nurse Lecturer	1
Registered Mental Nurse	7
Registered Sick Children's Nurse	3
Staff Nurse	14
Theatre Nurse	2

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Continued Answer to Question No. 1300 of 2010

ADMINISTRATION AND CLERICAL GRADES

<u>POST</u>	<u>No. of Officers</u>
Chief Executive	1
Director of Human Resources	1
Catering Director	1
GHA Clerk	1
Personal Secretary	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1300 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Am I correct in thinking that the posts and the grades in the lists the hon Member has provided are persons who came in initially on contract and then moved to this. Is that the correct interpretation or not?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not think that that is necessarily the case. It could also be people who have taken posts above the Civil Service complement and who have become GHA employees and become entitled to the Provident No. 2 Fund.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but how can that happen? For example, if there are five Charge Nurses, surely somebody who was a Nurse in the Civil Service and got promoted to Charge Nurse, would not leave the Civil Service because you have got promoted.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

He is correct. I was thinking globally within the GHA about the administrative grades. I have just realised that we are talking about medical grades and nursing grades. So it must be as the hon Member has described. I believe, although I would not want him to hold me to it 100 per cent, that they are contract officers. The others would be civil servants entitled to the non-contributory pension fund.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, in interpreting the information that the hon Member has given me, it would be correct to assume that all the people who are here were people who initially came in as contract officers and then they were given permanent employment on the No. 2 Pension Fund. Is that the position?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I believe that is the case. But I will check and confirm it to the hon Member.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am grateful.

NO. 1301 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – GROSS EARNINGS OF STAFF ABOVE GRADE OF CHARGE NURSE

Can Government provide a breakdown by grade of all senior staff above the grade of Charge Nurse or equivalent in the Health Service showing the gross earnings in the last financial year and whether in each case the whole of these earnings were taxable?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION

The information requested is contained in the attached schedule that I now hand over to him.

Answer to Question No. 1301 of 2010

Grade Description	Gross Pay	Whole Earnings Taxable
NURSE PRACTITIONER	£46,839.97	
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£46,783.10	
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£46,499.40	
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£58,146.91	
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£52,204.79	
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£60,308.17	
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£56,323.91	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES	£46,423.05	Yes
PRINCIPAL NURSE LECTURER	£80,458.02	
DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES	£82,163.31	

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1301 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

The list the hon Member has supplied has a column with a Gross Pay and a column which says Whole Earnings Taxable and in respect of one it says yes. Is it that all the rest is no?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes. That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So then in the other cases, the whole of the earnings are not taxable?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, perhaps you will be kind enough to tell me what is not taxable then?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, as far as I am aware, the information that I have sought, because I had to obviously ask the same question ... There are some non-taxable earnings, for example, gratuity, allowances such as rented accommodation, mobile phone allowance and mileage allowance and obviously all those people that are under the "no" category are in receipt of some of these allowances or gratuities.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, for example, if we take a Clinical Nurse Manager, the amounts that refer to what the hon Member has just identified for us, would be included in the £60,000? Or is the £60,000 the taxable element?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I believe that the £60,000 is the taxable element. But I am not 100 per cent certain.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Because it says gross pay and the question is gross earnings ...

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

And it may be that gross pay means one thing and gross earnings means something else. If that is indeed the case, the question has not been answered.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No. So, basically, the hon Member wants to know whether under the column headed "Gross Pay" the gross pay indicated there are taxable earnings.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well my question was, showing the gross earnings. Now, given that the column is headed "Gross Pay", I am not sure whether that means that this is the pay as opposed to the earnings and that the pay is the taxable element and the earnings would be the taxable plus the non-taxable.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA;

I would not be able to say. I will find out and write to the hon Member.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask, the hon Member mentioned the gratuity in the things that she listed. Would that gratuity be what contract officers get which was 25 per cent of their contract? Is that what she was referring to?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, presumably people are either on the list that she gave me earlier or on this list but they would not be getting both things. Is that correct?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Does the hon Member mean people with a pension? Obviously, they would not be under the Provident Fund No. 2 as well. Is that what he is referring to?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes. What I am saying is if somebody is eligible for the ... is entitled to join the No. 2 Pension Fund, presumably, they are not entitled to the gratuity in lieu of a pension. Is that right?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, therefore, anybody that is here, that has an element of gratuity, cannot be on the other list?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That should be the case.

NO. 1302 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

CLEARING/CLEANING OF ENGINEER'S LANE DRAINS

When was the last time that the drains in the area of Engineer's Lane were cleared or cleaned?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

The road gully drains along Engineer's Lane were last cleaned in July 2010.

NO. 1303 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

SURVEY INTO THE DUMPING OF RUBBISH IN THE TOWN AREA

Can Government confirm whether a survey has been carried out in respect of the dumping of rubbish in the town area, when was it completed, what were the conclusions and what action has been taken as a result?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

No survey in respect of “the dumping of rubbish in the town area” has been carried out.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1303 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Has any other survey in relation to rubbish collection or any other survey been conducted?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes. A survey has been carried out, generally speaking, about the identification of collection points throughout Gibraltar in order to try and regularise those that can be regularised. Remove those that cannot and accommodate appropriate facilities and to determine the best collection practices together with setting times for the disposal by the public of its refuse.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state when this survey started and whether it is now complete and whether there have been conclusions to it and what actions have been taken on the survey that he has just mentioned?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The survey started in its original form back in 2007. It has gone through a number of revisions since then. I took it over when I became Minister with responsibility for the Environment. I changed the terms ...not the terms of reference, but elaborated on it. The

survey itself has now been finished. The Government are currently in discussions with the Union on it and therefore I do not consider it appropriate to comment further on either the content or what those discussions are at this moment in time.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state what were the changes that he has introduced since he came in, as in the terms of reference which he mentioned?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I corrected the words terms of reference but basically I expanded what the work was and asked them to look at a wider picture.

HON S E LINARES:

What were these wider issues because we are talking about collection points? What other issues are involved here?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I forget exactly but the initial work that was done was based on a couple of routes and I said, extend it to the whole of Gibraltar and all routes and all aspects of the collection of refuse.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state who conducted the survey and how much the survey itself cost or was it done in house?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It was done in house and there was therefore no additional cost other than the wages of the people who would have been paid anyway and it was conducted internally by members from the Department of the Environment and with assistance from the Environmental Agency.

NO. 1304 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state whether there have been any further delays to the opening of the Dudley Ward Tunnel and, if so, what has been the cause of these delays?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

There have been no further delays to the Dudley Ward Tunnel project and, subject to unforeseen circumstances in the interim, it remains on programme for completion in October 2010.

NO. 1305 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE

Can Government state who is responsible for paying the costs of repairs to Smith Dorrien Bridge following the damage caused earlier this year when lorries became stuck under the bridge?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Payment for the costs of the damages caused to the bridge are the responsibility of the owners of the vehicles causing them and their respective insurers.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1305 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state whether any owner has already paid for the damages or its insurers?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

When something like this happens, the department gets on with carrying out the repairs, making the bridge xxxxx or junctions functional and then setting out on the track of recovering costs. The administrative actions are currently happening in collating all the costs. Remember there is an involvement by the utility company, one utility company because parts of its services were also damaged, and the process is ongoing. No costs have yet been recovered but the process is ongoing.

NO. 1306 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY

Does Government now have a date by when it will actually receive the results of the epidemiological study that it expected would be completed by the last quarter of this year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

The epidemiological study is progressing well and is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

ORAL

NO. 1307 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

RUBBISH DUMP IN AREA OF PLATER YOUTH CLUB

When will the new refuse holding facility (or “rubbish dump”) in the area of the Plater Youth Club, which was due to be operational in July this year, now be made operational and what has caused the delay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Answered together with Question Nos. 1308 and 1309 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1308 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

RUBBISH DUMP IN AREA OF PLATER YOUTH CLUB

What has been the final cost of the new refuse holding facility (or “rubbish dump”) in the area of the Plater Youth Club?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Answered together with Question Nos. 1307 and 1309 of 2010.

NO. 1309 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

RUBBISH DUMP AT CASTLE STEPS

Given that the rubbish dump at the foot of Castle Steps, opposite the entrance to St Bernard's School, appears to have been demolished in recent works, where does the Government intend to re-provide this facility?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Construction of the new refuse holding facility in the area of the Plater Youth Club to replace the "rubbish dump" provided by the previous GSLP administration was completed on schedule in July 2010 and became operational in September. The delay was caused by technical matters that prevented the supply of electricity being available.

The final cost of the new refuse holding facility in the area of the Plater Youth Club has been £44,328.04.

The Government has no plans to reprovide the rubbish dump created by the previous GSLP administration at the foot of Castle Steps.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1307 TO 1309 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Is this part and parcel of the survey that he has been conducting in order to relocate different parts of the, should I say, where the refuse is now collected?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No.

HON S E LINARES:

Is it not advisable to have waited for the survey to have been completed and, therefore, after the survey had been completed, to then say that the "rubbish dumps", the previous administration apparently constructed, should not now be looked at within the survey?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I would encourage the hon Member opposite to ask that question of his colleague the Hon Fabian Picardo who is absent from the House today because the Hon Mr Picardo has been pressing me for a considerable amount of time to construct the collection point at the Plater Youth Club. One thing has nothing to do with the other. This is an isolated issue. There needed to be replacement facilities in the area and the site near the Plater Youth Club was chosen. It impinges on the overall review but it would have been carried out anyway irrespective of the review.

NO. 1310 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

**ENVIRONMENT – ENERGY CONSUMPTION FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES
TARGETS**

Does Government anticipate that it will reach its new target producing 15 per cent of energy consumption from renewable sources by 2020?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

The UK is required to meet a mandatory target of 15 per cent of its energy production from renewable sources by 2020. Although it has not yet been established, between the UK and Gibraltar, what Gibraltar's contribution will be, the Government of Gibraltar is, as a matter of domestic policy, aiming at a target of 15 per cent of Gibraltar's energy production from renewable sources.

As has previously been stated in response to the many similar Parliamentary questions on this issue, several renewable energy options remain under active consideration with Wind Generation remaining the preferred option when the many factors are taken into consideration such as:

- (a) Reliability and sustainability
- (b) Site availability
- (c) Environmental considerations
- (d) Compatibility with our generation and distribution systems, et cetera.
- (e) Cost.

Government does not consider it appropriate to further publicly discuss the progress of internal work that is ongoing. The Government will make announcements on this matter as and when it considers it appropriate to do so.

NO. 1311 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – TOURISM MINISTER’S TRAVEL AWAY FROM GIBRALTAR

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 THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

I have been away on one day, the 16th of July this year, for a meeting of the UK/GTA held in the Gibraltar House in London.

ORAL

NO. 1312 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – REVENUE FROM UPPER ROCK ADMISSION FEES

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament, in admission fees to the Upper Rock?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Answered together with Question No. 1313 of 2010.

NO. 1313 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – HOTEL STAYS

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 the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament, 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 THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

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

Answer to Question No. 1312 of 2010

MONTH	UPPER ROCK REVENUE RAISED
APRIL	£322,701.17
MAY	£327,859.05
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST	Not yet available.
TOTAL	£650,560.22

Answer to Question 1313 of 2010

a) Stayed at Hotel:-

	Total No. of Interviews	Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Average length of Stay	Frontier	Average Length of Stay	Elsewhere Interviews	Average length of Stay
Feb 2010	1,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 2010	1,272	2	-	-	2	2.5	-	-
Apr 2010	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May 2010	1,252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun 2010	1,511	28	28	4.2	-	-	-	-
Jul 2010	1,271	1	-	-	1	4.0	-	-

b) Not stayed at Hotel

	Total Interviews Not Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coach Park
Feb 2010	1,302	-	-	1,300	-	-	2
Mar 2010	1,270	-	-	1,243	-	-	27
Apr 2010	1,200	-	-	1,200	-	-	-
May 2010	1,252	-	-	1,252	-	-	-
Jun 2010	1,483	78	103	1,254	-	-	48
Jul 2010	1,270	9	14	1,245	-	-	2

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1312 AND 1313 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the hon Member say why the June and July figures for the Upper Rock revenue are not yet available?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No. That is an administrative matter. I asked for the figures and I was told they were not yet available. Presumably, they have not been worked out yet.

HON J J BOSSANO:

This is money that the Government receive, presumably on a daily basis, from the Upper Rock? So how can it be that they do not know how much they have received since May?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Making a statement in this House, I have to vouch for the accuracy of it. If they have not yet reconciled the figures, presumably, they are not yet in a position to certify them. I tend to agree with the hon Member. I would have thought from June this year, it was time enough for them to be available but I did not query it. I did not notice it so I do not know the answer.

HON J J BOSSANO:

When we are given other figures in answers to questions and they are not final, we simply get the note saying subject to eventual correction, or subject to eventual reconciliation or whatever, but at least we get a figure that shows whether it is still more or less the same. Does the hon Member have any reason to believe that there is any reason why it should be out of tune with April and May which are £320,000?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have received no indications at all of anything. I have just received the schedule and I did not pick it up. Normally, I go through the answers with a fine tooth comb but I did not pick this one up. Let me reassure the hon Member that, as far as I am concerned, there is no reason why the figures should not have been provided today. I will find out and I will make sure that the figures are made available to the hon Members as quickly as possible unless there is some reason and then I will give him the reason why.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1312 of 2010, in my exchanges with the Leader of the Opposition, he was querying the fact that the figures for June, July and August were not available. I have made use of the time during the recess to find out why they were not available and I am told by my officials that it has been normal, throughout the answers to these questions, for the answer to always be two to three months out of step. The reason for that is that it is not just cash sales but it is also credit sales that need to be reconciled. Of course, the Department sends out the bill then the cheque comes in and if there are queries they need to be reconciled and it takes between two and three months for the accurate figures to be produced. For example, I am told that when I answered this question in June, I only gave the figures up to March. I am told that has been the practice. I would just like to reiterate what I said in the supplementaries that it is not a question of not supplying the answer, it is a question of the firm figures not yet being available and they will be made available the next time the question is asked.

NO. 1314 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL

How many meetings of the Tourism Advisory Council have taken place since the information supplied in the last Question Time in this Parliament and on what dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

No meetings of the Tourism Advisory Council have taken place since the information supplied in the last Question Time in this Parliament.

NO. 1315 OF 2009

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Can Government state how many persons left the employment of Gibraltar Community Projects in each financial year since the answer to Question No. 313 of 2009 and state whether the employment was terminated by the company or the employee, and whether the person transferred to employment elsewhere within the Government sector?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Answered together with Question No. 1316 of 2010.

NO. 1316 OF 2009

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Can Government state how many employees joined Gibraltar Community Projects in each financial year since the answer to Question No. 312 of 2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Since the answers to Question Nos. 312 and 313 of 2009, sixteen persons have left and two have joined the employment of Gibraltar Community Projects. Of those who have left, seven have left at their own request, two for alternative employment, one was dismissed, five retired and one passed away. The two who left for alternative employment, one went to Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners and the other one to the Elderly Care Agency.

NO. 1317 OF 2009

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RUBBLE TIP REMOVAL EXPENDITURE

Can Government identify what the £165,000 expenditure for the Rubble Tip Removal in 2009/2010 was for and to whom it was paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

The expenditure incurred was related to the hire of plant and machinery to handle the construction rubble being deposited at the tip and for the supply and laying of materials. There were also minor costs for the provision of technical consulting services and operational requirements. I now hand over a table to the hon Member with the details of that answer.

Answer to Question No.1317 of 2010

1. Plant Hire	
Chandos Ltd	£29,145.00
Monteverde Ltd	£24,811.50
CK Transport	£28,380.00
Leed Transport	£560.00
Sub-total	£82,896.50
2. Materials	
GJBS	£62,394.74
Sub-total	£62,394.74
3. Services	
Apex Mapping	£4,700.00
Environmental Gain	£5,704.40
Golder Associates	£5,154.50
Sub-total	£15,558.90
4. Operational	
AquaGib	
Sub-total	£ 1,515.63
Total	£162,365.77

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1316 AND 1317 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the hon Member perhaps clarify what the Operational, the rest of it is self-evident I think from the titles, but the Operational AquaGib £1,500, how was AquaGib involved in this?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I seem to have handed the hon Member all copies of the breakdown including those that were meant for myself.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I can hand him one back then.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

If one could make its way back to me, it would be easier to ... I have it here. I beg his pardon. I am afraid not with a guarantee of total accuracy, because the supplementary notes I have mention several other things but do not mention AquaGib. I can only assume that in these days of much greater environmental concern, there is an imposition, a duty on contractors and that includes the Government, when carrying out major works of this nature to dampen down and control the emission of dust or the raising of dust when moving rubble and when working on rubble. So I would hazard a guess that it is in this dumping down exercise that the AquaGib involvement would have taken place. I cannot, off the top of my head on my feet, I cannot think of any other involvement by AquaGib.

NO. 1318 OF 2009

THE HON J J BOSSANO

TOURIST SITES RECEIPTS

Can Government confirm whether the estimated receipts of £3.5 million from Tourist Sites in the current financial year includes any increase over the last financial year in respect of the World War II Tunnels contract?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

The receipts from Tourist sites in total and therefore including the World War II Tunnels, are estimated for any forthcoming financial year by relating them mathematically to the actual receipts in the previous financial years, taking into account any overall increases or decreases in revenue during the previous financial years.

There was an increase in the level of entry fees to the Upper Rock Nature Reserve in January 2010 and this increase is reflected in the estimated receipts of £3.5m but that increase does not affect the level of entry fees or the contract of the World War II Tunnels. So I was not quite sure what the hon Member wanted to know but in a nutshell, in terms of revenue and fees and so on, there have been no changes to the contract of the World War II Tunnels. The increase in the estimates is because of the increase in fees for the Upper Rock Nature Reserve as a whole, not including the Tunnels.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1318 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think at the budget time we were given the figures and we were told that, in fact, there had been an addition, I think for the Rock Gun, to the original contract of the World War II Tunnels, which was not there before and therefore I would assume that if you extend the contract to somebody to include a new facility, then you would pencil in a sum of money that you expect to receive for what was not there before.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, in that sense the hon Member is correct. The 9.2 gun facilities were granted as an extension of the contract and therefore the estimated revenue from those facilities would be part and parcel of the £3.5 million. But I think I saw a note somewhere saying that they were ... No. I beg his pardon Mr Speaker, what I have just said is wrong. I have a note here that tells me that no increase was built into from extra revenue that may be generated

from O'Hara's Battery, as there was no certainty at the time of the estimates whether or not this attraction would be up and running for the current financial year. So the short answer is no, it was not provided.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see. Well, is the hon Member in a position to tell me whether any new revenue has come in as a result in the current financial year even though it was not originally predicted for the reason that he has given me, that he was not sure that it was going to happen?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, on the assumption that there have been people going and I know there have been, there has to be revenue and obviously that revenue is coming in. I cannot at this moment give any indication of what those figures are but, obviously, all the people who are visiting the 9.2 gun complex are paying for the privilege and therefore there is additional revenue.

NO. 1319 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LISTS

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 Nos. 1320 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1320 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICANTS ON THE PRE-LIST

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1319 and 1321 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1321 OF 2010

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. 1319, 1320 and 1322 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1322 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST

With reference to persons currently on the Housing Social Category “A” List, can Government provide the dates when each of these persons joined the list?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1319 to 1321 and 1323 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1323 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – HOMELESS PERSONS

Can Government state how many cases of applications for housing from homeless persons are currently being dealt with by the Housing Department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1319 to 1322 and 1324 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1324 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICANTS REMOVED FROM SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 781 of 2010, 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. 1319 to 1323 and 1325 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1325 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICANTS PLACED ON SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST

Since the answer given to Question No. 782 of 2010, 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. 1319 to 1324 and 1326 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1326 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS ON THE HOUSING WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, are medically recommended, giving a breakdown of their medical category?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1319 to 1325 and 1327 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1327 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

**HOUSING – MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS ON THE HOUSING
WAITING LIST**

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. 1319 to 1326 and 1328 to 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1328 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICANTS ON MEDICAL LISTS

With reference to persons currently on the Housing Medical Lists “A+”, “A”, “B” and “C”, can Government provide the number of applicants on each category grouped by date of joining the list?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1319 to 1327, 1329 and 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1329 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICANTS PLACED ON MEDICAL LISTS

Since the answer given to Question No. 777 of 2010, 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. 1319 to 1328 and 1330 of 2010.

NO. 1330 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICANTS REMOVED FROM MEDICAL LISTS

Since the answer given to Question No. 778 of 2010, 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

The information requested is contained in the schedule I have now passed on to the hon Member.

Answer to Question No. 1330 of 2010

Answer to Question 1319

There are currently 1312 applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists, as follows:

1RKB	-	755
2RKB	-	75
3RKB	-	278
4RKB	-	183
5RKB	-	21
6RKB	-	Nil

Answer to Question 1320

There are currently 268 applicants on the Housing Pre-list, as follows:

1RKB	-	179
2RKB	-	11
3RKB	-	54
4RKB	-	20
5RKB	-	4
6RKB	-	Nil

Answer to Question 1321

There are 85 persons currently on the Social Category 'A' List.

Answer to Question 1322

The dates when each of the persons currently on the Housing Social Category 'A' List, joined the List is as follows:

December 2003	1
May 2005	1
December 2005	1
February 2006	1
April 2006	1
June 2006	1
November 2006	1
December 2006	2
April 2007	1
July 2007	1
August 2007	1
September 2007	2
November 2007	3
December 2007	3
January 2008	1

February 2008	1
March 2008	3
April 2008	3
May 2008	1
June 2008	3
October 2008	3
December 2008	7
March 2009	1
April 2009	2
July 2009	2
August 2009	1
Spetember 2009	3
October 2009	2
December 2009	1
January 2010	3
February 2010	4
March 2010	2
April 2010	4
May 2010	5
June 2010	10
July 2010	1
August 2010	2

Answer to Question 1323

A total of 37 homeless cases are currently being dealt with by the Housing Department.

Answer to Question 1324

Six applicants have been removed from the Housing Social Category 'A' List because a suitable dwelling has been found for them, as follows:

June 2010 (as from 11.6.10)	-	1
July 2010	-	2
August 2010	-	3
September 2010 (up to 23.9.10)	-	Nil

Answer to Question 1325

Thirteen applicants have been placed on the Housing Social Category 'A' List, as follows:

June 2010 (as from 11.6.10)	-	10
July 2010	-	1
August 2010	-	2
September 2010 (up to 23.9.10)	-	Nil

Answer to Question 1326

Seventy-two housing applicants on the housing waiting list, to date, are medically recommended as follows:

A+ - 6
 A - 22
 B - 19
 C - 25

Answer to Question 1327

119 applicants to date are medically recommended, apart from those who are described as applicants on the housing waiting list. Medical Category as follows:

A+ - 19
 A - 39
 B - 24 C - 37

Answer to Question 1328

191 persons currently on the Housing Medical lists.

Medical A+	
August 2006	1
September 2006	1
October 2006	1
July 2007	1
September 2007	1
April 2008	2
May 2008	1
July 2008	1
March 2009	1
April 2009	1
May 2009	2
August 2009	1
September 2009	1
November 2009	1
June 2010	4
July 2010	5

Medical A	
March 1997	1
March 1999	1
March 2001	1
October 2002	1
January 2003	1
June 2003	1
March 2004	2
February 2005	1
March 2005	1

Medical A Contd..	
June 2005	1
July 2005	1
November 2005	1
December 2005	2
March 2006	2
April 2006	2
August 2006	1
September 2006	1
January 2007	1
July 2007	1
November 2007	1
February 2008	1
April 2008	4
July 2008	3
October 2008	1
February 2009	3
March 2009	1
May 2009	3
July 2009	1
August 2009	1
September 2009	7
November 2009	2
December 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	2
April 2010	1
May 2010	1
June 2010	1
July 2010	3

Medical B	
September 1995	1
January 1996	1
February 1998	1
May 1999	1
November 1999	2
December 1999	1
August 2004	2
October 2004	1
February 2005	2
March 2005	1
September 2005	1
October 2005	1
March 2006	3
April 2006	1
September 2006	1
February 2007	1
June 2007	2
September 2007	1

Medical B Contd...	
December 2007	2
February 2008	2
April 2008	1
December 2008	1
July 2009	1
September 2009	2
October 2009	1
December 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	3
April 2010	1
June 2010	3

Medical C	
December 1994	1
January 1996	1
January 1997	1
January 1998	1
March 1998	1
November 1998	4
January 1999	2
March 1999	2
May 1999	2
June 1999	1
May 2000	1
October 2000	1
March 2001	3
May 2001	1
August 2003	1
September 2003	1
January 2004	1
October 2004	1
February 2005	1
June 2005	1
October 2005	1
December 2005	1
January 2006	1
March 2006	1
April 2006	3
June 2006	1
August 2006	1
September 2006	1
October 2006	1
February 2007	1
March 2007	1
June 2007	1
December 2007	4
February 2008	1
April 2008	3

Medical C Contd..	
July 2008	1
February 2009	1
September 2009	3
October 2009	1
November 2009	1
December 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	1
June 2010	1
August 2010	1

Answer to Question 1329

Since the answer given to Question No. 777 of 2010, 18 applicants have been placed on the various medical housing lists as follows:

Date	A+	A	B	C
June 2010 (Since 11/06/10)	4	1	3	1
July 2010	5	3	-	-
August 2010	-	-	-	1
September 2010 (Upto 23/09/10)				

Answer to Question 1330

Since the answer given to Question 778 of 2010, 88 applicants have been removed from the various medical lists because a suitable dwelling has been found for them.

Date	A+	A	B	C
June 2010 (Since 11/06/10)	-	-	-	-
July 2010	1			
August 2010	-	-	-	-
September 2010 (Upto 23/09/10)	17	27	22	21

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NO. 1331 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – DWELLINGS FOR REFURBISHMENT BY BUILDINGS AND WORKS

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1332 and 1333 of 2010.

NO. 1332 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – JOBS REQUIRING ATTENTION OF BUILDINGS AND WORKS

Can Government state how many jobs are currently listed as requiring the attention of the Buildings and Works Department within the Housing Department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1331 and 1333 of 2010.

NO. 1333 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – TENANTS REQUIRING WORK IN THEIR HOMES

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 1331 of 2010

The number of flats currently with Buildings and Works requiring refurbishment is 22.

Answer to Question No. 1332 of 2010

The number of jobs currently requiring the attention of the Buildings and Works Department is 3,995.

Answer to Question No. 1333 of 2010

The number of tenants currently requiring work to be done in their homes by the Housing Department as landlords is 1,457.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1331 TO 1333 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

Just to make sure that the answer to Question No. 1332 of 2010 was 3,995?

HON F J VINET:

Yes.

HON C A BRUZON:

Thank you.

NO. 1334 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 788 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1335 to 1338 of 2010.

NO. 1335 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 789 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1334 and 1336 to 1338 of 2010.

NO. 1336 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 790 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1334, 1335, 1337 and 1338 of 2010.

NO. 1337 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households on rent relief have had this benefit terminated, to date, since the answer to Question No. 791 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1334 to 1336 and 1338 of 2010.

NO. 1338 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have had the level of rent relief reduced, to date, since the answer to Question No. 792 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The information requested is contained in the schedule I now hand over.

Answer to Question No. 1338 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1334 of 2010

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

June (as from 10.06.10)	-	5 (4 active)
July	-	1 (1 active)
August	-	7 (4 active)
September (up to 22.09.10)	-	4 (3 active)

Answer to Question No. 1335 of 2010

The number of households that have received Rent Relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 789 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown:

June (as from 10.06.10)	-	615
July	-	608
August	-	590
September (up to 22.09.10)	-	583

Answer to Question No. 1336 of 2010

The number of households that were on full Rent Relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 790 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown:

June (as from 10.06.10)	-	71
July	-	72
August	-	72
September (up to 22.09.10)	-	72

Answer to Question No. 1337 of 2010

The number of households on Rent Relief that have had this benefit terminated, to date, since the answer to Question No. 791 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown:

June (as from 10.06.10)	-	3
July	-	15
August	-	12
September (up to 22.09.10)	-	7

Answer to Question No. 1338 of 2010

The number of households that have had the level of Rent Relief reduced, to date, since the answer to Question No. 792 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown:

June (as from 10.06.10)	-	13
July	-	13
August	-	13
September (up to 22.09.10)	-	12

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1334 TO 1338 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask, in the answers that the hon Member has given on rent relief, does he know what effect, if any, on the eligibility for rent relief, the 1st July increases in Minimum Income Guarantee could have had? Has the threshold been altered because of the increase or would some people have been taken out or had their rent relief reduced as a result. I see that there has been a decline since July. That is why I am asking. Since the increase came in July, I wondered if there was a connection between the two.

HON F J VINET:

That is entirely possible but I have not been provided with a certainty that that is the case. I will certainly look into it. But I have not got that information before me.

NO. 1339 OF 2010

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, since the answer to Question No. 793 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question No. 1339 of 2010

The total number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent is 17.

The monthly breakdown and total of arrears covered by such agreements is as follows:

	Total Agreements	Amount
June (as from 10.06.10)	5	£14640.25
July	2	£23624.53
August	2	£12625.75
September (up to 22.09.10)	8	<u>£10998.78</u>
		<u>£61889.31</u>

NO. 1340 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PRE-WAR UNITS ALLOCATED

Can Government state how many pre-war housing units have been allocated, to date, since the answer to Question No. 794 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1341 to 1343 of 2010.

NO. 1341 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – POST-WAR UNITS ALLOCATED

Can Government state how many post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases since the answer given to Question No. 795 of 2010, providing a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1340, 1342 and 1343 of 2010.

NO. 1342 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – FLATS ALLOCATED

Can Government state how many Government flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Department on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee since Question No. 796 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1340, 1341 and 1343 of 2010.

NO. 1343 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – FLATS ALLOCATED

Can Government state how many Government flats have been allocated to applicants, other than by the Housing Department, on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee, since Question No. 797 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 1340 of 2010

One pre-war housing unit has been allocated.

Answer to Question No. 1341 of 2010

Six post-war housing units have been allocated to applicants in the social list as follows:

June 2010 (as from 11.06.10)	-	1
July 2010	-	2
August 2010	-	3
September 2010 (up to 23.09.10)	-	Nil

Answer to Question No. 1342 of 2010

One hundred and forty-five flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Department, strictly speaking the Housing Authority to use the correct term, on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee.

Answer to Question No. 1343 of 2010

None. No flats have been allocated without the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee.

NO. 1344 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 799 of 2010, 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

Three applicants have been offered an existing Government flat in this period and two have accepted.

NO. 1345 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – OVERCROWDING POINTS DISALLOWED

Can Government state, in respect of applicants already on the Housing List, for each category of list and for each month since Question No. 800 of 2010, 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. 1346 of 2010.

NO. 1346 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – OVERCROWDING POINTS ALLOWED

Can Government state, in respect of applicants already on the Housing List, for each category of list and for each month since Question No. 801 of 2010, 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

None is the answer to both questions.

No. 1347 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – REINSTATEMENTS INTO THE HOUSING WAITING LISTS

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 798 of 2010, 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

Answered together with Question No. 1348 of 2010.

NO. 1348 OF 2010

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. 803 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 1347 of 2010

None.

Answer to Question No. 1348 of 2010

Four applicants for housing were accepted because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was necessary. The breakdown is:

June 2010 (as from 11.06.10)	-	1
July 2010	-	2
August 2010	-	1
September 2010 (up to 23.09.10)	-	Nil

NO. 1349 OF 2010

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 given to Question No. 802 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

None.

NO. 1350 OF 2010

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 since the answer to Question No. 804 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No.1351 of 2010.

NO. 1351 OF 2010**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. 805 of 2010?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING****Answer to Question No. 1350 of 2010**

- (a) 200 phone calls have been received.
- (b) 93 cases of these were found to be correct.

The breakdown is as follows:

Month	Calls	Correct	Incorrect	Pending further investigation
June 2010 (since 11.06.10)	3	1	1	1
July 2010	3	-	2	1
August 2010	2	-	1	1
September 2010 (up to 23.09.10)	1	-	1	-

Answer to Question No. 1351 of 2010

No flats have been repossessed in this period of time.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1350 AND 1351 OF 2010**HON C A BRUZON:**

So there were 200 phone calls received and 93 were correct. So the difference were all incorrect phone calls. Is that what you are saying?

HON F J VINET:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 1352 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Can Government state how many times the Housing Allocation Committee has met since the answer given to Question No. 806 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The Housing Allocation Committee has met five times.

NO. 1353 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING TRIBUNAL

Can Government state how many cases the Housing Tribunal:

- (a) has dealt with and completed;
- (b) is currently dealing with,

since the answer to Question No. 807 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 1354 of 2010.

NO. 1354 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING TRIBUNAL

Since the answer to Question No. 808 of 2010, how many decisions of the Housing Tribunal requiring action by the Housing Department have not yet been implemented?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 1353 of 2010

I am informed by the Secretary of the Housing Tribunal that since the answer given to Question No. 807 of 2010, the Tribunal has not dealt with and completed any case and is currently dealing with 33 cases.

Answer to Question No. 1354 of 2010

None. All have been dealt with.

NO. 1355 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES

Since the answer given to Question No. 809 of 2010, how many more Government flats have become available because Waterport Terraces purchasers have moved into their new homes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Two further flats have become available.

NO. 1356 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS

Since the answer given to Question No. 820 of 2010, how many times have faults been reported, to date, in connection with the lifts in Government housing estates, giving a breakdown by estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1357 to 1359 of 2010.

NO. 1357 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS

How many times have the lifts in Government housing estates required corrective maintenance or repairs since Question No. 821 of 2010, giving a breakdown by estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1356, 1358 and 1359 of 2010.

NO. 1358 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS

How many times have the lifts in Government housing estates required preventive maintenance, to date, since the answer to Question No. 822 of 2010, with a breakdown by estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1356, 1357 and 1359 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1359 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – INSTALLATION OF NEW LIFT AT REFERENDUM HOUSE

Can Government confirm that the installation of the remaining new lift at Referendum House, Glacis Estate, has now been completed and, if so, give the date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The information requested is contained in the schedule format and is now being passed on to the hon Member.

Answer to Question No. 1359 of 2010

Answer to Question No.1356 of 2010

ESTATE	FAULTS REPORTED
Alameda Estate	8
Penney House	2
Varyl Begg Estate	21
Glacis Estate	61
St John's Court	2
Knight's Court	1

Answer to Question No. 1357 of 2010

All the defects shown in the schedule have required corrective maintenance or repairs (some due to tenant misuse).

Answer to Question No.1358 of 2010

All the lifts in Government housing estates have preventative maintenance as part of the Lift Maintenance Contract.

Answer to Question No. 1359 of 2010

The remaining new lift at Referendum House was completed on the 20th May 2010 and has been in operation since then.

NO. 1360 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PAINTING OF STAIRWAYS OF CONSTITUTION HOUSE AND REFERENDUM HOUSE

When does the Ministry for Housing plan to complete the work of painting the entire stairways of Constitution House and Referendum House, Glacis Estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

I am unable to say.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1360 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

Will the Government be looking into this because I think last time we discussed the point you acknowledged that it was indeed your responsibility as landlords.

HON F J VINET:

Yes. Regardless of whether I acknowledge or not, of course it is the Government's responsibility as landlords. What I did indicate last time and I have Hansard in front of me, is that the debate that we had on previous occasions had related to the, not the entire stairways, but to the lower levels of the stairways which have in fact been painted up to now. I am not saying that the entire stairways will not be painted at some point but there is no firm date for that to happen which is why I am unable to say when that will be the case.

NO. 1361 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BISHOP CANILLA HOUSE

With reference to the answer to Question No. 825 of 2010, can Government now say what was the outcome of the survey into the damp related problems at Bishop Canilla House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 1362 of 2010.

NO. 1362 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BISHOP CANILLA HOUSE

Can Government state how many flats are currently empty at Bishop Canilla House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 1361 of 2010

The survey has identified that there is an element of water filtration on parts of the façade of the building. The survey does highlight, however, that there are no major health and safety concerns and that at present, immediate remedial repairs are not necessary.

Answer to Question No. 1362 of 2010

There are currently three empty flats at Bishop Canilla House.

NO. 1363 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ALBERT RISSO HOUSE

Can Government state how many of the proposed tenants of Albert Risso House have now moved into their new homes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

A total of six tenants have now moved into their new homes at Albert Risso House although I expect that figure to increase drastically in the next week or two.

NO. 1364 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – DECANTING OF GOVERNMENT TENANTS

Since the answer to Question No. 827 of 2010, how many Government tenants have been decanted, to date, and what are the reasons in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 1365 of 2010.

NO. 1365 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – DECANTING OF GOVERNMENT TENANTS

Since the answer to Question No. 828 of 2010, how many Government tenants who may have been decanted, to date, have appealed the decanting notices and are any such appeals still outstanding?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

None is the answer to both questions.

NO. 1366 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ALBERT RISSO HOUSE

Can Government state how many Government flats have now become available for applicants on the Housing Lists as a result of some of our senior citizens moving into Albert Risso House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 1367 of 2010.

NO. 1367 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES

Can Government state how many Government flats have now become available for applicants on the Housing Lists as a result of purchasers moving into Cumberland Terraces?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 1366 of 2010

Six flats, the same six that I referred to earlier. That is to say, although there have been far more who have taken physical possession of their new flats, only six are currently already living there and have returned their flat to Government stock.

Answer to Question No. 1367 of 2010

Two flats.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1366 AND 1367 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

These six are people who have moved xxxxx to Albert Risso House, have left empty flats. There will be cases where these senior citizens who are moving into Albert Risso House leave a son or daughter in a Government flat which means that they will not be available.

HON F J VINET:

Although I do not have the information before me today, I do understand that there have been specific questions on this in the past in terms of how many flats will be returned to housing stock once Albert Risso House has been completed. I do not have figures in front of me but I do recall that unlike the flats at Waterport Terraces and the former OEM developments and so on which are geared for the younger families, the vast majority of tenants moving to Albert Risso House are leaving behind and vacating their current flats.

NO. 1368 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

COST OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY TO CONSUMERS

Can Government list the dates since 2007 on which the cost of water and electricity to consumers in Gibraltar has been increased, showing the old price, the new price and the margin of the increase in each case?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in this schedule which I now hand over to him.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 1368

Date of Change 1st July 2008				Date of Change 1st July 2010			
Tariff	Standing Charge	Increase Tariff	Increase Standing Charge	Tariff	Standing Charge	Increase Tariff	Increase Standing Charge
pence per 100 litres	£ per calendar month	Percent	Percent	pence per 100 litres	£ per calendar month	Percent	Percent
Potable Water Tariffs and Standing Charges							
SHIPPING	66.7	15.0%		69.0		3.4%	
HOTELS	47.1	14.9%	0.0%	48.7	5.00	3.4%	0.0%
HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS	66.7	15.0%	0.0%	69.0	5.00	3.4%	0.0%
DOMESTIC (PRIMARY)	24.1	14.8%	0.0%	24.9	3.00	3.3%	0.0%
DOMESTIC (SECONDARY)	59.8	15.0%		61.9		3.5%	
PUBLIC FOUNTAINS	16.6	14.5%		17.2		3.6%	
SWIMMING POOLS	133.4	15.0%	0.0%	138.1	5.00	3.5%	0.0%
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL	52.9	15.0%	0.0%	54.8	6.00	3.6%	0.0%
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (INCLUDING MOD)	66.7	15.0%	0.0%	69.0	5.00	3.4%	0.0%

Contd.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 1368 (contd)

The Gibraltar Electricity Authority

Tariffs

Effective Date from	Tariff 1-Lighting			Tariff 2-Power			Tariff 3-Tariff for Domestic Consumers			Tariff 4-Commercial		
	Consumption Pence/Unit	%Increase	Standing Additional Charge Pounds £	Consumption Pence/Unit	%Increase	Standing Additional Charge Pounds £	Consumption Pence/Unit	%Increase	Standing Additional Charge Pounds £	Consumption Pence/Unit	%Increase	Standing Additional Charge Pounds £
1.7.2010	12.8	10.34%	£4	11.3	9.71%	£8	8.8	4.76%	£4	8.5	10.39%	£6
1.7.2009	11.6	0.00%	£4	10.3	0.00%	£8	8.4	0.00%	£4	7.7	0.00%	£6
1.7.2008	11.6	14.85%	£4	10.3	14.44%	£8	8.4	13.51%	£4	7.7	14.93%	£6
17.3.2005	10.1		£4	9		£8	7.4		£4	6.7		£6

Effective Date from	Tariff 5-Industrial Max Demand Tariff			Tariff 6A-Restricted			Tariff 6B-Restricted			FCA	
	Primary Charge £/month/KW	%Increase	Standing Secondary Charge Pence/Unit	Hours Consumption Pence/Unit	%Increase	Standing Additional Charge Pounds £	Hours Consumption Pence/Unit	%Increase	Standing Additional Charge Pounds £	Pence/Unit	%Increase
1.7.2010	£7.59	10.00%	7	£8	5.6	9.80%	£6	6.3	10.53%	4	0.00%
1.7.2009	£6.90	0.00%	6.4	£8	5.1	0.00%	£6	5.7	0.00%	4	22.70%
1.7.2008	£6.90	15.00%	6.4	£8	5.1	13.33%	£6	5.7	14.00%	3.26	0.00%
17.3.2005	£6.00		5.6	£8	4.5		£6	5		3.26	

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1368 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

As a matter of interest, the public fountains, the prices per hundred litres, it is stating 16.6 whilst Government Departments including MOD is 66.7. Are not the public fountains being run by a Government Department, one would think, and why are the prices different?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

These have been the established different categories of rates that have been established for a long, long time. There have not been any changes in that and that has always been the norm xxxxx to the differentiation between both categories.

HON S E LINARES:

Okay.

NO. 1369 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESTAURANT SITE AT EUROPA POINT

Can Government say whether the tender to develop a restaurant site at Europa Point which was advertised on 30th April with a closing date of 11th June has now been awarded and if so to whom and in what amount?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The tender to develop a restaurant site at Europa Point which was advertised on 30th April 2010 with a closing date of 11th June 2010 has not been awarded as there was only one submission which has subsequently been withdrawn.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1369 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it the intention of the Government to put the project out to tender again or not?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No. What the Government has decided to do is that it is going to put in an alternative scheme which the Government is going to fund and then that will be put out to tender but it is on a slightly ... Well, it is on a significantly lower scale to what we had envisaged originally. I might remind the hon Member, this is why I did not want to make the information available last time in the House as there was only one submission and we were negotiating at that point with them. I did not want them to have the information that they were the only ones because they were informed that they were preferred bidders. Nothing else.

NO. 1370 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

WEIGHT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

Can Government state how many applications for weight exemption certificates were turned down during the months of June 2010 to August 2010 giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1371 and 1372 of 2010.

NO. 1371 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

WEIGHT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

Can Government state how many companies have been issued with monthly weight exemption certificates between the months of June 2010 to August 2010 giving a breakdown between heavy roads and other roads?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1370 and 1372 of 2010.

NO. 1372 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

WEIGHT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

Can Government state how many applications for weight exemption certificates were granted during the months of June 2010 to August 2010 giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The information sought by the hon Member is set out in this schedule which I now hand over to him.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION NO. 1372 OF 2010

Answer to Question No. 1370 of 2010

No applications for weight exemption certificates were turned down during the months of June to August 2010.

Answer to Question No. 1371 of 2010

A total of 18 companies have been issued with monthly weight exemption certificates between the months of June to August 2010.

Answer to Question No. 1372 of 2010

A total of 180 weight exemption certificates were granted during the months of June to August 2010.

The following is a breakdown by month, of which type of vehicle the exemption certificates were issued for:

Month	Trucks	Cranes	Exc./Shove	Total
June	44	13	5	62
July	27	24	5	56
August	37	24	1	62
				180

NO. 1373 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

BUS SHELTERS

Can Government state whether it has now concluded negotiations in respect of the contract for the provision of bus shelters?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government has now concluded the negotiations in respect of the contract for the provision of the bus shelters.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1373 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state who was the successful tenderer and what amounts are being paid in order to do the maintenance or at least the contract for the provision of bus shelters and does it include a maintenance programme?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The contract has been awarded to a company called BROXAP. The final pricing has not yet been concluded as such because there is a lot of work that needs to be carried out, not just the manufacturing of the bus shelters but also civil works that need to be carried out when these arrive in Gibraltar and this is the process we are going through at the moment. But for all intents and purposes, the agreement is now in place and manufacturing is ongoing.

HON S E LINARES:

It is envisaged that they will also do the maintenance of these bus shelters or is it just the construction of the bus shelters and then there will have to be a different contract for the maintenance and cleaning and general maintenance of the bus shelters?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The maintenance will be something that we will contract locally.

NO. 1374 OF 2010**THE HON S E LINARES****On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi****GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – PAYING PASSENGERS**

Can Government state the number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares from these passengers by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited in the months of June 2010 to August 2010 giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares are as follows:

Month	Revenue	Passengers
June	£68,987.46	138,804
July	£77,193.32	154,115
August	£88,177.66	172,048

NO. 1375 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – NEW BUSES FOR ROUTE NO. 2

Can Government state whether the buses which will operate route No. 2 have now arrived in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The buses which will operate route No. 2 have now arrived in Gibraltar.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1375 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister tell us what kind of buses these are, as in what are the specifications, and ... because, if I remember correctly we had a debate with the previous Minister about testing it, going up to the top of Willis's Road and all these issues.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, the vehicles are three Mercedes Benz chassis model providing for fifteen seated passengers, six standing, or wheelchair and two standing, depending on the option and there are three of them.

HON S E LINARES:

Okay. As a matter of interest can the Minister state how much these three buses have cost the taxpayer?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am afraid I do not have that information available for the hon Member but off the top of my head, you are talking in the region of just over £100,000 each. But I can give you a

more accurate figure if you wish, by writing to him. But I really do not have an exact figure with me.

HON S E LINARES:

I am sure Mr Licudi will be writing to you in order to get that information.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Fine. No problem.

NO. 1376 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

POLICING OF SHIP WASTE DECLARATIONS

Can Government state what authority is responsible for policing ship waste declarations prior to entry in port?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

There is a responsibility for all vessels to report information to the Gibraltar Port Authority and to facilitate through shipping agents waste management services. The policing authority for waste management is the responsibility of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration (GMA).

Whenever the Gibraltar Port Authority consider that there is a declaration that is not consistent, it is brought to the attention of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration which will then investigate the matter under the normal Port State Control inspection regime.

NO. 1377 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PAYMENT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF SHIP WASTE

Can Government confirm that vessels are required to pay for waste discharge and if so is the payment made to the Port Authority or to a private contractor?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Vessels that choose to discharge waste at Gibraltar pay a private contractor for this service.

NO. 1378 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****DISCOUNTS FOR SHIP WASTE DISCHARGED AT GIBRALTAR**

Can Government confirm the number of vessels being serviced in the Port by all licensed waste operators with a breakdown by month since 2007?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

These statistics have only been kept since May 2009, when a discount in Port Charges was granted to ships that discharged waste in Gibraltar in accordance with EU Directives.

The number of ships that discharged waste from May 2009 to date is as follows:

Month	2009	2010
January		10
February		4
March		8
April		14
May	7	31
June	15	23
July	23	16
August	22	36
September	17	40
October	23	
November	7	
December	6	
Year Totals	120	182

As far as the actual answer, this was drafted some time round about the 20th September or twenty something of September.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1378 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

The reference the hon Member made in his answer to the EU requirement in May 2009, is he saying that there is an EU requirement to give a reduction in port charges or an EU requirement that people should discharge the waste?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No. Under MARPOL there is a directive by which ships are given a discount for actually discharging in a particular port. In other words, the whole purpose of the philosophy behind it is to encourage ships to actually discharge waste and not actually throw it overboard or doing it ... so they encourage them to do that. Then ports around the world actually encourage the ships that call at their port to discharge waste there by offering certain discounts and we have to give them a discount out of their port dues. The discount is not very much. I can give you ... I think I have got a table here in terms of the vessel. But you are talking of a vessel, for example, of say 50,000 gross tonnes, having a discount of £120 when we charge port fees of £963. A ship that is greater than 150,000 GRT we would charge them a full rate of £3,000 and give them a discount of £600. Basically, the philosophy is to encourage people. We are not a very competitive port in that respect. We do not really want to see a lot of waste coming off the ships but we do want to make sure that we comply with our international obligation of ensuring that ships that have to a certain level of waste on board, are actually forced to discharge in Gibraltar. If, for example, their next port of call were to be Cyprus or wherever it is and we know what sort of time scale it will take the ship to get there, the possible waste that it is going to generate from the time it leaves Gibraltar to the time it arrives at the next port of call and it could be over the amount that is the limit in which the ship can actually hold all that and therefore we make them do it in Gibraltar. But our discounts are not discounts that encourage them and therefore if you look at the numbers that I have just given to the hon Member opposite of the number of ships that actually discharge in Gibraltar, the numbers are not very great. In the month we could have twenty, thirty of these ships discharging. Maybe one or two a day maximum. But we do not really want to end up ... We have got our own problems with waste without having to take ship waste as well. But that is not something that we like to sort of shout about from the rooftops but that is the thinking behind what we are actually ... We actually do the minimum that we have to in order to meet our international obligations in this respect.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are these ships that come here for some other reason and then because they happen to be here, they discharge or they come specifically to discharge?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No. I would say that in 99 per cent of the time they actually come here for other purposes like bunkering and then they have to make a report and the report may trigger the Port Authority to realise that, look this ship has to discharge because the next port of call that we have information on, is maybe too far away for them to be able to do it and therefore they have to. They are made to do so in Gibraltar. There are those that take up the option of doing it because of their waste management on board but it is not ... it is very rare that

a ship actually calls into Gibraltar just for the disposal of waste and if they did, it is because they are really running up to a level which they really cannot sustain.

HON J J BOSSANO:

And how does the discount that we give compare with what they pay the contractor?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The contractor ... We do not really get involved in terms of what the contractor actually charges because remember that it is not just ... There are ten waste contractors, authorised waste contractors in Gibraltar. They do not all deal with the same type of waste. Some of them are sort of rubbish, others are xxxxx water, others are different sort of waste that actually gets disposed. They have all got different areas of specialisation and, basically, they have a published rate which they then take up and it is an added sort of trading opportunity for these local companies to operate in the port.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but what I am trying to find out is to what extent we are contributing to the cost of the ship? If the ship pays us £600, is that ship likely to be paying £6,000 or ...?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think that ... No, they would pay more in most cases than they would receive in terms of discount. It would cost them money. It is not an advantage for them to do so locally in Gibraltar. There are ports that actually do encourage vessels to come because they have wastage opportunities for them and they see that as an opportunity to increase their waste. But our discount rates ... it will actually cost them money to dispose because it would cost them more to pay than they actually get in terms of discount.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But the hon Member has no notion of the comparison between the two, of the order of comparison for example. Is it twice as much or three times as much or?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I could not really justify an answer with figures in front of me. I have not got the information of what they pay in terms of, for example, the collection of waste oil and the collection of hazardous waste. I mean there is a list of things that are possible products that they could off load in Gibraltar and it is not ... Let me put it this way, they would rather go elsewhere because the discount that they get would be much greater than we give them here and, for the time being, that is how we would like to leave it. I do not think it would make sense for us to import waste.

NO. 1379 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SHIP GENERATED WASTE DELIVERY FIGURES

Can Government confirm ship generated waste delivery figures with a breakdown by month and volume for the last six years?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government does not have figures readily available in respect of ship generated waste delivery figures, with a breakdown by month and volumes in the last six years. It would be a massive exercise to extract this information in the time allowed for the preparation of the question. However, if this information is of great interest to the hon Member, I am happy to instruct the Gibraltar Port Authority to go through all the records and produce the figures for them. But I think it is something for you to judge whether it is something that is of real importance. It just means going through all the records but not necessarily having a great number of ships because, for example, in the numbers that I have given you, in a month there may be ten or twenty but we may have to go through a thousand reporting sheets because not all ships, although they report the waste that they have on board, they do not necessarily off load it here. So we would have to go through every single ship call documentation. There are specified forms which are supplied to the port twenty four hours before arrival which have the details of everything that is on board in terms of waste, in all the different categories et cetera. But they may say, but we do not want to off load anything and the Port Authority will look at those figures and say, look there is nothing untoward about this and they just allow the ship to call and leave. As far as we are concerned, we would have to look at that record, not necessarily to find that they have left anything behind. We are happy to do it but in slow order because I really tried to force them to try and do it in the time that was available and, to be honest with you, it was really out of all proportion.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1379 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I take it then the information is not computerised in any way?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The information can be obtained for you since May, whatever it was, 2009 because all that has been computerised. Prior to that, if you are asking for six years back, we did not keep the record. We did not have an obligation on the wastage issue. It became an obligation in May 2009 under MARPOL and therefore if you wish us to go into those sort of details, I am happy to do so but it will take some time to do. If you want us to start from May 2009 and work forward that may be a more realistic view to take in terms of ..., it would give you an indication of the sort of waste that we are getting in the last year and a half or whatever. But not necessarily have to make people go through the records, one by one, of ships that called at Gibraltar. So I leave it to you to either write to me and tell me what you prefer or you tell me now and I take it on board, literally.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Could he supply the information then from May 2009?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I will.

NO. 1380 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SHIP WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIME

Can Government state how many vessels arriving in the Port of Gibraltar have been inspected or monitored to check compliance with EU Directive and Regulations on ship generated waste management, on a monthly basis since 2007?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

There are no separate inspections carried out on the waste management regime on board ships. As I have said before, the Port State Control regime includes the waste management regime on board ships as necessary. In other words, when a ship is detained for Port State Control by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration, part of the inspection includes the inspection of waste management and not only on what they have on board but all their records that they have to make sure that they have not misled anybody by giving false information not just to the Port of Gibraltar but from previous calls at other ports.

NO. 1381 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE IN RELATION TO LEGAL NOTICE NO. 93 OF 2010

Why were the Building (Energy Performance) Regulations 2010 (made by Legal Notice No. 93 of 2010) made by an Extraordinary Gazette of Monday 17th May 2010 and what was the cost of the publication of that said Extraordinary Gazette?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

An Extraordinary Gazette was issued in relation to Legal Notice No. 93 of 2010 in order to avoid an infraction procedure being processed by the European Commission. The additional expense to Government of publishing by way of an Extraordinary Gazette was £60.

NO. 1382 OF 2010

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 Heathrow;
- (b) London Gatwick;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester,

since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 1383 of 2010.

NO. 1383 OF 2010

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 Heathrow (British Airways);
- (b) London Gatwick (Easyjet);
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester,

since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in this Schedule that I now hand over to him.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION NO. 1383 OF 2010

Answer to Question No. 1382 of 2010

	LHR	LGW	LTN	MAN
June	2	12	2	0
July	6	8	7	3
August	2	7	3	0

Answer to Question No. 1383 of 2010

	LHR		LGW		LTN		MAN	
	SCH	CNX	SCH	CNX	SCH	CNX	SCH	CNX
June	30	0	30	0	30	0	13	0
July	31	0	31	0	31	0	13	0
August	31	0	31	0	31	0	13	0

NO. 1384 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – PASSENGER TAX/LANDING CHARGES

Can Government say how much is owed in passenger tax and landing charges by airlines which fly between Gibraltar and the following airports:

- (a) London Heathrow;
- (b) London Gatwick;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

As stated in my answer to Question No. 332 of 2010, the Government no longer considers it appropriate to provide details of sums due by individual, named commercial entities or citizens and obviously even though you are not asking in terms of names of airlines, but by the fact that British Airways is the only one that flies from Heathrow and Easyjet is the only one that flies from Gatwick, I would be identifying the name of the company.

Between the three companies that use Gibraltar Airport, £78,309 is due in respect of Landing and Parking fees, and £154,520 in respect of Departure Tax.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1384 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Without giving the names, can he provide a breakdown in terms of airline 1, airline 2, airline 3, of those two figures.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I can give the Hon Member the Departure Tax. I cannot give him the Landing and Parking fees because I do not have the actual breakdown. But airline 1, which has nothing to do with (a), let me tell you, could be a coincidence, but is £35,970. Airline 2 is £46,740 and airline 3 is £71,810. Let me tell him that all the three airlines that operate from the UK are quite regular in their monthly payments of both aspects of it. So we are talking of literally one month and a few days because they are consistent with their payments. So they get their bills at the end of the month and within a short period of time they settle. So there is

no issue. It does not always apply to other airlines but in respect of the UK ones, we do not have any problems.

NO. 1385 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – PASSENGER TAX/LANDING CHARGES

Can Government say whether Andalus Airlines has now settled the arrears of passenger tax and landing charges fees owed which were outstanding and if so how much was paid and on what dates?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

As stated in my answer to Question Nos. 332 and 864 of 2010, the Government no longer considers it appropriate to provide details of sums due by individuals, named commercial entities or citizens.

In the circumstances, I am unable to provide the hon Member with the information he has requested. However, if in private you wish to be briefed on what the situation is, I am very happy to do so but I do not think it is in our interest that we should make this information available across the floor and when I explain it to you, you will understand why and this has nothing to do with political or whatever. It is purely commercial in wanting to get paid.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1385 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I take it then they have not paid the amount.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, you can interpret what I have said in whatever way you want. All I am saying is that I am quite happy to explain it to you in private. But, obviously, if I am willing, if I am telling you that making it public may prejudice our position, by implication you can interpret that, the way you wish.

HON J J BOSSANO:

This policy that the Government was toying with of naming and shaming those who do not pay, would not affect Andalus. That is only the local persons?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Sorry, could you repeat your comment again please.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am sure the hon Member is aware that his Government have said in the context of taking a tougher line and doing away with the benign regime of collecting money from debtors which was announced in the Budget. In the Budget we were told the regime of collecting PAYE, social insurance and company tax and so forth, had been benign so far and that benignness is due to disappear at the end of this year and, in the less benign climate, naming and shaming those who do not pay is one of the things that is being factored in. Presumably if that materialises, it would cover Andalus or does it only apply to the residents?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No. I think that the issue is not one of and I can perfectly understand. Let me tell you that the regime has not started yet, for starters, right.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Absolutely.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

But even if it had, we have a situation where the representations that were made to me by airlines at the time was that, as you can see, right, they are totally up to date and fully compliant with the terms and conditions under which they operate. By giving information away on debts and figures, they can find out about competitors' information easily, about departure tax, they know the number of passengers, for example, et cetera, and they felt that it should not be something that should be made public for people to compare. So there is a commercial view or a commercial stand in respect of why they wanted ... Now, I assume that we can take the stand that if somebody has not paid it should be made public and be embarrassed by it. But we do not want to offend those that are complying with the situation. So therefore, Andalus could very well fit in to the category which you have just described, going forward.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The hon Member said last time that Andalus had a new Board and a new Chief Executive and they were considering restarting flights to Gibraltar. Is that still the position or not?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, what I said was that there was a chance that this may happen. I had the Chairman of the company here. There was a new Board appointed and the Board was looking at ways of refinancing the business and restarting. I have had very little communications with them, not because I have not made contact with them, it is because they have not replied

to my contact. But from what I understand, they do have serious problems and I honestly do not believe they are operating anywhere. I think their operating licence has now been withdrawn by the Spanish Civil Aviation Authority, but we still need to find out. Having said that, and I think it is in the Order Paper later on in another question, there are people that have not been paid, for example, for tickets they booked and then the flight was cancelled and they seem to be honouring them because people are getting paid. So they must have some money somewhere. So, I do not think they are sort of running away but I think they are, at the moment, in a situation where they either cannot get started yet or they are going to abandon xxxxx altogether. But I have not had any official feedback. All I hear are the rumours in the industry and I do not base my assumptions on rumours.

NO. 1386 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ANDALUS AIRLINES

Are Government aware of how many prospective passengers of Andalus Airlines are waiting for refunds in respect of flights which they had paid for which were subsequently cancelled?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government are not aware of the total number of passengers of Andalus Airlines awaiting refunds in respect of flights cancelled. However, the Department of Consumer Affairs in Gibraltar has received a total of three requests for assistance which they have referred to us and we have made representations to the airline on the matter and my understanding is that one has been settled and two are still outstanding. But that is as far as I can give you. If there are other instances, there must be people who are dealing directly with the airline on the matter and have not either made representations to ourselves or the Department of Consumer Affairs.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1386 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is this an area where there is any kind of safety net that has to be provided so that if an airline does not pay the passengers, like there is in UK, for example, with travel agents. Are the people that travel with Andalus covered by anything like that?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

It depends how you bought your ticket. I think if you have bought your ticket from a travel agent who is a member of IATA, then there is an insurance cover which, basically, you get your refund for that. If you have bought your ticket on the internet and directly from the airline then it is really a commercial transaction between you and the airline and I do not think that you are in any way ... but this is across, it is not Andalus or anything, this is across the whole airline industry. So there is a difference as to how you buy your ticket and what sort of recourse you have to be able to get the refund.

NO. 1387 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ANDALUS AIRLINES

Have Government now obtained confirmation from Andalus Airlines as to how much of the matching £50,000 put up by the airline has been spent on marketing the route?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

In a report received from the Marketing Manager of Andalus Airlines in June of this year, it was confirmed that the airline had spent over €231,000 in promoting their routes to Gibraltar, since June 2009.

This included the cost of advertising in the press, billboards, familiarisation trips and press and travel agent trips. However, what we have not been able to establish was whether the window in which the Gibraltar Tourist Board participated, in a marketing drive totalling £44,936 which is information that I have already made available to the House previously, whether we can match the one to one that we have as an agreement. I think that, possibly, the state of the airline at that point was, here I will send you everything that we have done since June last year and if you want to go through it yourself. It is not very easy for us to identify exactly the point in time into which the marketing activity that was carried out for the Tourist Board coincides with them chronologically. But there is justification on that. We have been privy to adverts in the press in Madrid, for example, even in Barcelona when they did not actually fly a second time. They actually were advertising it two months before. We have seen billboards. In fact, there are billboards still up, along the coast, advertising the flight to Madrid and therefore, although not satisfactorily handled in terms of matching funds on a one to one basis, I think they exceeded their advertising budget and, as I said, from June 2009 to June this year, which is a year, they spent over €231,000 on the route.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1387 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does the hon Member know whether the €231,000 was only for the Gibraltar route or for all the routes?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No. It was promoting the route from Gibraltar to Madrid and, as I said, Barcelona which never restarted.

NO. 1388 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

AIRLINES INTERESTED IN FLYING TO GIBRALTAR

Can Government say how many airlines, interested in flying to Gibraltar, they are currently in contact with?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

As stated in my answer to Question No. 867 of 2010, the Government continues with its contacts and discussions with a number of airlines. However, in common with my response in previous Parliamentary Questions, for reasons of commercial confidentiality it would not be appropriate for me to provide further information. But I can assure the hon Member that we are at it.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1388 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the hon Member say why the number would be something commercially in confidence, the number of the airlines, not the names the numbers?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The number of airlines, I think I gave you that last time, did I not? At the Routes Conference you were talking about?

HON DR J J GARCIA:

No. The question asks how many airlines. It does not say which ones they are.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

There are seven active ones.

NO. 1389 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – CEO OF GIBRALTAR AIR TERMINAL LIMITED

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Chief Executive Officer of Gibraltar Air Terminal Ltd which was advertised on 19th August with a closing date of 15th September, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

A total of eleven persons applied for the post of Chief Executive Officer of Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited which was advertised on 19th August 2010. Of these, ten were Gibraltarians and one is a British national who is a long established resident of Gibraltar.

Interviews for this post have not yet been conducted.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1389 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the hon Member say when they require the person to be in post? By when?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

As soon as possible.

NO. 1390 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****TRANSCOMA FERRY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS**

Can Government say how many persons arrived and departed from Gibraltar on the Transcoma Algeciras ferry, on a monthly basis, since June 2010 inclusive?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT**

The following number of persons have arrived and departed on the Transcoma Algeciras ferry, on a monthly basis:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Departures</u>
June	787	661
July	1074	1019
August	982	1901
September (up to 18 th)	540	1062

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1390 OF 2010**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the hon Member know whether that level of turnover is considered sufficient by the company to make it a viable operation?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not think that that is the case. I think the figures have to be much higher than that. But as we can see from the figures, they are on the increase and the company is still hopeful that they will reach that level as soon as ... They started in the month of December last year which was not a particularly good month to start. Weather conditions at the beginning of the year were not the best we have ever had in Gibraltar and, therefore, they basically did not really start until about April and the business is starting to grow. They would like to see much higher figures than that. But they fully understand that to launch this route and make it commercially viable will take them time and, as long as they can sustain that, they will continue on the route.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

How many crossings are they doing per day?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I believe they are doing ... On weekdays I think they are doing four crossings a day and I think on Saturdays they are doing two and on Sunday they are not doing any. They do not operate on Sunday. But that is just off the top of my head. I am not ... because they have had changes to their schedule done in order to accommodate the FRS daily service to Tangier as well and they had to do certain changes to their daily programme.

NO. 1391 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TRANSCOMA FERRY – PERMIT OR EXPORT LICENCE FOR TOBACCO

Can Government say whether the Transcoma ferry which operates between Gibraltar and Algeciras has a permit or export licence for tobacco?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The Transcoma ferry does not have a permit or export licence for tobacco.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1391 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does that mean they cannot buy tobacco and sell it on board the ferry?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, after actually reading the answer to the hon Member I thought to myself, anybody can come to Gibraltar on a yacht or whatever and buy supplies of whatever goods xxxxx and to do that they need an Export Licence which Customs give them or does not give them. So they must have some form of licence because they do buy tobacco from a local supplier/wholesaler for sale on board. But let me tell you and I say this in order to clear up what a lot of people talk about and that is that they have a very strict regime as to the quantity of tobacco they are able to buy and it is very much geared towards the number of passengers that are on board. So, the purpose of buying tobacco by the ferry is geared very much to on board sales, like you have in any tourist ferry or whatever. But the idea of them buying and taking tobacco to Spain, as has been commented locally, is not the case. Customs have a very strict control over that.

NO. 1392 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

COSTA CRUCEROS – VESSELS DIVERTED

Can Government confirm whether Costa Cruceros have diverted away any anticipated calls by their vessels to Gibraltar this year and, if so, how many, on what dates were the vessels due to have come in and what are the names of the ships in question?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Costa cancelled two booked calls to Gibraltar. One was the COSTA VICTORIA which was cancelled 9th October 2008 and the other was the COSTA CONCORDIA which was cancelled on 24th August 2009. Both these cancellations would have been made before the 2010 Costa brochure was published and so while technically there were “cancellations”, as far as the Port is concerned, they are not so from the public’s point of view as they were never featured in any marketing material. In other words, in 2008 when they were looking at possible schedules for 2010 they did x number of bookings and we find that this is now more and more common because we have set days when we do not have berthing facilities. So what a lot of companies are doing is that they send us a booking form with a list of possible booking dates but then actually as we get nearer the time they start to make changes and all they are trying to do is get a slot so when somebody else puts in a request we have to say we are sorry but we are over subscribed on that particular day and in this case this is what happened. They actually had two calls that they had booked with the Port Authority that actually never materialised when it came to the actual selling of this.

Cruise companies are continuously amending their itineraries every year and Costa is no different. Their published schedules for 2010 now shows calls by COSTA SERENA on 29th November and COSTA CONCORDIA on 23rd December and we look forward to seeing both ships arrive as planned. Additionally, COSTA ALLEGRE called on 16th September but on a charter to a French operator TMR. In other words, it is just changes in their itinerary and nothing to do with actual cancellations.

NO. 1393 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****POSIDONIA EXHIBITION IN GREECE**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's attendance and participation at the Posidonia Exhibition in Greece in June 2010 and who made up the official Gibraltar delegation?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT**

The cost of Gibraltar's attendance and participation at the Posidonia Exhibition in Greece in June 2010 was £9,882.25. However, this is the final figure after deducting the sponsorship contributions by industry players of £26,426.70, from the total expenditure of £36,308.95.

The breakdown of this expenditure, that is the £36,308.95, is as follows:

	£
Stand space	9,526.66
Stand bill and dismantle	11,373.46
Air fares, hotels, incidental expenses	12,339.94
Reception and Invitations	1,962.89
Freight	<u>1,106.00</u>
	36,308.95

The official Gibraltar Delegation included:

Minister J J Holliday – Minister for Enterprise, Development, Technology & Transport
 Mr Peter Canessa – Principal Private Secretary
 Captain Peter Hall – Captain of the Port
 Mr Albert Poggio – Director, London Office
 Miss Edwina O'Mahoney – Marketing Executive, London Office

NO. 1394 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

POSIDONIA EXHIBITION IN GREECE

Can Government say how much was paid in sponsorship by each of the Gibraltar based industry players who part-sponsored the Gibraltar stand at the Posidonia Exhibition in Greece in June 2010?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in this schedule which I now hand over to him which basically lists the different companies and their sponsorship. There were basically two levels of sponsorship. There was the £5,000 sponsorship which gave them entitlement to inviting a number of guests to the reception, their participation on the stand, some logos and some of the stand background was used to promote their company. Then there was the £750 sponsorship which was a second tier of sponsorship which was just for the display of literature. Basically, we had five companies who accepted tier A which was the more expensive one and two companies that opted for the second tier.

Schedule to Question No. 1394 of 2010

POSIDONIA 2010

SPONSORSHIP

Vemaoil	£5000
Aegean Bunkering	£5000
Gibunco	£5000
Steelmac	£5000
Gibdock	£5000
Nature Port Reception Facilities	£750
A Mateos & Sons	£750

NO. 1395 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CONFERENCES SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENT

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 AND
TRANSPORT**

As I have said in the House before, I do not know why I get lumbered with this question every time but my Ministry has not sponsored or co-sponsored in Gibraltar or elsewhere any conferences since the last Question Time in the House. I am sure that some of my colleagues may be able to, for example, the Calpe Conference comes to mind.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1395 OF 2010

HON E J REYES:

Yes. Only very recently this month there was the annual Calpe Conference.

NO. 1396 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

How often and on what dates have the following met since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament:

- (a) the Port Advisory Council;
- (b) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council;
- (c) the E-Business Advisory Council?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Since the information supplied at the last Question Time in Parliament, the Port Advisory Council met on the 19th August 2010. The Business and Commerce Advisory Council and the E-Business Advisory Council have not met.

NO. 1397 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU/GOVERNMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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 AND
TRANSPORT**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in this schedule that I now hand over to him.

Schedule to Question No. 1397 of 2010

ERDF C&EO 2007-2013 PROGRAMME

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	PS	Purpose of Grant
27	Montaditos Bar	Active	£19,156.65 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	£44,698.85 (70%)	Building works and equipment
28	Play Centre	Active	£47,052.15 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	£109,788.35 (70%)	Building works, equipment and furniture, advertising and website, freight and import duty (12%) and Rent Subsidy Scheme
29	Holographic 3D	Active	£80,255.37 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	£187,262.53 (70%)	Equipment and software
30	Ocean Café	Active	£19,917.00 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	£46,473.00 (70%)	Building works and equipment

NO. 1398 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Development Aid Advisory Committee met since the information supplied in the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

There have been no meetings of the Development Aid Advisory Committee since the information supplied at the last Question Time in Parliament.

NO. 1399 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION

How many meetings of the Development and Planning Commission have taken place since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament and on what dates?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Since 17th June 2010, there have been four meetings of the Development and Planning Commission:

- 27th May 2010
- 25th June 2010
- 12th August 2010
- 26th August 2010

NO. 1400 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**CASEMATES / WATERGATE HOUSE / CHATHAM COUNTERGUARD COMMERCIAL
UNITS**

Can Government say whether the following commercial units will be put out to tender and if so when:

- (a) the one vacant unit on the first floor of Casemates Barracks (not in the arcade);
- (b) the one unit on the top floor of Watergate House;
- (c) the six unallocated units at Chatham Counterguard?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 1401 of 2010.

NO. 1401 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CHATHAM COUNTERGUARD COMMERCIAL UNITS – WATERPROOFING

Can Government say whether the Government are carrying out or have commissioned any waterproofing works at the commercial units in Chatham Counterguard and if so at what cost?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The one vacant unit on the first floor of Casemates Barracks will not be put out to tender for the time being.

The one unit on the top floor of Watergate House will not be put out to tender either.

The six unallocated units at Chatham Counterguard will be put out to tender shortly.

Waterproofing works are being carried out along the external area of Chatham Counterguard at a cost of £71,806.95. I believe the works have now been completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1400 AND 1401 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the hon Member say who carried out those works and whether they went out to tender?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think they were carried out by GJBS. But I am not absolutely certain because that was a matter that was tackled by the Technical Services Department and is not something that I would get involved in. But I think, having seen the scaffolding on my way to work, I think is GJBS.

NO. 1402 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDERS RECEIVED FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT OF BUENA VISTA BARRACKS

Can Government say how many entities have submitted a tender for the re-development of Buena Vista Barracks which was advertised on 29th June 2010 with a closing date of 24th September 2010 and can they say who is the successful bidder and in what amount?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

When the answers to questions for this session of Parliament were being compiled this tender was still open. Therefore, I am unable to supply the information requested. Now since that, then obviously there has been. The tender closed last Friday and I am aware that there have been a number of applications but I am not aware of the details as yet. It is still being compiled by those that open the tender boxes and prepare the analysis and things.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1402 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the hon Member say how many there are or not?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No. I am not aware.

NO. 1403 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY DPC – CONSTRUCTION OF OIL STORAGE TANKS WESTERN ARM NORTH MOLE

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of the application for planning permission by Nature Port Reception Facilities to construct oil storage tanks as an extension to the sullage plant at Western Arm North Mole?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT

There has only been one written representation from the public concerned with the extent of works via-a-vis an encroachment into adjacent land belonging to the member of the public. In other words, it is the next door neighbour complaining about the fact that they were going to get too close to them.

NO. 1404 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLANNING PERMISSION APPLICATIONS

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 AND
TRANSPORT**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in this schedule that I now hand over to him.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 1404

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN: 17/6/10 AND 21/9/10

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
11461	Hassan's International Law Firm	Internal reconfiguration and refurbishment of existing meeting rooms.	Approved	57/63 Line Wall Road
11462	Dept. of the Environment	Proposed modifications to roof, insulation to external walls & general refurbishment.	Pending	Old Mole Head Waterport Wharf
11463	Mr D Mifsud	Proposed internal modification to flat.	Approved	19 Sea Daffodil House Waterport Terraces
11464	Moti Viroomal	Proposed conversion of shop to takeaway and alterations to shopfront.	Approved	249 Main Street
11465	Mr S Gross	Proposed internal modification to flat.	Approved	406 Cumberland Terraces
11466	Alan D Gravett	Proposed installation of glass curtains on balcony.	Pending	332 Watergardens
11467	Jonathan & Eva Golding	Proposed Conversion of Two Flats into One.	Approved	29 & 30 Bridgetown Court Harbour Views
11468	Mrs P Cantos	Partial extension at 1st floor level (rear), refurbishment of ground floor and existing area at first floor level (rear)	Pending	11 Town Range
11469	Ocean Village Investments Ltd.	Proposed access gates to pontoons.	Approved	Pontoon Ocean Village Promenade Ocean Village
11470	The Office of the Governors	Proposed widening of doorway onto Main Street (goods entrance) and install lift for disabled access.	Approved	The Convent Main Street
11471	John Golt	Replacement of an existing window.	Pending	16c Elliot's Battery
11472	Ocean Village Commercial	Internal fitout of office.	Approved	Leisure Island Business Centre
11473	Darren Cassano Esq	Proposed demolition of single storey hut.	Approved	6A & B North Pavilion Road
11474	Gilbert Licudi Esq.	Proposed permanent above ground swimming pool.	Approved	9 Catalan Gardens
11475	Mr & Mrs Stagnetto	Proposed conversion.	Pending	9 Mount Road
11476	Christine Pons	Proposed extension to terrace & internal alterations.	Approved	17 Shorthorn Estate

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<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
11477	R Benzaquen	Proposed alterations and refurbishment of building.	Approved	16 George's Lane
11478	Mr Shawn Gulraj	Proposed conversion of retail shop into coffee shop/delicatessen.	Approved	275 Main Street
11479	Fiduciary Property Services Ltd.	Proposed conversion of shop units.	Approved	404 & 405 Eurotowers
11480	International Franchises Ltd	Proposed replacement of internal doors with fire doors in shop unit.	Approved	ICC Casemates Square
11481	Land Holdings (1988) Limited	Proposed conversion of one flat into two self contained flats.	Approved	37/5 Line Wall Road
11482	Janice Cruz	Proposed change of use into a hair salon.	Approved	Ocean Village Promenade
11483	Albert Isola	Proposed replacement of air conditioning unit.	Pending	3 Bell Lane
11484	J J De La Paz Consulting	Proposed demolition of single storey masonry structure.	Government Project	S10 Substation Winston Churchill Avenue
11485	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	ICC Casemates Square
11486	Rock Motors Retail Ltd.	Proposed internal alterations, vehicular access and lay-bys.	Pending	2/4 Queensway
11487	Millard Holdings Ltd	Fit-out of commercial premises for nursery.	Approved	Rock Rose House Waterport Terraces
11488	Mr J Canepa	Proposed construction of conservatory on existing terrace.	Approved	8/12 Buena Vista Road
11489	Gibcorp Ltd	Proposed replament of the current automatic swinging doors with automatic sliding doors & relocating the fire exit door.	Approved	57/63 Natwest House Line Wall Road
11490	Paola Bonutti	Proposed opening between two units.	Approved	Casemates Arcade
11491	MPLC LTD	Proposed office toilet refurbishment.	Approved	Regal House Queensway
11492	The Light and Power Shop Ltd.	Proposed internal alterations to shop and replacement signage.	Approved	325A Main Street
11493	Barrow Hills Ltd.	Proposed enclosure for valetting.	Approved	Car Wash Waterport Coach Park

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
11494	Keleden Holdings Ltd.	Proposed change of use of first floor from residential to office use. Refurbishment of second and third floors for residential, small extensions to inner patios, provision of lift, rear extension to roof terrace and provision of terraces to front and rear roofs.	Approved	138 Main Street
11495	Emma Azopardi	Proposed internal modification to property.	Approved	607 Cumberland Terraces
11496	Armando Cohen	Proposed replacement of roof tiles.	Pending	12 Governor's Lane
11497	Bari Properties Ltd.	Proposed replacement of roof.	Approved	Don House Arcade
11498	Alrite Ltd.	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	616 Watergardens
11499	The Estate of Baruj Serfaty	Conversion of existing studio flat into a three bedroom maisonette by adding one floor to the existing building.	Approved	1/4 Naval Hospital Road
11500	Mr R Lomax	Proposed replacement of windows.	Approved	18c Elliot's Battery
11501	Mr A Perez	Proposed change of window.	Approved	24A Elliot's Battery
11502	Care Agency	Proposed air conditioning units.	Government Project	St Bernadette's O/T Centre
11503	Ashok Rupani	Sun and wind screens.	Pending	909 / 702 Royal Ocean Plaza
11504	Mr & Mrs Perry	Conversion of Terrace to 2 Bedroom/1 Bedroom. Door from Terrace to Lobby.	Pending	Apt 2 The Sails
11505	Christian Laguea	Proposed installation of air conditioning unit.	Approved	75 Rosia Dale
11506	Ralph Lima	Proposed conversion into a mini market.	Pending	Fish Market Road
11507	Mr D A Orfilla	Replace existing sheeted roof with a flat terrace accessible through a new doorway at the top stair landing.	Approved	13 Governor's Street
11508	I & F Massias	Proposed refurbishment of façade.	Approved	10 City Mill Lane
11509	Flamenco Holdings Ltd.	Proposed change of use from shop to restaurant.	Pending	2 Casemates House Casemates Square
11510	Property Partners (International)	Proposed internal alterations from one unit into original two units.	Pending	Watergardens

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
11511	Gibraltar Squash Association	Proposed two new squash courts, gymnasium and internal refurbishment.	Pending	South Pavilion Road
11512	Emilio Gomez	Proposed replacement of roof tiles and replacement of lower terraces and car port with existing type.	Approved	1C/4B Engineer Road Maida Vale
11513	Jotsun's Ltd	Proposed refurbishment of shop front.	Pending	119 Main Street
11514	Rodman Properties	Proposed refurbishment of flat.	Pending	25/6 Hospital Ramp
11515	Mr M Mifsud	Proposed additions and alterations to block 2.	Pending	Casemates House Casemates Square
11516	James Hughes	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village
11517	Rotunda Holdings PLC	Proposed refurbishment of existing building to reopen as a supermarket	Pending	4-16 La Rotunda Winston Churchill Avenue
11518	Messrs Fenan Ltd	Proposed conversion/refurbishment of flat.	Pending	263/5 Main Street
11519	Mr S Vaughan	Proposed retention of existing bungalow, demolition of extension and construction of a 4 bedroom detached house.	Pending	7 Humphrey's Bungalows Engineer Road
11520	Charnwood Construction Ltd	Proposed conversion of club into workshop	Pending	41A Europa Road
11521	G.O.N.H.S	Proposed construction of two aviaries.	Pending	Lathbury Barracks Lathbury Barracks
11522	Alan Perez & Gail Prior-Perez	Proposed alterations to flat.	Pending	503 Nelson's View
11523	Government of Gibraltar	Proposed demolition.	Pending	Ex - Royal Naval Hospital Europa Road
11524	Gibraltar Subaqua Club	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	Victualling Yard Rosia Bay
11525	Government of Gibraltar	Proposed relocation of Sea Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh facilities.	Pending	North Mole Road
11526	Government of Gibraltar	Relocation of New Gibraltar Government Marine Station	Pending	North Mole Road
11527	Mr S Vinales	Proposed new shop frontage and signage.	Pending	Alameda Video Club/Alameda Kiosk Grand Parade
11528	Margaret Cross	Proposed awning.	Pending	121/122 Mauretania Both Worlds

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<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
11529	Government of Gibraltar	Proposed demolition of building.	Pending	Old St Bernard's Hospital Hospital Hill
11530	Kim Soiza	Proposed repairs and alterations.	Pending	10 Hospital Ramp
11531	Calpe Rowing Club	Proposed alterations and refurbishment.	Pending	Calpe Rowing Club Europort Road
11532	Robert Hutton	Proposed extension to garden wall.	Pending	3A Fiat Bastion Road
11533	Tiberius Holdings Ltd.	Proposed re-development of existing building.	Pending	6/8 Library Street
11534	Cynthia Limited	Proposed alterations to accommodate a supermarket.	Pending	Waterport Terraces
11535	Mr Zane Benneworth (& Others)	Proposed extension to flats 1 & 3 to rear of building (F-Block) on one side.	Pending	2 F Block Naval Hospital Hill
11536	David Duarte	Internal alterations.	Pending	4 Sea Lavenderr House Waterport Terraces
11537	Currency Centre	Alterations to shop front.	Pending	Eurotowers
11538	Mr B Murphy & others	Proposed minor works to terrace areas and proposed construction of a pool to unit 7.	Pending	Lord Napier Mews Rodger's Road
11539	Prime Suites	Proposed internal alterations to fit-out first floor as offices and second-third floor as residential.		Pending 218/220 Main Street
11540	Endless Limited	Proposed shop front and internal alterations.	Pending	321 Main Street

NO. 1405 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLANNING PERMISSION – CONVERSION INTO HOTEL OF 5, 7, 9 TOWN RANGE AND 29, 31, 33 GOVERNOR’S STREET

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Parade Developments (001) for the proposed conversion into a hotel of 5, 7 and 9 Town Range and 29, 31 and 33 Governor's Parade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT

Outline planning permission with conditions was granted by the Development and Planning Commission on the 3rd September 2010.

NO. 1406 OF 2010

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 the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1407 and 1408 of 2010.

NO. 1407 OF 2010

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 the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1406 and 1408 of 2010.

NO. 1408 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS – COMPUTER HARDWARE

What was the value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in this schedule that I now hand to him.

Schedule to Question No. 1408 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1406 of 2010

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since April 2010 was as follows:

<u>Private Motor Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>			<u>Private Motor Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>		
	Number	Value (£ thousands)		Number	Value (£ millions)
April 2010	24	69		456	9.1
May 2010	24	75		561	9.1
June 2010	29	83		349	6.3

Answer to Question No. 1407 of 2010

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since April 2010 was as follows:

<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>			<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>		
	Number	Value (£ thousands)		Number	Value (£ thousands)
April 2010	-	-		5	76.2
May 2010	-	-		1	7.3
June 2010	-	-		2	6.5

Answer to Question No. 1408 of 2010

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since April 2010 was as follows:

	Value of Computer (£ thousands)
April 2010	712
May 2010	799
June 2010	905

NO. 1409 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****GTB – REVENUE RAISED BY CHARGING COACHES THAT USE COACH PARK**

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament by charging coaches that use the coach park?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The Coach Park revenue from 10th June to 19th September 2010 is as follows:

Month	Revenue Amount
10 th June to 30 th June	£4,200.00
July	£4,130.00
August	£4,050.00
1 st to 19 th September	£4,190.00

Now, for the sake of clarity and making sure that nobody gets the wrong end of the stick at a future meeting of the House, these figures are the book figures. In other words, when a coach comes in it has to pay £10 and that is recorded and that adds up to £4,200, right. But they can actually pay in euros and always making a profit and therefore the actual money that is deposited could alter by a few pence or a few pounds in the market. So instead of say, £4,200 in a particular month, it could be £4,287. But that would mean going through, reconciling of the books. But that is what is declared in terms of, in the books. But the actual money deposited includes the exchange rate gain.

NO. 1410 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT AUTHORITY – REPLACEMENT OF PORT OFFICE WINDOWS

What has been the cost of replacing the windows at the Port Office, which company was contracted to do the work, how many tenders were received and was the successful bidder the lowest tenderer?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The cost of repairing the windows at the Port Office was £32,165. There were two submissions and the works were awarded to Paul Lewis Ltd who submitted the lowest price.

NO. 1411 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR BUNKERING SUPERINTENDENT

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the vacancy for Bunkering Superintendent which was advertised on 18th August 2010 with a closing date of 31st August 2010, how many were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

There have been seven applications. There were no Gibraltarian applicants but one is a resident of Gibraltar.

No applicant has been selected for the post as yet, as the selection process has not been finalised.

NO. 1412 OF 2010

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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

No new bunkering licences have been issued and no applications for such licences have been made since the last Question Time in this House.

NO. 1413 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SHIP CALLS

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 1418 of 2010.

NO. 1414 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****NUMBER AND REVENUE RAISED FROM SHIP TO SHIP TRANSFERS OF OIL / FUEL CARGO (NOT BUNKERING) IN GIBRALTAR TERRITORIAL WATERS**

Can Government say how many ship to ship oil/fuel cargo transfers (not bunkering) have been carried out on a monthly basis, in the territorial waters of Gibraltar, since June 2010 inclusive and how much revenue has been raised as a result, also broken down by month?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT**

The number of ship to ship oil/fuel cargo transfers (not bunkering) that have been carried out on a monthly basis since June 2010 together with the revenue raised is as follows:

Year/Month 2010	STS Motherships	STS Commercial	STS
June	10	0	£10,000.00
July	7	3	£22,000.00
August	9	9	£55,000.00

NO. 1415 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

BUNKERING OPERATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE

Have any bunkering operations already occurred on the East Side (including supply of water or lube oils) before 1st September 2010, when did these operations take place and what consents were put in place to authorise them?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1416 and 1417 of 2010.

NO. 1416 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

BUNKERING OPERATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE

What is the timetable for opening up the East Side for bunkering operations and what provision is being made for pilotage, tugs and other services including bunker inspections?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1415 and 1417 of 2010.

NO. 1417 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****REVENUE FROM VESSELS USING EAST SIDE ANCHORAGE**

Can Government say how much revenue has been collected from vessels using the East Side anchorage, on a monthly basis, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT**

The servicing of vessels on the East Side with water, crew changes, small quantities of lube oil and spares has been going on for many years. However, a trial was carried out for a fully fledged bunkering operation on the 27th July 2009. At the last Question Time, the House was informed about the controls put in place for this trial and the status of bunkering operations as on the East Side and therefore I would refer the hon Member to Question No. 124 of 2010.

It is the Government's intention that an Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out prior to any bunkering taking place on the East Side. The timetable for this assessment is as follows:

An environmental screening study and appropriate assessment is currently being undertaken and this is due to be completed by the end of October. This assessment informs the requirements for the Environmental Impact Assessment which will commence as soon as possible after that. A draft timetable indicates that this process may be completed by February 2011. It is only after the completion of the Assessment that the matter of mitigation and services can be fully considered.

The revenue collected from vessels using the East Side anchorage on a monthly basis, since the last Question Time in this Parliament is as follows:

MONTH	£
MAY	5,876.20
JUNE	22,394.15
JULY	30,628.36
AUGUST	30,413.85
SEPTEMBER (TO DATE)	33,977.77

I am not sure whether the figure for May is actually part of a month or not because it seems pretty low compared to the norm.

In September, up to the date of the formulation of this answer which was somewhere around the 21st September.

NO. 1418 OF 2010**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****ACCIDENTS IN BAY OF GIBRALTAR/TERRITORIAL WATERS REPORTED TO PORT AUTHORITY**

How many accidents have been reported to the Port of Gibraltar as occurring in the Bay of Gibraltar or the territorial waters of Gibraltar since May 2010, and what was the nature, date and effect of any such accidents, the name of the operator and of any vessels involved?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT**

The number of ships that have called at Gibraltar for (a) bunkers, (b) cargo and (c) repairs since the last Question Time in this Parliament is as follows:

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Bunkers	607	595	604	600
Cargo	15	16	12	15
Repairs	12	10	13	10

Bunker fuel sold since the last Question Time in Parliament is as follows:

May	431,404 tonnes
June	428,933 tonnes

The number of accidents that have been reported to the Port of Gibraltar as occurring in the Bay of Gibraltar or the territorial waters of Gibraltar since May 2010 and their nature, date and effect is set out in the schedule which I now hand over to the hon Member and I also include an extract from the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2006 where you have the definition of "accident" because obviously accident is a very wide word and everything that is included in that definition is included in the report that I have given the hon Member. So, for example, a ship may break down and have an engine failure, that is classified as an accident but strictly speaking it has not been an accident. It could have been an accident but it could have developed into an accident. But if we responded to it adequately, it does not actually become an accident per se. So I have given the hon Member the definition so that the hon Member can understand that everything that is listed there is based on that definition.

Schedule to Question No. 1418 of 2010.

Date	Incident/Vessel Name	Incident Details
5.8.10	Crackers	Yacht broke down 2.5 miles of Europa point. Port launch towed yacht into Gibraltar.
8.8.10	Wonderful	Yacht owner called VTS to inform the master was drunk and had to be locked in a cabin after threatening crew members with a knife. RGP went onboard upon arrival and arrested the master
9.8.10	See More Business	Yacht in trouble position 36° 11'N 005° 19 'W upon arrival of Port launch to location they found yacht being towed by Spanish trawler into Spanish fishing Port "Ayunara"
11.8.10	Dead Bodies	RGP assisted the GPA in retrieving two bodies from the sea (illegal immigrant).
15.8.10	Missing Diver	Pilot Breen informed GPA that there was a missing diver off Rosia Bay, Port launch attended and diver was found safe.
17.8.10	G1198	As port launch was conducting routine patrol they spotted G1198 in trouble (Engine) and towed them in.
22.8.10	Grand Venetico	As she was approaching pilot position vessel lost her starboard anchor.
27.8.10	Rescue	Port launch dispatched to assist a local boat off Catalan Bay.
31.7.10	Aegean XI/Vema XXIII	Report of near miss collision
28.7.10	Nisyros	DPO reported that vessel had M/E failure while departing from D/Mole
21.6.10	Small Boat	Port launch assisted and towed local boat in trouble G122 - taken to Coaling Island
20.6.10	Port Launch	Attended yacht in distress and towed her safely to Coaling Island
14.6.10	Bracken	Fouled anchor - recovered by Steelmac
9.6.10	Kalith	Experienced engine problems as she was coming in to Bay - Vessel instructed to anchor on east side until engines repaired – standby tug in attendance
7.6.10	Mont Carlo	Requested medical assistance for vessel's Master
20.5.10	Small Yacht	Port launch towed yacht to D/Mole with engine problems
19.5.10	BW Herdis	Loss of engine power - Pilot managed to anchor safely - tug placed on standby
15.5.10	Vemabaltic/Sea Rambler	STS operation - due to very high sulphur levels (over 500ppm) vessel instructed to proceed east away from BGTW to vent tanks safely - once levels acceptable at 20ppm vessel was allowed to carry out STS
12.5.10	YT Socrates	Reported man overboard off Punta Carnero - Port launch deployed to assist - man recovered with minor injuries - Yacht escorted to Queensway Quay Marine
1.5.10	Vanda	Suffered engine problems
1.5.10	Prince of Sound	Dragged anchor - Pilot re-anchored vessel
1.5.10	BBC New York	Problem with crew member - Port Launch/RGP attended - agent disembarked crew member
1.5.10	Irene SL	Anchor problems - instructed to proceed to East Side until she could repair anchor – tug on standby

Continued Question No. 1418 of 2010

Within the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2006 an accident is defined as follows:

Meaning of “accident”.

3.(1) For the purpose of these Regulations and of section 91 of the Act, “accident” means any occurrence on board a ship or involving a ship whereby –

- (a) There is loss of life or major injury to any person on board, or any person is lost or falls overboard from the ship or one of its boats; or
- (b) The ship –
 - (i) Causes any loss of life, major injury or material damage,
 - (ii) Is lost or is presumed to be lost,
 - (iii) Is abandoned,
 - (iv) Is materially damaged by fire, explosion, weather or other cause,
 - (v) Grounds,
 - (vi) Is in collision,
 - (vii) Is disabled, or
 - (viii) Causes significant harm to the environment; or
- (c) Any of the following occur –
 - (i) A collapse or bursting of any pressure vessel, pipeline or valve,
 - (ii) A collapse or failure of any lifting equipment, access equipment, hatch-cover, staging or boatswain’s chair or any associated load-bearing parts,
 - (iii) A collapse of cargo, unintended movement of cargo or ballast sufficient to cause a list, or loss of cargo overboard,
 - (iv) A contact by a person with loose asbestos fibre except when full protective clothing is worn, or
 - (v) An escape of any harmful substance or agent, if the occurrence might have caused serious injury or damage to the health of any person.

NO. 1419 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW FLAME ACCIDENT REPORT

Are Government in a position to say whether and, if so, when it is going to adopt the recommendation in the report into the New Flame accident that there should be outbound pilotage in respect of vessels leaving our waters?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The New Flame report recommends that the Gibraltar Port Authority encourages Masters to engage the services of Pilots when outbound from the Western anchorage.

This process is currently being carried out and has been in operation shortly after the report was issued.

The management of departing vessels has been further enhanced by the introduction of the new VTS Traffic Organisation service which was introduced in June this year.

NO. 1420 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT AUTHORITY – VTS SYSTEM

Can Government say whether the VTS system for the Port is now fully operational and if so as from what date?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The VTS system is operational, with radar, AIS and CCTV coverage. The installation of radar and met-station at the MOD Windmill Hill site is still not completed. The necessary infrastructure works are currently in process with this part of the system becoming operational later this year.

NO. 1421 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW AIR TERMINAL – DUTY FREE FACILITIES

Can Government say on what date they first considered or discussed, formally or informally, the possible abolition of duty free shopping at the new air terminal building?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 1422 of 2010.

NO. 1422 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW AIR TERMINAL – DUTY FREE FACILITIES

Can Government say on what date existing shop owners in the present air terminal were first consulted over their review of duty free shopping in the new air terminal?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government cannot pinpoint a date when they first considered or discussed, formally or informally, the possible abolition of duty free shopping at the new air terminal building. However, the matter was raised during meetings with shop owners in the departure lounge in the present air terminal building on 8th, 9th and 17th February 2010.

NO. 1423 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SPONSORSHIP/SUBSIDY/MARKETING ASSISTANCE TO GIBRALTAR TRAVEL COMPANIES

What criteria does the Government apply when deciding whether or not to make payments to Gibraltar companies in the travel industry in respect of sponsorship or subsidy or marketing assistance?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question No. 1424 of 2010.

NO. 1424 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SPONSORSHIP/SUBSIDY/MARKETING ASSISTANCE TO GIBRALTAR TRAVEL COMPANIES

What payments of any nature (other than for payment of invoices for travel services provided to the Government) and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, in particular sums in respect of sponsorship or subsidy or marketing assistance, have been made by the Government to Gibraltar companies in the travel industry in the financial years since 2005/2006 giving a breakdown of the nature of the payment, the name of the company paid, the date the payment was made and the amounts paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT

The Government have never provided any sponsorship, subsidy or marketing assistance to the Gibraltar travel industry. In fact, Members might wish to know that when I received the question, I rang up Dr Garcia to enquire whether I was misreading the question or not because I really did not understand what the hon Member was trying to achieve. But to my knowledge, nobody has ever been sponsored or subsidised or given any marketing assistance.

NO. 1425 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GEA – INCREASE IN COST OF PURCHASING ELECTRICITY FROM OESCO

Can Government explain why they are budgeting an increase in the cost of purchasing electricity from OESCO in the current financial year of £1.5 million?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

There was an increase in the budget for the cost of purchasing electricity from OESCO in the current financial year of approximately £1.5 million to cater for an expected increase of approximately £0.8 million in the cost of purchase due to fuel price increases and an expected increase of £0.7 million due to a higher number of units purchased as a consequence of an expected increase in the number of units sold.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1425 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the price at which they sell the units the same as the price that we pay for buying them or is there a margin of difference between the two?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think there is a margin of difference. What that margin is, I would not be able to tell you. But I am sure there must be a margin.

HON J J BOSSANO:

For the Government I mean?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Oh I see, for Government. Yes, there is but in some cases we have, obviously, a rate which we charge consumers in the different categories and yes there is a margin for us when we buy from OESCO and we produce ourselves. Sometimes actually the cost of

producing is higher than it is xxxxx that is why we sometimes have to subsidise the Gibraltar Electricity Authority.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What I am trying to establish is since almost half the amount is increased volume ... The hon Member has told me £800,000 is fuel and £700,000 is increase, anticipated increase in sales. I am assuming that what they expect is that there will be a higher demand for electricity which they will not be able to meet from their own generating capacity and therefore they are buying it from OESCO. On the basis of that assumption, my supplementary is, will they make a profit of the electricity they buy from OESCO or do they break even or do they pay more than what the consumer is charged?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

We would pay more than what the consumer is being charged. In most cases the electricity in general is subsidised by the Government, as you know.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am aware of that.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

And therefore when we buy, it is part of the stock that we buy in. I am not sure whether we are at cross purposes here.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I know that there is a deficit in the running of the Authority but that does not necessarily mean that there is a deficit in the generation of electricity. The accounts which we get provided with in this House do not quantify to what extent the revenue from the sale of electricity covers the cost of generation because the Authority has distribution and other things which would not be applicable in the case of ... If one buys x number of units of electricity from OESCO and you sell those same units, is it the position that for every unit you buy your loss is bigger or for every unit you buy your loss is smaller, depending on whether there is a margin in your favour or a deficit. That is what I am trying to find out given that the answer the hon Member has given to the original question is that half the extra budget is the purchase. So if one is spending £700,000 more on buying, are you going to get £700,000 by selling that or are you going to get more or less?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

We are going to get more.

HON J J BOSSANO:

You are going to get more. Yes.

NO. 1426 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GEA – SHARE OF ELECTRICITY SOLD GENERATED BY AUTHORITY/OESCO/MOD

Can Government state the share of the electricity sold by the Authority provided by a) on production b) generated by OESCO and c) from MOD in the last financial year?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

In the last financial year 2009/2010 the share of the electricity sold by the Authority was as follows:

(a) Internally Generated	44%
(b) Generated by OESCO	53%
(c) Generated by the MOD	3%

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1426 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the light of the previous answer, are the implications that the OESCO share will be higher this year then?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, that is correct.

NO. 1427 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi

WILLIS'S ROAD CAR PARK – COMPLAINTS REGARDING ALARMS

How many complaints have been received by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited in respect of the operation of the alarms at the Willis's Road car park during the silent hours and what is the Government doing about these complaints?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd has received a number of calls in respect of the alarms at Willis's Road car park. However, the exact number is not known as Gibraltar Car Parks Limited does not keep a log of incoming calls.

However, the fire alarm system that was initially installed by the contractor was found to be inadequate and this was replaced in July 2010. Since then there has been no indication of any faults with the new system.

ORAL

NO. 1428 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EAST SIDE PROJECT – GRANTING OF PERMIT UNDER SECTION 17 OF TOWN PLANNING ACT

Can Government state on what date the permit under section 17 of the Town Planning Act was granted to the developer of the Eastside project?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND
TRANSPORT**

The permit was issued on 18th April 2008.

NO. 1429 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – COST OF WORKS DONE BY GJBS LTD IN SOUTH DISTRICT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES AND MID HARBOUR RENTAL ESTATE

What has been the cost of works done by GJBS Limited to remedy defects in the following projects which it took over from insolvent contractors in:

Waterport Terraces (including Albert Risso House);
Nelson's View;
Bayview Terraces;
Mid Harbour rental scheme,

giving a breakdown by project and per item?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

GJBS Limited took over the building of these projects before they had been completed when their respective contractors failed. The total final costs of completing these projects is not yet known, and the Government does not intend to provide partial information in the meantime.

The Government will make a statement of the final cost of these projects including, if the hon Member is interested in that aspect particularly, any costs that were incurred to redo or rectify any work that may already have been done including the additional costs that may have resulted from having to change contractors half way through a project which itself generates additional costs. We will provide the House with a full statement, broken down as much as possible, when they are complete and several of them are due to be completed very soon. So, perhaps, it may be possible to do that at the next Question Time in this House which will be before the end of the year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1429 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

Will it be necessary to ask the question again or will the Chief Minister provide the information?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think it would help to prompt and remind me if the hon Member would ask the question. But I will certainly make sure that people start preparing for the need to have to answer it.

NO. 1430 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SALE OF GOVERNMENT 50% SHARE OF CO-OWNERSHIP HOMES

Can Government state if there has been any sale of the Government 50 per cent share of co-ownership homes since the answer to Question No. 947 of 2010, giving a breakdown by month and estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes I can and I will and I now hand the hon Member a statement giving that information.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1430

Sales of Government - Co Ownership share of Properties

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	West View Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	Brympton	Totals
Jun-10 Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Jul-10 Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£36,906.40	£61,151.40	£98,057.80
Aug-10 Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,272.01	£0.00	£0.00	£10,272.01
Totals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,272.01	£36,906.40	£61,151.40	£108,329.81

NO. 1431 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MID HARBOUR TENDERER

Can Government confirm that their original preferred tenderer to construct the Mid Harbour rental estate was Acciona?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I cannot confirm it because it is not the case.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1431 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

Which was the preferred option?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

As far as I am aware and I think I am aware, Acciona was not a tenderer at all, let alone the preferred. They were not invited to tender. They did not tender of their own accord when the tender emerged under the EU procurement procedures. I just do not know what has put the thought of Acciona in the hon Member's mind. I cannot now recall whether Bruesa was the original preferred bidder or whether the original preferred bidder dropped out during the negotiation and then they went to Bruesa the second time. I am 95 per cent certain, from memory as I stand here, that Bruesa won the contest outright in their own right. But I cannot recall that unsighted. I cannot recall the details of that tender process from memory.

NO. 1432 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – JOINT DEVELOPING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

With what construction company is the Government in discussion to jointly develop affordable housing?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government has received a proposal from a Gibraltar construction company to convert the old Police Barracks in Castle Road into affordable housing in joint venture with the Government. It would not be appropriate to identify the company unless and until a decision to proceed is made and if it were made, of course, the Government would put that information in the public domain. But that is the project to which the initiative relates.

ORAL

NO. 1433 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - DAMAGE TO SEWER

Can Government confirm that the construction of Cumberland Terraces resulted in one of the piles being driven into the ground going through a sewer?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1434 of 2010.

NO. 1434 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NELSON’S VIEW - WINDOWS

Can Government confirm whether the windows at the Nelson’s View development can be opened completely or whether their operation is somehow restricted?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1433 of 2010

Yes, Mr Speaker, I can confirm that the penetration of a sewer was the unhappy result of a pile being driven into the ground during the early stages of the construction of Cumberland Terrace. This incident occurred in the autumn of 2006.

Answer to Question No. 1434 of 2010

As presently installed, the outward opening windows have a restrictor in place which limits very significantly the extent to which they can be opened. A replacement programme is underway to make windows inward opening for those property owners that wish to take up the offer, thus eliminating the need for the restrictors.

ORAL

NO. 1435 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON’S VIEW -
REPLACEMENT DOORS**

Can Government say whether the contract for the replacement of front doors for Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson’s View went out to tender?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1436 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1436 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government supply the technical specifications of the old front doors for Cumberland Terraces and those of the new replacement doors?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 and 1437 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1437 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government say what were the specifications it required for the replacement front doors at Cumberland Terraces and state how many different suppliers were able to supply these doors?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435, 1436 and 1438 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1438 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government say which company was chosen to supply the replacement front doors for Cumberland Terraces?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1437 and 1439 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1439 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government say how many suppliers were contacted and asked to provide samples of replacement front doors for Cumberland Terraces, how many provided samples, and how many of these were sourced in Spain and how many elsewhere?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1438 and 1440 to 1446 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1440 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

On what date was the new replacement front door for Cumberland Terraces selected and on what date was the successful supplier informed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1439 and 1441 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1441 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON’S VIEW -
REPLACEMENT DOORS**

Can Government confirm whether all bar one of the different samples of front doors that were examined for installation in Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson’s View failed the water test and can they explain why the supplier of the sample that passed the water test was not selected as the successful supplier of the actual new replacement doors for these developments?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1440 and 1442 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1442 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government say whether the replacement front doors which are being installed in Cumberland Terraces have passed the water test?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1441 and 1443 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1443 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government state how many front doors have been replaced at Cumberland Terraces to date and how many remain to be replaced?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1442 and 1444 to 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1444 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government say what was the cost, with a breakdown, of removing the old front doors from the flats at Cumberland Terraces and installing the new ones?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1435 to 1443, 1445 and 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1445 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, NELSON’S VIEW - REPLACEMENT DOORS

Can Government say whether any front doors at Bayview and Nelson’s View have had to be physically replaced or whether the new replacement front door has been installed from the outset?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos.1435 to 1444 and 1446 of 2010.

NO. 1446 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES AND NELSON'S VIEW - DOORS IN COMPLIANCE WITH BRITISH STANDARDS

What standard of intumescent strips are fitted to the doors at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View and who certified the said doors as complying to British Standards?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Well Mr Speaker, here is a set of penetrating and interesting questions which might easily have come from the pen of a disgruntled unsuccessful tenderer or perhaps even from a politician with a history in working in a building supply firm or even a combination of the two, but still. The answer to the hon Member's questions are these:

The replacement doorsets are not being procured by the Government. Under the prime cost contractual arrangements, the contractor (in this case GJBS) is obliged to market test with no less than three different suppliers. In fact five were obtained.

The original building contract between OEM and Haymills was a design and build contract which provided the contractor with a performance guidance. It is not appropriate to publish these, which in any event were overtaken by Haymills' own specifications, before they failed, which in turn are now overtaken by the Government's own specifications.

The contractor, with Government approval, has selected a door that meets its specifications. All suppliers are able to provide a door that meet such specifications. It is not appropriate to name individual suppliers in this way, but it is a leading, that is the one that they have chosen, is a leading international supplier and brand of door. The doors were selected in late July and ordered shortly thereafter.

The selected door, and also the manner of its installation will of course ensure full weather and other applicable performance specifications.

It is meaningless to assess the water performance of doors until they are fully, finally and completely installed because, regardless of the characteristics of the door itself, water would penetrate the thresholds if it is not properly installed.

No doors have yet been replaced at Cumberland Terraces. Around 182 apartment front doors will be replaced if the flat owners so wish.

The cost of removal of existing doors, the new door itself and its installation is £456 per door set. Remember we are not just talking about the door itself but the frame and all the accoutrements and things that go with it.

The above also applies to Bayview and Nelson's View. The total cost for all three estates is £294,000 procured and installed.

The installed doors at Cumberland Terraces achieved the required fire rating, a fact which is implicit in the issue of a certificate of fitness by the appropriate Authority in the usual manner.

NO. 1447 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES AND NELSON’S VIEW COMPLETION

With reference to Bayview Terraces and Nelson’s View, can Government state what is the current estimated date of completion for each of these home ownership schemes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1448 to 1450 of 2010.

NO. 1448 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SALE OF BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES AND NELSON'S VIEW

With reference to Bayview Terraces, Cumberland Terraces and Nelson's View, can Government give a breakdown of the current sales details for each, as follows:

- (a) How many flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (b) How many are being sold with the 50/50 ratio;
- (c) How many are being sold at any other ratio and specify what that ratio is?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1447, 1449 and 1450 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1449 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NUMBER OF FLATS SOLD AT CUMBERLAND TERRACES

Can Government confirm that all the flats at Cumberland Terraces have now been sold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1447, 1448 and 1450 of 2010.

NO. 1450 OF 2010

THE HON C A BRUZON

**HOUSING – RESERVE LIST FOR PURCHASE OF BAYVIEW TERRACES,
CUMBERLAND TERRACES AND NELSON'S VIEW**

Can Government state how many persons are currently listed as applicants on the reserve lists for the purchase of a flat at each of Nelson's View, Cumberland Terraces and Bayview Terraces?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1447 of 2010

The current estimation of completion of Nelson's View and Bayview Terraces is the end of October 2010.

Answer to Question No. 1448 of 2010

I am happy to hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information that he sought in Question No. 1448 of 2010.

Answer to Question No. 1449 of 2010

Not all of the flats at Cumberland Terraces have been sold.

Answer to Question No. 1450 of 2010

There are ten applicants on the reserve list for a property in any of these ex-OEM developments.

Answer to Question Nos. 1447 to 1450 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1448 of 2010

Breakdown of sales details at Nelson's View, Bayview Terraces and Cumberland Terraces by purchaser share

Development						Purchaser share						
	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	78%	80%	85%	88%	100%	Total
Nelson's View	30	2	14	0	20	4	1	6	1	0	50	128
Bayview Terraces	7	1	10	2	21	2	0	2	0	0	38	83
Cumberland Terraces	55	3	27	1	30	3	0	5	1	1	35	161
Total	92	6	51	3	71	9	1	13	2	1	123	372

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1447 TO 1450 OF 2010

HON C A BRUZON:

If I understood the Chief Minister correctly, in answer to Question No. 1449 of 2010, there are still ten flats not sold at Cumberland Terraces. Is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not a question of understanding it. That is what I said, yes.

HON C A BRUZON:

Thank you. Does the company that handles these matters share with the Chief Minister the reasons for the fact that these ten flats have not been sold. Is it that people have had to pull out because they have been unable to procure mortgages?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know if that is the case of all ten. Indeed, it may be the case of some of the ones that have been sold but have not yet been completed. In other words, he has asked me how many are unsold. Unsold means unallocated. So it is unlikely that the scenario that he is highlighting in his supplementary actually applies to those ten, because these are ten that have no designated buyer. The thing that he is referring to, in other words, the difficulty that we have had with the fact that the banks may have reached their cap of exposure to a particular development and that therefore some of the buyers that had got designated flats to them and that are therefore not in these ten because they are "sold", is a problem which the Government is aware of in a handful of cases and are being dealt with sensitively and given appropriate amounts of time to see how they can be assisted in obtaining the finance that they need to complete. But that does not arise out of this figure.

NO. 1451 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

NATIONAL DAY 2010

Can Government say whether they invited any UK MPs to Gibraltar for National Day 2010, how many were invited, how many attended and who were they?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I assume he meant who were they if the answer to his first question were yes. We did invite, but given that he is asking me whether we have invited any, he cannot ask me how many and who were they. So, I am happy to say to him, as he knows, that the Government no longer invites politicians from outside Gibraltar to our National Day celebrations.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1451 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Chief Minister say since when this new policy has come into place?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not a policy. It is just a practice. The view is now taken that National Day is a civic celebration and therefore there is no need for doing that. In any case, as he well knows, the climate of UK MPs travelling abroad at the invitation and at the expense of others, is a matter that has been of some controversy in the United Kingdom of late and, certainly, the Government will not wish to have done anything that might have put our friends in an awkward position. As it is, he may not be aware, that at the time of the last election I had to write a letter to several local newspapers in the UK to protect the incumbent MP of all parties against allegations arising from their acceptance of Gibraltar hospitality to ensure that no one that had come to Gibraltar to support us was made to pay an electoral price by their opponents for doing that in the context of the expenses thing that arose. But I do not want the hon Member to think that that is the reason why they are not invited. It is another reason. But, certainly, we take that view and the view that we take is that the day when politicians in the UK demonstrate their support for Gibraltar in every aspect of Gibraltar's life is Gibraltar Day in London which is coming up now in the middle of October and which I am happy to say is hugely supported by Gibraltar's many friends and supporters in the British Parliament.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The hon Member has not answered the question about the policy or the practices as he prefers to call it. When did it start? Is this year the first time?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. This is not the first year. It has gone back several years. Certainly, I am just trying to remember whether it coincided with the first year in which it did not take place in Casemates or whether it started even before that. I just cannot remember whether on the last occasion that we were in Casemates there were MPs on the stage with us or not. He is nodding which suggests that he recalls that there were. Well, I am very happy to take him at his word on that because I do not recollect. I do not think we invited any formally in the context of the changed arrangements. Whether there were any in Gibraltar, I cannot say.

NO. 1452 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE – TANGIER FERRY

What arrangements have been put in place for customs clearance for the Tangier ferry which now arrives daily?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1453 of 2010.

NO. 1453 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE – ALGECIRAS FERRY

What arrangements have been put in place for customs clearance for the Algeciras ferry which arrives several times a day?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Officers in the Outfield Unit of Customs are tasked with the clearing of the Tangier and Algeciras ferries. On Sundays, additional officers are deployed to accommodate the higher passenger volumes on those days.

NO. 1454 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – ST BERNARD’S SCHOOL

Can Government state if there has been any progress in relation to the relocation of St Bernard’s School and is it still the Government’s intention to relocate the said school to the site of the old St Bernard’s Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

It remains the Government’s intention to relocate St Bernard’s School, and Sacred Heart School at the site of the old St Bernard’s Hospital. The project remains at the design stage.

NO. 1455 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE AND HERITAGE AGENCY

Can Government state whether there has been any meeting with the staff or any representatives of the staff side in relation with the intention to create an agency to run cultural events?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

As stated before, the Government do not consider it appropriate to comment publicly on those aspects of public sector reform issues that require discussion with the staff and unions, until those discussions end.

NO. 1456 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Have Government now taken a policy decision for the commemorative event in relation to the history of the performing arts in Gibraltar which would include the Theatre Royal?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The position remains the same as set out in the answer given to this question when it was last asked.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1456 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

Does that mean that nothing at all has been organised for this commemorative event which the Government announced?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member can ask the same question in as many different ways as he pleases. The answer remains the same. The position remains the same as set out in the answer given to this question when it was last asked.

HON S E LINARES:

The last time I asked this question it was that nothing had been done. So nothing to date has been done. Is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He may be willing to stand up to repeat himself three times. I am not.

HON S E LINARES:

Well he has done so just now. Thank you.

NO. 1457 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Who conducted the “comprehensive structural survey” of the Theatre Royal referred to by the Government in answer to Question No. 422 of 1999, at what cost and what were the conclusions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1458 of 2010.

NO. 1458 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state whether it has awarded the tender for the demolition of the Theatre Royal and when will this be completed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I believe that the information requested in Question No. 1457 may have been given to this House before and may thus already be available to the hon Member. In any event, it has not been possible to locate and retrieve from files a copy of the survey report in the time available.

In answer to his other question, the demolition of the remains of the Theatre Royal will cost £241,354.25, and will make way, as I have said before in Question No. 928 of 2010, for a new urban square and green areas.

The contract was awarded to Wilkie Ltd and works commenced on site on the 14th April 2010.

The hon Member must by now be aware, unless he has asked this question without visiting the site, that the demolition is all but complete. The only works presently outstanding are the removal of some rubble and this is expected to take a further couple of weeks. The works as currently defined should therefore be completed during the first week in October 2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1457 and 1458 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

In relation to the comprehensive structural survey which the Chief Minister said he had not been given time to retrieve, is it possible xxxxx to give him more time to be able to retrieve and publish it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

First of all, I am not the retriever of historical records from the Government's historical filing system. So I would certainly give him no undertaking or assurance to retrieve it. If the document can be retrieved by those junior civil servants who are paid by the tax payer to

do that sort of thing, I will be happy to answer the hon Member's question on the next occasion that he asks it. As to its publication, the answer is that the Government see no value whatsoever in publishing a document or even indeed spending time in the House discussing something which is now many years old. If the hon Member wishes to debate in this House the prudence or otherwise, the need or otherwise, the good sense or otherwise of the Government's decision to demolish the Theatre Royal, I will be very happy to participate with the hon Member in a debate if he wants to take the trouble to bring a motion in this House on this subject.

HON S E LINARES:

This is Question Time and therefore I do not think a motion is necessary. What I have asked the Chief Minister for is the information on the comprehensive structural survey and therefore by putting the question now ... I could put the question twenty times and the hon Member will still be able to come back to this House and tell me that he has not had time in a week, which is the time that I posed the question and the time that the hon Member answers the question and therefore there is a week. I am putting the question now and if the hon Member says that he cannot retrieve it and that he has not had time now, the same answer is going to come back to me when I put the question next time that the hon Member only had one week. So, it would be prudent and responsible of the Chief Minister who says that he can get his juniors to retrieve it, I would appreciate then that he does get his juniors. He does get all these people to try and retrieve it and if the hon Member does not want to publish it because he feels that it is not of public interest, could we in the Opposition have a copy because it is in my interest to have a copy of that report.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, fortunately for Gibraltar, the Government do not take a steer from that side of the House as to what is prudent or responsible and this issue is not an exception. When the Civil Service tells me that they have been able to retrieve a copy of the file, it will be ... the question is based on the information then it will be answered. If at the time that he asks them the Civil Service has managed to retrieve the information source and as for the publication I have already answered his question. He is not entitled to see Government documents simply because they are of interest to him. He has a material misunderstanding of the rights that being a member of the House give him.

HON S E LINARES:

The answer is just incredible. Be that as it may, it is subjective whether it is in the public interest. It is not he who decides what is in the public interest. He might decide what he feels might be in his public interest. But on this side of the House, we believe that it is in the public interest to know why this Government have gone spending £6 million in the Theatre Royal when at the beginning it seemed as if it was a good idea and he had a structural survey done of which he must have got some information from, in order to do the big, wonderful, grand theatre that he was going to do, the vision thing, and now he has got the audacity to come here and say to us that it is not in the public interest about this construction structural survey. So, it is subjective and the people of Gibraltar would like to know why this Government have thrown into a hole £6 million and that is why I am posing the question here and now because it is in the public interest. It has been money thrown down the drain and we want to know from the very beginning and it goes back to 1999, why all this fiasco has happened and it is legitimate for this side of the House to ask these sort of questions and be answered and if he feels that it is not in the public interest, we do

believe it is in the public interest and if he does not want to publish it, give it to us and we will publish it.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is almost impossible to debate with the hon Member because I think thoughts just enter his mind as he is on his feet and he attributes to the previous speaker things that the other speaker has not said or to listen to himself utter whatever he wants to utter. Far from being interested in hiding from an explanation of what he regards as a monumental waste of public funds. We could have long debates in this House about monumental waste of public funds mind you. But anyway, sticking just to this particular alleged source of a monumental waste of public funds, very far from having any instinct or inclination or feeling any need to hide behind any proverbial bushes on this subject, I have offered to debate it with him in excruciating detail in a motion and I will go further. If he thought that this matter has the importance that he now says he believes it to have, why has he not exercised his parliamentary right to bring a motion which is the usual way that Opposition members have to signify importance and I will tell him now. If he does not bring a motion in this House to debate the fate of the Theatre Royal soon, I will bring a motion in this House about the Theatre Royal soon to force him out of his comfort zone on the matter and to debate it with me. So he can decide whether he wants to be the mover of the motion or whether he wants me to be the mover of the motion. You see, he invents things for his own purpose. When have I said that I do not think it is in the public interest to publish the report? I have told him that he is not entitled to see the report. Opposition members of Parliament are not entitled to see every document that the Government have and that the Government collates and that the Government have on its files. That is a material misunderstanding of the rights that being on the Opposition benches of this Parliament give him. So, he does not have a right to every document in the Government's possession even if it relates to a matter that is or may be in the public interest and that is his misconception. Even if it is in the public interest to debate whether the Government has recklessly wasted public money, the proper course for him is to bring a motion of censure even, against the Government. But it does not entitle him to all the information that the Government have. Now, he repeats again, and I am not going to explain it to him a third time. The Government have not declined to give him the information that he sought in Question No. 1457 of 2010 about the cost and its conclusions. It is just that the Civil Service have not been able to retrieve the document to provide me with the information to give him. He can continue to distort that candid disclosure that I give to him and suggest that I have not had time to find it and suggest that this is just some sort of smokescreen because it contains some dreadfully, prejudicial thing that I am anxious to suppress. He can if he wishes continue to abuse the information that I candidly give him to that end. It is not true. There has been an administrative lack of possibility to retrieve this document. In short hand, they have not found it since he asked this question to this date and, therefore, I am not in a position to give him the answer which is not to say that I would agree to publish it, but certainly I would have agreed to give him the information that he requests in the question. It has not been possible. Now, he can believe that or he can think, in contrast, that I am on my feet lying to this House for whatever reason and motive he wants to attribute to me.

NO. 1459 OF 2010

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO MOD

Are Government currently providing any medical services to the MOD through the GHA and, if not, does it expect to be providing any in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

From time to time in emergency situations the GHA has been on standby to provide or has indeed provided medical services to the Ministry of Defence in circumstances such as the refurbishment of their facility, equipment failure, illness or absence of medical staff or even planned equipment maintenance.

The Government and the MOD are currently in discussion regarding the possible provision of certain medical services to the MOD by the GHA on a systematic basis.

ORAL

NO. 1460 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

**TENDER FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT BY GIBRALTAR LAND
RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED AND LAND PROJECT CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

On what day were the services being provided to the Government by Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited and Land Project Consultants Limited put out to tender?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1461 of 2010.

NO. 1461 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

**GIBRALTAR INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED – SALARY/FEE PAID TO
GIBRALTAR LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED AND LAND PROJECTS
CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

What further amounts in respect of salary or fee have, since the date of the last answer in this House to date, has been paid to date, by Gibraltar Investment Holdings Limited on the basis:

- (a) of the “on account formula”; and
- (b) of that part of the composite fee which comprises 20 per cent of the costs of the services to be provided by all project design consultants and the 1 per cent of the agreed project value, referred to in answer to Question No. 687 of 2008 to Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited and Land Projects Consultants Limited in respect of any of the following contracts individually:
 - (i) Mid Harbour Phase I;
 - (ii) Mid Harbour Phase II;
 - (iii) GoG Relocations;
 - (iv) Terminal Building;
 - (v) New Road;
 - (vi) MoD Relocations;
 - (vii) Infrastructure;
 - (viii) GoG Housing
 - (ix) Power Station;
 - (x) Car Parks;
 - (xi) Simple Approach Lighting Systems;
 - (xii) Sewage Treatment;
 - (xiii) Energy to Waste; and
 - (xiv) Revetment repairs?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1460 of 2010

Save as may be required by EU legislation, it is not the Government’s practice to put the procurement of professional services out to tender – this includes the services of lawyers, accountants, architects, project managers and other such like.

Answer to Question No. 1461 of 2010

I now hand the hon Member, on behalf of Mr Picardo who is absent, a schedule of the information that he has asked on Mr Picardo's behalf.

Answer to Question No. 1461 of 2010

Payments made by Gibraltar Investments (Holdings) Limited on the basis of the 'on account' and 'composite' formulae since June 2010:

	Composite Formula Payments £	On Account Formula payments £	Total £
(i) Mid Harbour Phase I	3,764	0	3,764
(ii) Mid Harbour Phase II	3,764	0	3,764
(iii) GoG Relocations	22,193	20,000	42,193
(iv) Terminal Building	75,147	100,000	175,147
(v) New road	62,158	80,000	142,158
(vi) MoD Relocations	53,672	20,000	73,672
(vii) Infrastructure	30,280	40,000	70,280
(viii) GoG Housing	46,760	60,000	106,760
(ix) Power Station	45,858	60,000	105,858
(x) Car Parks	27,401	20,000	47,401
(xi) Simple Approach Lighting System	0	0	0
(xii) Sewage Treatment	0	0	0
(xiii) Energy to Waste	0	0	0
(xiv) Revetement repairs	400	0	400
Total	£371,397	£400,000	£771,397

ORAL

NO. 1462 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL

Can Government provide a list of the consultants referred to in respect of the four areas of work referred to in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010, providing the names of any ultimate beneficial owners of such consultant who may be a corporate body?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1463 to 1466 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1463 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL

Can Government provide a full breakdown of the consultants costs totalling £3,936,822 referred to in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1462 and 1464 to 1466 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1464 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL

Can Government provide a full breakdown of the consultants costs totalling £539,652 referred to in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1462, 1463, 1465 to 1466 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1465 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL

Can Government provide a full breakdown of the consultants costs totalling £3,138,908 referred to in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1462 to 1464 and 1466 of 2010.

NO. 1466 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL

Can Government provide a full breakdown of the consultants costs totalling £1,477,101 referred to in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The shareholders of such of these consultants as are corporate entities are available on public registers. Government deal with corporate entities and their directors and employees and not with their shareholders.

I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the list of consultants referred to in respect of the four areas of work, in turn referred to, in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1466**Answer to Question 1462****Consultant(s) per project****Airport & Frontier Access Road**

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Limited
NACO
Gifford
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd
J. J. De La Paz Consulting Engineers Ltd
Environmental Gain
Capita Lovejoy
Apex Mapping Ltd
Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd
GLRC

Devil's Tower Road

Gifford
WSRM Architects
JB Engineering Consultants
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd
Entec Ltd
GLRC

MOD Relocations (British Lines)

Gifford
J. J. De La Paz Consulting Engineers Ltd
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd
ME Belilo & Partners
Lovelock Mitchell
E&M Consultants
GLRC

Airport Terminal

3D Reid
NACO
Jardine Lloyd Thompson Limited
Environmental Gain
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd
Capita Lovejoy
Speirs and Major Associates
Bblur Architecture
Buro Happold
TPS Consult Ltd
J. J. De La Paz Consulting Engineers Ltd
Montagu Pavilion Ltd
AMA Services Ltd
Gifford
Lovelock Mitchell
Ian Miles
GLRC

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Answer to Question 1463

Airport & Frontier Access Road

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Limited	-
NACO	213,437
Gifford	2,032,064
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd	231,133
J. J. De La Paz Consulting Engineers Ltd	195,458
Environmental Gain	118,112
Capita Lovejoy	28,500
Apex Mapping Ltd	8,450
Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd	1,750
Sergeyco	277,913
Corbett & Co	41,212
Triay Stagnetto Neish	42,206
Greenarc	1,452
Servitopo	339
GLRC	532,796
LPC	212,000

£ 3,936,822

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Answer to Question 1464

Devil's Tower Road

Gifford	268,004
JB Engineering Consultants	76,340
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd	36,386
Aquagib	60,972
Gibraltar Electricity Authority	23,974
Sergeyco	20,976
LPC	53,000
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	£539,652
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CONFID ANSWER TO QUESTION 1466

Answer to Question 1465

Airport Terminal

3D Reid	
NACO	1,180,455
Jardine Lloyd Thompson Limited	37,500
Environmental Gain	149,268
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd	244,111
Capita Lovejoy	35,003
Speirs and Major Associates	48,950
Bblur Architecture	21,169
Buro Happold	299,252
TPS Consult Ltd	15,800
J. J. De La Paz Consulting Engineers Ltd	83,729
AMA Services Ltd	25,920
Gifford	29,350
Lovelock Mitchell	80,750
Ian Miles	3,010
Callaghan Insurance	12,500
PB Power	54,042
Met Office	4,600
OBRIST Interior	12,000
GLRC	546,499
LPC	255,000

£	<u><u>3,138,908</u></u>
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CONTID ANSWER TO QUESTION 1466

Answer to Question 1466

MOD Relocations (British Lines)

Gifford	453,090
J. J. De La Paz Consulting Engineers Ltd	20,438
Daniel Barton Surveyors Ltd	
ME Belilo & Partners	63,405
Lovelock Mitchell	476,548
E&M Consultants	293,481
Apex Mapping	1,575
Sound Research Laboratories	3,475
GLRC	99,089
LPC	66,000

£	<u><u>1,477,101</u></u>
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NO. 1467 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

SEWAGE IN WATERS OFF WESTERN BEACH

What action did Government take or what representations were made by Government after the reports in May that a storm drain was to be diverted in La Linea and which could result in sewage being deposited at Western Beach?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

It is not clear why the hon Member is asking this question. He has already said publicly that what the Government have done is to quote him, well not quote him, to quote Mr Picardo, "too little too late". This indicates that he must already know what the Government have done, unless of course, for political opportunistic reasons, he issued his press release without knowing what the Government have done, whether it was too little or too late and now asks to find out.

The Environmental Agency has monitored and continues to monitor the condition of the waters throughout this period and has issued advice and assurances about public health to the public, as is its statutory function. At no time has the water quality been found to be non-compliant with the EU Bathing Waters Directive.

The Government have also taken steps and sought advice in Spain to establish the exact nature of the works and if they involved sewage. The Government have also raised the matter with the Junta de Andalucia, who have competence in Spain on such matters.

Other possible sources of the sewage also remain under investigation and I should add, Mr Speaker, that the Government of Gibraltar does not have power to stop Spain building things on its territory and into its territorial waters just as they do not have power to stop us or to require us to do the same thing. If however, it transpires that what the Spanish are doing is in breach of any EU environmental or other Directives, then the recourse open to the Government of Gibraltar is to pursue the matter with the European Commission through the Courts. In no circumstances, does the Government have and it seems odd that anybody in this House should make public statements pretending or suggesting otherwise, that we somehow have the means to physically impede or prevent it from happening in the first place or to somehow protect the bathers of Western Beach as if we could just send our army in, supported by our air force, to stop the Spanish building underground pipes in their own territory. But the hon Member can rest assured that if it is found to be the source in Spain, for example, preliminary reports available to the Government suggest that although this pipe is a storm water drain, that it may be that there are sewers unlawfully in Spain connected into the storm water drain or that, not

unlike us in Gibraltar until it has been gradually remedied, the storm water drain serves as a last resort overflow for the sewage system thereby making it possible in certain weather and tidal conditions for the sewer to contaminate a storm water drain. But there are EU rules about that. There are EU rules about areas of primary, secondary and tertiary dispersion by currents and things and if those rules turn out to have been breached, then the hon Member can rest assured that the Government will not allow any area of Gibraltar's territorial waters to be permanently polluted by our neighbour Spain in violation of EU environmental obligations without trying to hold them to account through the mechanism available which are the European Courts and the complaints mechanism to the European Commission.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that the implication of the answer is that the Government are monitoring that to establish whether it is indeed happening or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government's technical people are inching towards a conclusion as to whether it is the Spanish source or perhaps some source not in Spain. I believe it will probably transpire, but I cannot say it to this House with certainty, that it probably is the Spanish source. At that point, our first course of action will be trying to resolve the matter politically through our contacts with the Junta de Andalucia with whom we have already raised this issue because they have competence for drains and sewers in the whole of Andalucia. If it turns out to be the Spanish source and we are unable to resolve it amicably through the Junta de Andalucia, then we will have no option but to pursue the formal EU complaint route because I would share the sentiment that I am sure is held by the other side of the House, that it would not be acceptable for one of our beaches or any part of our territorial waters to be polluted in this unilateral way.

NO. 1468 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

ENGINEER LANE CAR PARK – REMOVAL OF TREES

What provision has been made for the trees in the centre of the existing Engineer Lane car park to remain in the development of a new multi-storey car park in that area?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The development of the car park cannot proceed with all the trees remaining in-situ. However, those that have to be removed will be done with their root bowls for them to be re-planted elsewhere.

NO. 1469 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, TRADING ENTITIES OWING PAYE

Further to the answers to Question Nos. 1041 to 1044 of 2010, can Government now state how many companies, partnerships or other trading entities or traders owed the Government a cumulative amount of more than £50,000 in PAYE in each financial year since 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1470 of 2010.

NO. 1470 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, TRADING ENTITIES OWING SOCIAL INSURANCE

Further to the answers to Question Nos. 1041 to 1044 of 2010, can Government now state how many companies, partnerships or other trading entities or traders owed the Government more than £50,000 in Social Insurance in each financial year since 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The statistical data requested by the hon Member is only available for the financial year 2009/2010, since I am advised by the Commissioner of Income Tax that prior to this date their data was not available in the requested format.

There were, however, 35 employers that owed the Government more than £50,000 in PAYE Tax for the financial year 2009/2010, and 14 employers that owed Government more than £50,000 in Social Insurance for that same financial year 2009/2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1469 AND 1470 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am not 100 per cent sure that I have understood the nature of the answer. Is the hon Member saying that they do not know how many people owe that amount of money or whether any owe that amount of money? Surely, if they have to collect the money they must know whether it is old or not for 2007/2008.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am told that until March 2010 the Income Tax Office's IT system did not have the capability of extracting and storing arrears related data in respect of both PAYE and Social Insurance at any designated time and the question relates to particular dates. Prior to that date, the data extracted merely represented a snapshot at a particular point in time and it cannot be duplicated presently, given the continually changing nature of the data concerned. So, the computers have now been programmed to produce this information in respect of previous years. I suppose it is there in the files but it would need to be manually extracted by a review of the files. It is just the amount of effort that would be required.

NO. 1471 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

AIR CONDITIONING UNITS INSTALLED IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Can Government say how many air conditioning units were purchased in the months of June, July and August 2010, when were the air conditioning units in question ordered, who within the Government placed the order and where have they been installed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am becoming quite an expert on doors, windows and air conditioning units. The hon Members are going to make me a veritable expert on all of these matters. Seven air conditioning units were ordered between June and July and installed at No. 6 Convent Place to replace existing ones which had either broken down or were no longer functioning efficiently and effectively because they were too old and were thought to be beyond a state of economic repair. As far as the records available show, no other air conditioning units were purchased and charged to the Improvement and Development Fund – Subhead 2(a) Government Buildings, Furniture and Equipment during the months of June, July and August.

The order for four of the air conditioning units were placed by the Officer in charge of Furniture and Equipment at No. 6 after having obtained financial approval from the Financial Secretary. The other three were ordered by the contractor who fitted them.

Three of the units were installed in my office where they now keep me terribly cool and comfortable in summer and terribly warm and comfortable in winter and I can tell the hon Gentlemen that they are excellent machines and I am very pleased to have the use of them, hopefully for many years to come. The others were fitted elsewhere in No. 6 to make sure that at least some of my work colleagues in the building share a level of comfort not too dissimilar to my own.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1471 OF 2010

HON S E LINARES:

That is to say, is the hon Member going to put it in all the Ministers offices now. So that they are cool as well?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think Ministers have enjoyed, at least those that are judged to deserve it, have enjoyed this degree of comfort for some time, as indeed the Chief Minister of the previous administration because the machines we had ... because you see we have been in office for so long now that the machines that were installed when the Hon Leader of the Opposition was then the Chief Minister, have become old now. It is almost sixteen years now. Well, these machines are not designed to last for quite so long and therefore it has been necessary to re-equip No. 6 Convent Place despite the fact that the incumbent is still in occupation of it.

NO. 1472 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

BANKING LICENCES

Have any applications for banking licences been refused in the past two years?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1473 to 1476 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1473 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

BANKING LICENCES

How many applications for banking licences have been withdrawn since the last question to this House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1472 and 1474 to 1476 of 2010.

NO. 1474 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

BANKING LICENCES

How many new banking licences have been issued in the months since the last question in this House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1472, 1473, 1475 and 1476 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1475 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

FINANCIAL SERVICES (BANKING) ACT

Have the Government, since the last answer in this House, made any decision in exercise of its powers under section 23(3)(i), (j) or (3A) of the Financial Services (Banking) Act, and if, so, how many?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1472 to 1474 and 1476 of 2010.

NO. 1476 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

FINANCIAL SERVICES (BANKING) ACT

Have the Government, since the last question in this House, refused consent for any application made under section 74A of the Financial Services (Banking) Act, and, if so, how many?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1472, 1473 and 1474 of 2010

No applications for banking licences have been refused in the past two years and none withdrawn nor any new licences issued since the last answer in this House.

Answer to question No. 1475 of 2010

The Government have not made any decision in exercise of its powers under section 23 (3) (i), (j) or (3A) of the Financial Services (Banking) Act, since the last answer in this House.

Answer to Question No. 1476 of 2010

The Government have not refused consent for any application made under section 74A of the Financial Services (Banking) Act, since the last answer in this House.

NO. 1477 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT

What conclusion, if any, has been reached in respect of the “technical issues under consideration” which the Hon Chief Minister referred to in his answer to Question No. 1035 of 2010 about “whether a waste-to-energy plant in Gibraltar is capable of complying with EU rules on the matter about waste recycling”?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No conclusion has, as yet, been reached.

NO. 1478 OF 2010

THE HON S E LINARES

On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo

CHIEF MINISTER/MINISTER'S – USAGE OF VIP LOUNGE AT HEATHROW AND GATWICK AIRPORTS

What has been the total cost to Government, giving a breakdown by trip, of each occasion on which the VIP lounge at Heathrow and Gatwick have been used since the last question in this House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The VIP lounge was used by me the day before yesterday on the 29th September 2010 at Heathrow for which the invoice has not yet been received but I believe the cost is similar to past occasions at Heathrow Airport.

NO. 1479 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

NEW CAR PARK AT CATALAN BAY

Can Government state whether the new car park at Catalan Bay is expected to be operational before the start of the bathing season next year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Catalan Bay will have a car park next year for the bathing season.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1479 OF 2010

HON G H LICUDI:

The answer does not provide an answer to the question as posed. The question as posed relates to a new car park and that, obviously, relates to a new car park which is envisaged as set out in the Government's Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan which talks of Catalan Bay Beach car park. Now, given that in the Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan that car park is not stated to be either in progress or completed, the hon Member must have realised, if he had read the question properly, that I was not referring to the existing car park but the new car park which the Government itself has said that it will build. Can Government say whether that new car park will now be ready before the start of the bathing season next year?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government will not say one way or the other whether it will be ready because as the hon Member knows the Government does not give him progress reports in relation to the implementation of its traffic plan, as he will discover in answer to another question that he will ask me shortly. Nor should he assume that the new car park referred to at Catalan Bay is a structure which takes a long time to build. So, therefore, nor should he look at his calendar and come to the conclusion that whatever new car park the Government have in mind for Catalan Bay cannot be built just in time for polling day at the next elections.

HON G H LICUDI:

This has nothing to do with polling day. This might be an obsession which the hon Member has in his mind. But we are here to hold the Government to account in respect of

announcements that it has made. The question that has been posed is very specific to Catalan Bay and differs from the questions that the hon Member has referred to and which I will be asking, which is about all the other matters which are related to traffic in the integrated traffic plan which I am asking whether they have now been embarked upon. The reason for this question is that the Government have recently announced that works are underway, as I understand it already, in respect of projects at Eastern Beach which include, and the Government have said, a new car park at Eastern Beach as announced in the Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan. Now, given that the Government have earmarked that particular project as being worthy of commencement and being ready before the start of the bathing season, we are certainly very interested and the public will be interested. Not interested for ourselves but because the public will want to know, before the hon Member latches on to that once again this morning, because the public will want to know if there is going to be a new car park available at Eastern Beach before the start of the new bathing season. Whatever the form or structure of the new car park which the Government envisages in Catalan Bay, why is it the case that the Government are not able to commit in the same way to those beachgoers as it has committed to the beachgoers at Eastern Beach?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

As I have told the hon Member many times before and I will tell him on each occasion that he raises the same question, when the Government are ready to and wish to announce that it is embarking upon its excellent range of products and projects in compliance with its integrated, equally excellent, integrated traffic and parking plan, it will do so and we will not anticipate that timetable simply because the hon Member chooses to ask a question about what is a Government policy. It is for the Government to choose the moment that it wishes to announce its policies. This is not public affairs or the business of Government which is an accountability and transparency matter. The Government have a range of policies which are its political initiatives. When it is ready to do it is a matter of its choice and when it wishes to announce it is a matter of its choice and we will not allow the hon Member to drive that announcements agenda by simply asking questions of this nature.

HON G H LICUDI:

The hon Member may or may not allow me to do whatever he may wish. As far as the Government's policy is concerned, although the Government are free to choose when it makes announcements, the Opposition are also free to ask. Not only free, but has an obligation in exercise of our public duty to hold the Government to account and to seek to enquire information about matters which have already been made public by the Government. What we are interested to know today is, given that the Government are refusing to make any announcements in respect of Catalan Bay, why are the Government adopting a discriminatory approach in respect of different beachgoers. Between those beachgoers which are going to benefit from those facilities in Eastern Beach but not those in Catalan Bay. Why are the Government discriminating in this way against our people?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member means as opposed to his people in Eastern Beach? Well, the Opposition are, of course, free to ask this question and I am free to give him the answer that I have given. So, we have both exercised our freedoms and I have nothing to add to the answer that I have given.

ORAL

No. 1480 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY

Can Government confirm which was the company that was awarded the tender for the tunnel under the runway?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1481 to 1483 of 2010.

ORAL

No. 1481 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY

Can Government state whether the company that was awarded the tender for the tunnel under the runway has subcontracted the works and, if so, can Government identify the subcontractor?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1480, 1482 and 1483 of 2010.

NO. 1482 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY

What will be the dimensions of the tunnel under the runway and what will be the largest vehicles which will be able to use the tunnel?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1480, 1481 and 1483 of 2010.

NO. 1483 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY

Can Government state what the final anticipated cost of the works for the airport tunnel will be, including the cost of any removal of contaminants in the soil being extracted?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1480 of 2010

Under the tender process the contract was awarded to Obrascon Huarte Lain S.A. commonly known as OHL.

Answer to Question No. 1481 of 2010

As is not unusual, OHL as the main contractor has sub-contracted a number of works packages, supplies and services. Given that the contract is ongoing and that these are in any event contractual arrangements of OHL and not of the Government, it is not appropriate for the Government to publish this information.

Answer to Question No. 1482 of 2010

Tunnel dimensions are as follows:

The Pedestrian Subway Tunnel is 8 metres wide with a clear headroom of 2.7 metres.

The Road Tunnel has a total width of 22.3 metres and a clear headroom of 5.3 metres. The tunnel comprises two bores each 9.3 metres wide, and each bore containing a 7.3 metres dual carriageway with 1 metre verges on either side.

The tunnel has been designed to UK standards, including tunnel dimensions and will thus accommodate all vehicles able to circulate in European motorways, which includes all traffic that circulates in any part of Gibraltar, contrary to the speculative nonsense published in a weekly newspaper that I suspect not many people in Gibraltar bother to read.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1480 TO 1483 OF 2010

HON G H LICUDI:

Given that the hon Member has confirmed that the tunnel will take all vehicles, can the hon Member state whether it is envisaged that all vehicles travelling from that side to the rest of Gibraltar or vice versa will be directed through the tunnel rather than through any other routes?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I have already expressed Government's position to the extent that we are willing to express it at this stage. Indeed, to the extent that it is willing to be ... or rather possible to be definitive at this stage. The traffic will go through the tunnel. There will be no general circulating traffic going across the runway and no exception will be made for route buses or for taxis or for anything of the sort. That is absolutely out of the question. However, the road across the runway albeit fenced off will always be retained and serviced for use as an alternative standby vehicular entrance into Gibraltar for the event that there may be an accident or any sort of incident inside the tunnel which prevents it from being used. So, that is as much as we are able to say at this time about how those arrangements will operate. But if there are any particular vehicular road users who are contemplating making a case for exemption and to be allowed to cross the runway at that point, the Government will not contemplate such a proposal.

HON G H LICUDI:

I assume, although the hon Member has not mentioned it specifically, that the traffic which will use the tunnel will not just be the bus operators but also all commercial vehicles, all trucks and vehicles from Spain, all vehicles. In respect of the pedestrian side of the tunnel, does the Government anticipate that all pedestrians that have to make their way towards the airport or towards Spain will be required to go along Devil's Tower Road, Eastern Beach Road or the parallel road to Eastern Beach and through the tunnel rather than the way they currently go now which is across the runway?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government cannot confirm that and does not confirm that. The hon Member is asking me to confirm now whether the case is that all pedestrians will have to go through the tunnel and I cannot confirm that now. The Government are working on a proposal that may give pedestrians an alternative route.

HON G H LICUDI:

Given that the only alternative route is across the runway, can we take it from that that ... Is it the case that the Government have not taken a final decision, are still working on that, or that a decision is being worked on in terms of logistics and operational requirements which will allow pedestrians to use the route which is currently available which will mean the same issues which arise at the moment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the scheme is currently being worked on and the Government are very hopeful that it will be deployable. But I can tell him that no one will be allowed to walk across the runway.

HON G H LICUDI:

One of the questions that I asked Question No. 1483 of 2010, related to the final anticipated costs.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I beg your pardon. I was going to read that out.

Answer to Question No. 1483 of 2010

The final costs for the tunnel works, including the ramps at both ends, that is to say, to descend into and ascend from the tunnel under the terms of the contract is currently estimated at £34,287,089.

This does not include any additional claims to which the contractor may become entitled under the contract, since these cannot be estimated or assessed at this stage.

The contamination removal cost element included in that figure is the actual figure incurred to date since the estimated cost of completion of the contaminated soil removal depends on the quantity of contaminated soil conditions and the extent of contamination encountered as works progress, and thus cannot now be estimated.

NO. 1484 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL

Can Government state what further amounts have been paid since the answer to Question No. 953 of 2010 in respect of works for the new airport and frontier access road, Devil's Tower Road, airport terminal and related facilities and MOD relocations, giving a breakdown between building contractors, consultants' fees and architects' fees?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1485 of 2010.

NO. 1485 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

COST OF AIRPORT AND FRONTIER ACCESS ROADS

Can Government state, in respect of the costs paid for the airport and frontier access road as at May 2010, why the costs paid to consultants exceeded the costs paid to the building contractor?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1485 of 2010

Yes. To answer the latter question first. The consultants' costs relate to a number of pre-contract design and investigations, surveys and studies that needed to be done as part of the pre-contract stage and before the construction can begin and were therefore paid at that time.

Answer to Question No. 1484 of 2010

The information that he seeks in Question No. 1484 of 2010 is set out in this schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question No. 1485 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1484 of 2010

	<u>Paid to Date</u>
	(£)
1) Airport Access Road	
Building Contractor	4,234,717
Consultants Costs	<u>4,688,209</u>
	<u>8,922,926</u>
2) Devil's Tower Road	
Building Contractor	2,946,190
Consultants Costs	523,873 *
Architect Fees – Landscaping	<u>82,435</u>
	<u>3,552,498</u>
3) Airport Terminal	
Building Contractor	20,295,083
Consultants Costs	3,311,419
Architect Fees	<u>2,957,248</u>
	<u>26,563,750</u>
4) MOD Relocations (British Lines)	
Building Contractor	18,601,005
Consultants Costs	1,610,768
Architect Fees	<u>1,430,812</u>
	<u>21,642,585</u>
Grand Total	£ <u>60,681,758</u>

- * From the figure provided in May, the amounts of £60,972 and £23,974, which are payments made to Aquagib & GEA respectively, were reclassified as services providers and not consultants. The revised May figure is £454,706, and the updated figure is £523,873.

NO. 1486 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD CAR PARK

Can Government give details of the operation of the car park at Devil's Tower Road which is due to open imminently? I understand that the car park has opened today which I did not know when I posed the question.

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes. Nor do I want the hon Member to think that there is any manipulation of timings. It just so happens that the car park was handed over by the contractor to the Government and the Government did not just want to sit on it closed just to give the information in this House and in any case allowed its use on the occasion of a recent well attended funeral in St Theresa's.

So, the Devil's Tower Road car park will have spaces for short-term use, spaces for monthly rental, and spaces which, together with others in the area, will be free for residents of the adjoining areas to compensate for the loss of free street parking as a result of the dualling of Devil's Tower Road and I think the hon Member is right that some of the details about these different configurations are contained in a Government press release.

NO. 1487 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

ROSIA TO QUEENSWAY LINK ROAD

Can Government state whether it has now concluded the viability study for the new road linking the Rosia area to Queensway via the Dockyard?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1488 and 1489 of 2010.

NO. 1488 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

OPERATING REGIME FOR CAR PARKS

The Government have stated that the new car parks which will be built in residential areas will be “for residents”. Can Government identify what it means by “residents” by giving the specific catchment areas in respect of each of the following car parks:

Engineer Lane
Old Naval Hospital Road
Arengo’s Palace
South Barrack Road
South Pavilion
Flat Bastion Road
Waterport?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1487 and 1489 of 2010.

NO. 1489 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

INTEGRATED TRAFFIC, PARKING AND TRANSPORT PLAN – PROJECTS EMBARKED UPON

In answer to Question Nos. 960 to 1010 of 2010 (which all relate to the implementation of projects announced in the Government's Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan), the Chief Minister stated that measures will be announced as and when they are embarked upon. Can Government state whether any of the projects mentioned in these questions have now been embarked upon?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1487 of 2010

The position remains unchanged from that stated in answer to Question No. 1014 of 2010. Government will make announcements relating to its policy initiatives as and when it considers it appropriate to do so. The Government does not consider it appropriate to account publicly for progress in internal preparatory work that is on-going.

Answer to Question No. 1488 of 2010

Government will announce the operating regime for the mentioned car parks at an appropriate time which is a time close to a car park coming into operation, as it has done now with the Devil's Tower Road car park.

Answer to Question No. 1489 of 2010

The answer to the hon Member's question about which projects have been embarked upon is in the question itself. Since Government will announce when it embarks on projects, those upon which it has embarked have been announced, and the information is thus already in the public domain. Similarly, if a project has not been announced then it has not been embarked on.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1487 TO 1489 OF 2010

HON G H LICUDI:

The hon Member ... I am not sure whether that was his intention in the last part of the answer to try and give the impression that some of these projects have been embarked upon. Certainly, as far as I am aware and I realise this after posing the question, the only project that had not been embarked upon since the answer to the last question and has been announced now is the one which I referred to earlier of Eastern Beach. So, in respect of those other 49 projects, can Government confirm that none of those projects have been embarked upon at all?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If the hon Member believes that I have inaccurately conveyed to this House that projects have been embarked on when they have not, it can only be because he knows which projects have been embarked on and which have not. In which case his question is wholly inappropriate. I have nothing to add to my previous answers. If projects have been embarked upon, they have been announced. If they have not been announced, they have not been embarked upon which does not mean that they are not being internally worked on by the Government and that represents internal work in progress, pre-embarkation, upon which I am not willing to give the moment ... the hon Member a day to day running commentary.

HON G H LICUDI:

Given that we are now still at the pre-embarkation date in respect of these 49 projects which were announced in the Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan and given that the plan was part of a consultation paper published last year, in October of last year, the Government published the consultation paper in respect of the plan, or rather, published it in a draft form and the Government must have known at that time which of these projects were going to be finally included in the plan. So the Government has had one year in respect of these 49 projects to start progress by embarking upon the projects. The Government announced the specific projects in April of this year. That is six months ago and gave itself a timescale for the completion of all of this, of two to three years. Given that we are now six months down the line and no clearer as to when each of these projects are going to be embarked upon, are the Government now accepting that it is in real danger of missing the train in respect of the timescale that it has provided in this and that this amounts, as I have said previously, to no more than wishful thinking for political purposes?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government do not accept that and the only wishful thinking going on is being done by the hon Member who hopes that the Government will fail, regardless of what impact that has on the interests on the people of Gibraltar because his preference ...

HON G H LICUDI:

Mr Speaker, on a Point of Order. On a Point of Order, Mr Speaker.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am sorry he has asked me a question and I am answering it. No, I will not sit down.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is a Point of Order.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No Mr Speaker. It is not a Point of Order.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is a Point of Order.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is a nervous reaction by the hon Member.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is not a nervous reaction at all.

MR SPEAKER:

I cannot rule as a Point of Order unless I have heard it. What is the Point of Order.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Point of Order is that the hon Member ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What is the nature of the Point of Order?

HON G H LICUDI:

It is that the hon Member attributes to me a hope of something failing which the hon Member will say it is not in the interest of Gibraltar and therefore he is attributing to me some sort of malicious intent in this House of acting contrary to the interests of Gibraltar?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am. Absolutely I am.

HON G H LICUDI:

That is a scandalous comment which ought to be withdrawn because it has no basis whatsoever other than the hon Member's imagination.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No Mr Speaker. I am indeed attributing to the hon Member a politically malicious motive to paint all the Government's policies, all the Government's achievements, whether it is on buses, or the air terminal, or the tunnel, or the car parks. It is indeed in the nature of the hon Member's politically malicious style that they wish to make everything that the Government do at huge expense for the benefit of Gibraltar seem like a failure for their own selfish political reasons, so defined political malice. I believe that the hon Members are systematically, politically malicious and the hon Member is wrong in his belief that no projects have been embarked on and he is wrong in his belief that because six months have passed and we are not yet in a stage of the projects that he can see as he walks down the street on his way to his office, that the Government are in any danger of not complying with the deadline that it established itself as a period for carrying out this project. What the hon Member means is that he thinks that we are not going to do it on time and that he thinks that this is something worth repeatedly pointing out to the electorate for his electoral political advantage. That is the correct analysis of the Member's obsessive type of questioning on these issues and which is why the Government do not provide the answers. Because, frankly, the hon Member should wait and see whether the Government perform or do not and then at the end tell the people of Gibraltar whether they perform or we have not. But if the hon Member thinks I am going to feed him with information so that he could spend eighteen months speculating to the people of Gibraltar that the Government have not, as used to happen with the Trafalgar Interchange, where everybody thought it was going to be a terrible thing, a huge waste of money ...

HON G H LICUDI:

Who said that? Who said that?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The jury is out.

MR SPEAKER:

Order.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well Mr Speaker. I am saying what I am saying. The Trafalgar Interchange is a considerable success as almost everybody in Gibraltar that is willing to be politically objective and open minded with the Government will recognise and I believe that the same will happen with the air terminal and the same will happen with the tunnels and the same will happen with the new roads and the same will happen with all the visionary projects and investments that this Government are making. Yes, and also with a new theatre for

Gibraltar when the Government corrects its original prioritisation mistake and eventually builds a new theatre as well. Yes, indeed. I am grateful to the Hon Mr Linares for reminding me about that part of the Government's vision and that is the way things normally happen and I do not accept that it is something that the Government have to assist the Opposition in this House. To assist them to be clock keepers of the Government's own projects as opposed to providing the hon Members with all the information that they ask about the Government's business and its statistics and money and how we have handled public money which is, of course, the principal purpose for which they are in this House and for which reason the Government provide them with almost all the information that they ask. But it is not in the Government's view a requirement of the Government's side to feed them prematurely with work in progress about internal work in progress. About the preparatory stages of our own policy manifesto so that they can then ventilate their instinct for obfuscation, for distortion, for misrepresentation, for manipulation. All in pursuit of their obvious political tactics to try and taint either before, during or after, anything and everything that the Government do. The hon Member may want to criticise us, indeed for being naïve and not spotting this much, much earlier, but now that we have spotted this political strategy, we are determined not to aid and abet you. So, when the Government have projects that it is ready to proceed and wish to announce, the Government will do so and the hon Member can ask as many questions as he wants. He can distort the purport and meaning and effect of the answer that I am giving him now as I gave him last time as many times as he wishes. He will not move the Government from its position that it is entitled to choose when it says what it will do and when it says when it will start and when it will finish its own projects.

HON MR SPEAKER:

Before the hon Member rises for the supplementary, may I just rule on the Point of Order that was made. It is not out of order for a Member to attribute to another Member a political motive as long as there is no allegation of dishonesty.

HON G H LICUDI:

Mr Speaker, I am grateful for that. It is difficult to see what else the hon Member was accusing me of when he was suggesting that I was not just distorting or manipulating facts but acting maliciously. If one acts maliciously with honest intent, that certainly is not in my dictionary. If the hon Member meant something else according to what Mr Speaker has ruled, then that is fine.

MR SPEAKER:

I am ruling on the word which was used by the Hon the Chief Minister, which was objected to. The Hon the Chief Minister used the words "the hon Member opposite hopes" and then he carries on. Now, to attribute to some other Member a hope that something will or not happen is not, in my view, a suggestion of dishonesty.

HON G H LICUDI:

What it is, Mr Speaker, and, certainly, the contribution that the hon Member has just made is not just unfortunate but certainly one of the most extraordinary and ill put together

contributions that I have heard since I have been in this House. It is symptomatic of the style of personal attacks ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Is this still the Point of Order?

MR SPEAKER:

I am treating this as a supplementary.

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes, it is one.

MR SPEAKER:

And a question at the end of all that.

HON G H LICUDI:

There will be one. It is symptomatic of the style, of the personal attacks and type of gutter politics that the hon Member likes to embark upon. It is not a style that I am accustomed to engaging in. It is not a style which I will be tempted, even provoked by the hon Member, to embark upon. It is not my style. It might be his style. It is unfortunate and I will not stoop to his level. I am much more gracious than that. Given that he talks of distortion or manipulation and he has mentioned the Trafalgar Interchange. Having accused me of distorting, manipulating and of acting maliciously and saying, everybody was saying it was a waste of time and it would not work, presumably, those words were also attributed to me. Can the hon Member confirm that, as far as his recollection is concerned, I have never said those words? I have always said that we will need to see how it works. If the hon Member is correct in his analysis now that everybody is very happy with the way it works, then I am more than happy that that is the case. It is certainly true that it has improved the area and improved circulation. Whether it eventually achieves what we all hope it will achieve, will be a matter that will need to be seen. As regards the substance of this question that we are embarked upon, I do not wish to go back and rehearse all the arguments we have had previously about the Government failing to provide answers. The Government are in its prerogative to provide or not to provide answers. But the Government will be held to account for its refusal to tell the public properly, in due time and with the necessary information of whatever progress it is making in regard to policy decisions which it has already announced. Do the Government not accept that, having made these announcements last year and repeated them in April of this year, there is now a serious possibility that none of this, if much, will be achieved within the timescale that the Government have proposed and certainly will not be achieved in time for the next general election. Can the Government at least confirm that?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

On the very last point, it is not a supplementary, it is a repetition of what he has already asked me and I have already given him the answer. I do not believe any of that. The fallacy of his argument is eventually to be found on his own lips. He has suggested just now that I am refusing to tell the public, publicly, properly and in good time, of the progress of projects it has already announced and the point is that we have not announced that we have embarked, we have started on these projects and that is why there is no announcement. So there is not any failure, still less refusal, to tell the public. I thought the hon Member's complaint against the Government was that we were spin merchants and that we were always too keen to tell the public things that we were doing or were not doing. Now, it transpires that when we do not do it precisely at the time that they want us to do it, that we are refusing to tell the public properly in good time. The Government are telling the public, publicly, properly and in good time, of progress it has made or is making on projects that it has announced. Listening to the hon Members self ulijisation on his grace and his style, leads me to be confirmed in the view that he is much more, sounds to me much more, like the style of the new leader that the GSLP says that it is looking for because precisely what one needs from the Members opposite is much more grace and much more style than we get from them as a matter of political system at the moment.

HON C A BRUZON:

Mr Speaker on a Point of Order.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No Mr Speaker. I will not give way.

MR SPEAKER:

What is the Point of Order?

HON C A BRUZON:

Relevance, Mr Speaker. Relevance to what the Chief Minister is saying. Is it relevant ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr Speaker, I do not know whether the hon Members just leap to their feet and engage their knee caps before their brains and their jaws. I am answering a statement that he has made about his grace and his style. So, for me to comment about his grace and his style in my answer is hardly irrelevant. If it is irrelevant now, it was irrelevant when it was on the lips of his friend. The hon Member opposite, Mr Licudi, appears, to boot, quite apart from having the instinct of quibbling with the Speaker when he has already made a ruling, not to understand, semantically, the difference between the concept of dishonesty and the concept of malice. There is no link or connection between the two. So, if he wants to apply his lack of knowledge of the meaning of words in the English language to feel aggrieved, this is not something for which he can seek to hold me responsible. Mr Speaker, as to the alleged incursion by this party in Government of bad personal styles of politics, personal abuse and gutter politics. Everybody in Gibraltar now knows that the

accusation of poor GSLP politicians always under personal attack from these terrible, terrible nasty people in the GSD is now always the way that the GSLP tries to bring a political debate to an end when they have run out of steam of merit of their arguments. It does not wear any more and if anybody wants to know who engages in personal attacks, in political malice, in gutter style politics, they need only read the GSLP's weekly rag that goes by the complete misnomer of New People and know who, to what degree and with what intensity of consistency they engage as a matter of political conviction, political instinct, political style, knowing no other way, indeed, of practising politics in Gibraltar than the hon Members opposite who are the recognised master practitioners of gutter politics in Gibraltar.

HON C A BRUZON:

Mr Speaker, I beg your pardon, but I did stand up earlier. The Chief Minister refused to sit down and you have not ruled on my Point of Order.

MR SPEAKER:

The point was about relevance.

HON C A BRUZON:

Yes please, on relevancy.

MR SPEAKER:

Well, the words the Hon Chief Minister referred to as style and grace. Rightly or wrongly, the Hon Mr Licudi put on the issue before the House matters of style and grace. It is not out of order to respond to that matter of style and grace. Having said that, I do feel that the debate has gone way, way far down the road or deep into a tunnel, away from the question first put and I think this is a proper moment when we should move to the next question.

NO. 1490 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

FUTURE USE OF RUNWAY ROAD CROSSING

Can Government state whether it has now decided how the road crossing the runway will be used once the tunnel under the runway opens and what categories of vehicles, if any, will be allowed to cross the road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

MR SPEAKER:

I think it has been answered.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think we can take that as dealt with.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am happy to withdraw the question.

NO. 1491 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION

Can Government state whether it is now in a position to make an announcement in respect of changes to the health and safety legislation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

When the Government have made decisions that it feels it can put into the public domain, it will do so. We are not yet in a position to do so.

NO. 1492 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR HOUSE IN LONDON

Can Government say on how many occasions the facilities at the Gibraltar Business Suites at Gibraltar House in London have been booked and used and what amounts have been paid for their use since the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Seven times by fee paying commercial members of the business community. The total amount received has been £1,015. It has obviously also been used many more times by non-fee paying users, including Government departments.

NO. 1493 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CHIEF MINISTER/MINISTERS' OFFICIAL AIR TRAVEL COSTS

Can Government list the cost to the taxpayer of air travel by each individual Minister and the Chief Minister on official business since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament, 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 with the information that he has requested.

Answer to Question No. 1493 of 2010

CHIEF MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL

Destination	Dates	Amount	Airline	Seat Category	Travel Agent
Manchester	26 th September	£262.00	Monarch	Reserved Seat	Bland

NB Invoice from the return journey from London Heathrow has not yet been received.

MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL

Minister	Destination	Dates	Amount	Airline	Seat Category	Travel Agent
The Hon E Britto	London	12 th -16 th July	£1,541.00	BA	Business	Bland
The Hon E Britto	Kenya	9 th -19 th Sept	£4,965.90	BA	Business	Bland
The Hon L Montiel	London	6 th -9 th Sept	£254.00	BA	Economy	Globe Travel
The Hon L Montiel	Leeds	6 th -9 th Sept	£131.20	Flybe	Economy	Globe Travel

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NO. 1494 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU DIRECTIVES – PENDING TRANSPOSITION

Can Government list the EU Directives which are pending transposition in Gibraltar, showing the name and number of the Directive and the date by which they were to have been implemented?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1495 of 2010.

No. 1495 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU DIRECTIVES – INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS

Can Government say at what stage is each of the ten infraction proceedings that were opened by the EU Commission for the failure to implement EU Directives in Gibraltar, showing the name and number of the Directive and the stage of the infraction proceedings?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Of the ten infraction proceedings that existed as at the last Parliament question and answer session, the Government of Gibraltar has now transposed nine.

The one outstanding directive under infraction is Directive 2008/65/EC on driving licences. This infraction remains at the 'Article 258 Letter' stage.

On 21st September 2010, eight new infractions were opened by the European Commission against the United Kingdom. None of those are Gibraltar specific. The Government of Gibraltar is currently addressing which, if any, of these new infractions whilst not being Gibraltar specific are being addressed generally at the United Kingdom may nevertheless be relevant to Gibraltar's transposition given that on many occasions we follow the practice and guidelines set out in the UK's own transposition. So, if the UK is infringed and we have followed the same approach as the UK, we need to check whether we follow the same infringed route.

I have now had passed to the hon Member a schedule with the more detailed information that he has requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1495**ANSWER TO QUESTION 1494**

Title		Transposition deadline
Directive 77/486 education of children of migrant workers		6 Aug 1981
Directive 89/104/EEC first directive on trademarks. See now codification carried out by Directive 2008/95/EC to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks.		28 Dec 1991
Directive 96/47/EC (amends Directive 91/439) Directive 2000/56 (amends Directive 91/439) Directive 2009/12/EC (amends Directive 91/439) Directive 2008/65/EC (amends Directive 91/439)		1 Jul 1996 30 Sep 2003 26 Aug 2010 30 Sep 2008
Directive 92/6/EC on installation and use of speed limitation devices in certain categories of motor vehicles (Linked to PM 18). Directive 2002/85/EC amending Council Directive 92/6/EEC.		1 Oct 1993 1 Jan 2005
Directive 96/53/EC on maximum dimensions/weights in traffic amended by Directive 2002/7/EC.		17 Sep 1997 9 Mar 2004 9 Mar 2005
Directive 98/59/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies.		1 Sep 1998
Directive 97/36/EC on television broadcasting activities (see Directive 89/552 on broadcasting). (Linked to PM 14).		31 Dec 1998
Directive 97/67/EC on liberalisation of postal services as amended by Directive 2002/39/EC on the further opening to competition of Community postal services and by Directive 2008/06/EC.		10 Feb 1999 31 Dec 2002
Directive 97/81/EC concerning the Framework Agreement on part-time work concluded by UNICE, CEEP and ETUC, extended to the United Kingdom amended by Directive 98/23 (on the extension of Directive 97/81/EC)		20 Jan 2000 7 Apr 2000
Directive 98/6/EC on the pricing of goods.		18 Mar 2000
Directive 98/84/EC on legal protection of services on conditional access (linked to Directive 89/552/EC broadcasting and Directive 98/34/EC information society services). (Linked to PM 9).		28 May 2000
Directive 2001/11/EC adapting to technical progress Directive 96/96 on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers functional testing of commercial vehicles' speed limitation device. (Linked to PM 6)		9 Mar 2003
Directive 2001/23/EC safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, businesses or parts of undertakings or businesses.		17 Jul 2003
Directive 2001/77/EC on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market.		27 Oct 2003
Directive 2003/26/EC on speed limiters and exhaust emissions of commercial vehicles.		1 Jan 2004
Directive 2003/27/EC on testing of exhaust emissions from motor vehicles.		1 Jan 2004
Directive 2003/73/EC amending Annex III to Directive 1999/94/EC (Fuel economy x CO ₂ emissions).		25 Jul 2004
Directive 2002/87/EC on supplementary supervision of credit institutions, insurance undertakings and investment firms in a financial conglomerate and amending Directives 73/239/EEC, 79/267/EEC, 92/49/EEC, 92/96/EEC, 93/6/EEC, 93/22/EEC 98/78/EC and 2000/12/EC.		11 Aug 2004

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Directive 2004/72 implementing Directive 2003/6/EC as regards accepted market practices, the definition of inside information in relation to derivatives on commodities, the drawing up of lists of insiders, the notification of managers' transactions and the notification of suspicious transactions.	12 Oct 2004
Directive 2002/8/EC to improve access to justice in cross-border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes	30 Nov 2004 [30 May 2006 for Art 3(2)(a)]
Directive 2005/1/EC amending Directives 73/239/EEC, 85/611/EEC, 91/675/EEC, 92/49/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directives 94/19/EC, 98/78/EC, 2000/12/EC, 2001/34/EC, 2002/83/EC and 2002/87/EC in order to establish a new organizational structure for financial services committees	13 May 2005
Directive 2002/74 amending Directive 80/987/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the protection of employees in the event of the insolvency of their employer. See now codification carried out by Directive 2008/94/EC on the protection of employees in the event of the insolvency of their employer	8 Oct 2005
Directive 2004/101 amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a scheme for a greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community, in respect of the Kyoto Protocol's project mechanisms	13 Nov 2005
Directive 2004/80/EC on compensation to crime victims	1 Jan 2006
Directive 2004/17/EC coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors.	31 Jan 2006
Directive 2005/51/EC amending Annex XX of Directive 2004/17/EC and Annex VIII of Directive 2004/18/EC on public procurement	31 Jan 2006
Directive 2004/18/EC on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts	31 Jan 2006
Directive 2003/58 amending Directive 68/151 as regards disclosure requirements in respect of certain types of companies.	31 Dec 2006
Directive 2003/110/EC on assistance in cases of transit for the purposes of removal by air.	6 Dec 2006
Directive 2006/103/EC adapting certain directives in the field of transport policy, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.	1 Jan 2007
Directive 2006/115/EC on rental right and lending right and on certain rights related to copyright in the field of intellectual property.	16 Jan 2007
Directive 2006/116/EC on the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights.	16 Jan 2007
Directive 2004/109/EC on the harmonization of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market and amending Directive 2001/34/EC.	20 Jan 2007
Directive 2007/14/EC laying down the rules for the implementation of certain provisions of Directive 2004/109/EC.	8 Mar 2008
Directive 2006/24/EC on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks and amending Directive 2002/58/EC.	15 Sep 2007 (telephones) 15 Mar 2009 (internet)
Directive 2005/85/EC on minimum standards on procedures for granting and withdrawing refugee status.	13 Dec 2007
Directive 2005/56/EC on cross-border mergers of limited liability companies.	15 Dec 2007
Directive 2007/16/EC implementing Directive 85/611/EEC on the condition of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to UCITS as regards the clarification of certain definitions.	23 Mar 2008

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Directive 2006/68/EC amending Directive 77/91/EEC on the formation of public limited liability companies and the maintenance and alteration of their capital	15 Apr 2008
Directive 2004/40 on minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields)	20 Apr 2008
Directive 2006/66/EC on waste batteries and accumulators (repeals Directive 91/157/EEC).	28 Sep 2008
Directive 2006/117/EURATOM on the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel.	25 Dec 2008
Directive 2007/63/EC on the requirement of an independent expert's report on the occasion of merger or division of public limited liability companies	31 Dec 2008
Directive 2008/43/EC setting up, pursuant to Council Directive 93/15/EEC, a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses.	5 Apr 2009
Directive 2007/36/EC on the exercise of certain rights of shareholders in listed companies	3 Aug 2009
Directive 2009/4/EC on counter measures to prevent and detect manipulation of records of tachographs, amending Directive 2006/22/EC on minimum conditions for the implementation of Council Regulations 3820/85 and 3821/85 concerning social legislation relating to road transport activities and repealing Council Directive 88/599/EEC.	31 Dec 2009
Directive 2009/5/EC amending Annex II to directive 2006/22/EC on minimum conditions for the implementation of Council Regulations 3820/85 and 3821/85 concerning social legislation relating to road transport activities.	31 Dec 2009
Directive 2008/105/EC on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy amending and subsequently repealing various Directives	13 July 2010
Directive 2008/56/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)	15 July 2010
Directive 2009/29/EC amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme of the Community	31 Dec 2012
	31 Dec 2009 [for Art 1(10) and Art 1(11)]

NO. 1496 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

BETTING INDUSTRY

Can Government say what is the total 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 dates when the figures apply?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of 1,905 persons were employed by eighteen remote gambling companies as at 15th September 2010.

The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the Schedule which I now hand him.

REMOTE GAMBLING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 15th September 2010

	Gibraltarian	Other British	Spanish	Other	Total
Ladbrokes (International) Limited	29	67	3	10	109
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	50	159	15	42	266
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	14	187	17	35	253
Bwin International Limited	27	40	18	109	194
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	4	14	1	0	19
Carmen Media Group Limited	6	3	2	3	14
32 Red Plc	3	28	0	3	34
St Mirren Limited	26	37	15	52	130
Digibet Limited	0	1	0	12	13
888 Holdings Plc	31	63	14	88	196
PartyGaming Plc	28	97	10	66	201
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	12	39	4	53	108
Prosperads Ltd (formerly Futuresbetting)	1	9	0	0	10
Partouche Interactive (Gibraltar) Limited	3	3	2	6	14
WHG (International)/Trading Limited	11	114	3	33	161
Hillside (Gibraltar) Limited	7	58	3	16	84
Petfre (Gibraltar) Limited	16	51	3	11	81
Entertaining Play Limited	6	11	0	1	18
Overall Total	274	981	110	540	1905

Source: Ministry of Finance, Gambling Division

NO. 1497 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

RESIDENTIAL TENDERS AWARDED

Can Government list the residential tenders that have been awarded since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament, 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 Nos. 1498 and 1557 of 2010.

NO. 1498 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

LAND AND PROPERTY SALES

Can Government give a breakdown of the revenue collected from land and property sales since the information supplied during the last Question Time in this Parliament, giving the date the revenue was received, the name of the land/property and the cash received in each case and from whom?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1497 and 1557 of 2010.

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NO. 1499 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

FRONTIER STATISTICS

Can Government supply a copy of the latest frontier statistics table for 2010 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

FRONTIER STATISTICS 2010

PERSONS

MONTH	TOTAL RESIDENTS	IN VEHICLES	IN COACHES	PEDESTRIANS	C/G	TOTAL OTHERS	IN VEHICLES	IN COACHES	PEDESTRIANS	C/G	TOTAL	TOTAL C/G
JANUARY	125,953	113,478	512	11,963	(845)	737,673	564,379	8,383	164,911	(3,698)	863,626	(4,543)
FEBRUARY	117,815	102,995	656	14,164	(1,018)	728,085	546,204	14,677	167,204	(4,678)	845,900	(5,696)
MARCH	144,800	130,018	613	14,169	(885)	900,678	637,808	27,081	235,789	(5,660)	1,045,478	(6,545)
APRIL	148,172	132,158	1,430	14,584	(722)	929,329	665,440	31,739	232,150	(5,431)	1,077,501	(6,153)
MAY	154,299	137,343	1,124	15,832	(871)	895,251	640,640	31,234	223,377	(4,913)	1,049,550	(5,784)
JUNE	144,029	127,540	2,019	14,470	(903)	951,594	681,237	26,366	243,991	(5,998)	1,095,623	(6,901)
JULY	149,658	126,515	1,704	21,439	(757)	1,020,532	722,956	21,679	275,897	(5,491)	1,170,190	(6,248)
AUGUST	157,118	141,755	850	14,513	(908)	1,140,835	777,485	19,330	344,020	(6,349)	1,297,953	(7,257)
SEPTEMBER	101,444	89,730	775	10,939	(525)	780,955	525,609	22,860	232,486	(4,330)	882,599	(4,855)
					FIGURES UPTO 22/9/10							
TOTALS	1,243,288	1,101,532	9,683	132,073	(7,434)	8,084,932	5,761,758	203,349	2,119,825	(46,548)	9,328,220	(53,982)
TOTALS 2009	1,637,655	1,437,914	14,224	185,517	(10,557)	9,778,312	7,069,655	266,315	2,442,342	(51,282)	11,415,967	(61,839)

VEHICLES

MONTH	G - PLATES	C/G	OTHERS	C/G	COACHES	COMMERCIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL C/G
JANUARY	44,876	(869)	202,327	(3,146)	295	20	247,518	(4,015)
FEBRUARY	42,393	(841)	194,826	(3,672)	472	11	237,702	(4,513)
MARCH	53,202	(898)	229,406	(5,100)	787	44	283,439	(5,998)
APRIL	52,168	(810)	231,530	(4,718)	956	22	284,676	(5,528)
MAY	55,586	(848)	227,267	(4,411)	886	17	283,756	(5,259)
JUNE	52,329	(822)	235,812	(5,392)	829	42	289,012	(6,214)
JULY	51,523	(690)	247,557	(4,816)	640	85	299,805	(5,506)
AUGUST	55,782	(837)	264,966	(6,349)	510	93	321,351	(7,186)
SEPTEMBER	37,658	(663)	185,520	(3,825)	602	3	223,783	(4,488)
					FIGURES UPTO 22/9/10			
TOTALS	445,517	(7,278)	2,019,211	(41,429)	5,977	337	2,471,042	(48,707)
TOTALS	571,688	(10,178)	2,531,830	(44,508)	8,098	1,685	3,113,301	(54,686)

NOTE

ALL FIGURES IN BRACKETS IN COLUMNS MARKED C/G OR TOTAL C/G REFER TO STATISTICS TAKEN AT THE COMMERCIAL ENTRANCE GATE AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICS FOR THE LAND FRONTIER.

NO. 1500 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**CONSULTATION PAPER FOR THE REGULATION OF ANGLING AND DIVING IN
BRITISH GIBRALTAR TERRITORIAL WATERS**

Can Government say how many entities have made representations in response to its consultation paper on the regulation of angling and diving in British Gibraltar territorial waters and say who they are?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Twenty two responses have been received. The Government do not consider it appropriate to identify the responders until it publishes its own reaction and response paper in the consultation process. Those responders who for their own reasons particularly wish to be identified publicly have already done so themselves.

NO. 1501 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

POST-BOXING – BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN THROUGH UK

Can Government list the communications between Gibraltar and Spain, both incoming and outgoing, that were made through the UK post-box since the last Question Time in this Parliament, showing the date of the communication, the issuing authority and the receiving authority?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1502 of 2010.

NO. 1502 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

POST-BOXING – BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN THROUGH UK

In respect of the communications between Gibraltar and Spain made through the UK post-box since the last Question Time in this Parliament, can Government say which were notifications between competent authorities and which were requests for information?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1502**Answer to Questions 1501 and 1502****June 2010 to September 2010 (Incoming)**

Post Box Ref and Date	Issuing Agency	Receiving Agency	Notification or Request for Information
(I)PB/39/10 18-Jun-2010	Juzgado de Primera Instancia	Attorney General	Notification.
(I)PB/41/10 27-Jul-2010	Ministry of Justice	Attorney General	Request for Information.
(I)PB/42/10 27-Jul-2010	Juzgado de Instruccion.	Attorney General	Request for Information.
(I)PB/47/10 16-Aug-2010	Ministry of Justice	Attorney General	Request for information.
(I)PB/54/10 21-Sept-2010	Ministry of Justice	Attorney General	Request for information.

June 2010 to September 2010 (Outgoing)

Post Box Ref and Date	Issuing Agency	Receiving Agency	Notification or Request for Information
PB/53/10 22-Jun-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/54/10 28-Jun-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/55/10 30-Jun-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/57/10 02-Jul-2010	Attorney General	Ministerio de Justicia	Request for information.
PB/58/10 05-Jul-2010	Attorney General	Ministerio de Justicia	Request for information.
PB/59/10 08-Jul-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/60/10 15-Jul-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/61/10 23-Jul-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/62/10 27-Jul-2010	Financial Services Commission	Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones, Madrid	Notification.
PB/66/10 29-Jul-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/67/10 02-Aug-2010	Environmental Agency	Director General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/70/10 09-Aug-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/71/10 25-Aug-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones, Madrid	Notification.
PB/72/10 02-Sept-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Comision Nacional del Mercado de Valores, Madrid	Notification.
PB/100/10 21-Sept-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Banco de Espana, Madrid	Notification.

NO. 1503 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GRA – APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Can Government say for what reason an Acting Chief Executive of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority was appointed by Legal Notice 109 of 2010 with effect from 1st July 2010 until this was revoked by Legal Notice 141 of 2010 with effect from August 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The permanent Chief Executive of the Authority had to undergo scheduled medical treatment.

NO. 1504 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE – FOUR CORNERS COMMERCIAL GATE

What arrangements are in place for immigration clearance at the Commercial Gate at Four Corners on working days between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1505 of 2010.

NO. 1505 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE – FOUR CORNERS COMMERCIAL GATE

What arrangements are in place for customs clearance at the Commercial Gate at Four Corners on working days between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In addition to any general police presence in the area, Security and Immigration Limited has previously over the last few weeks had an officer on duty at the Commercial Gate at Four Corners up to 6.00 p.m. and now has an officer deployed at the Commercial Gate until 9.00 p.m. Clearance by Customs is covered by officers at the Entry Processing Unit until 5.15 p.m. (winter hours) – 3.30 p.m. (summer hours) and thereafter by an on-call officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1504 AND 1505 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the hon Member just clarify one point, does this mean there was nobody from Security and Immigration there before? He said in recent weeks.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It has been brought to my attention in the context of putting together the answer to the hon Member's question that there was a period of time during which there was a misunderstanding between Security and Immigration and the Customs about arrangements and there was a period of time during which it appears that there was not Security and Immigration cover there. That has been remedied. But I think it is true that there was a period during which Security and Immigration were not aware of the possibility that people could come in after hours and then did not have their own cover there.

NO. 1506 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

COST OF ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES IN CASEMATES

What was the total cost of the Government acquiring properties in the Casemates area as a result of complaints of noise nuisance after the initial implementation of the legislation designating Casemates as a leisure area, with a breakdown by address or flat number and amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The cost to the Government was nil.

NO. 1507 OF 2010

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 the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1508 of 2010.

NO. 1508 OF 2010

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 the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question No. 1508 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1507 of 2010

June 2010	£21,993.53
July 2010	£17,200.32
August 2010	£18,848.18

Answer to Question No. 1508 of 2010

June 2010	£99,344.13
July 2010	£90,905.99
August 2010	£98,369.72

NO. 1509 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORT DUTY – BUILDING MATERIALS FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS

Can Government confirm that duty has been paid on building materials in respect of imports for :

- (a) the new airport terminal;
- (b) the tunnel under the runway;
- (c) the mid-town rental estate,

in each financial year since 2007/2008, with a breakdown by project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Duty is certainly payable and we assume that it has been paid. I am not in a position to give the hon Member an assurance that there has not been any fraud. I hope there has not been but I cannot sort of give a cast iron guarantee. But it is certainly payable. If the object of the question was to ask whether we had done any contractual arrangement not to, the answer is no. But the Customs say that they do not have the information readily available broken down by a specific project.

ORAL

NO. 1510 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY NON-EU NATIONALS ON FLIGHTS DIVERTED TO MALAGA

Can Government say whether they have made any representations to the UK or the EU about the problems experienced by non-EU nationals travelling on flights to Gibraltar when that flight is diverted to Malaga?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No Sir.

NO. 1511 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

COST OF RELOCATION OF MOD FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS

Can Government provide a breakdown of the cost to date of the relocation of MOD facilities and installations as the result of:

- (a) the construction of the new air terminal building;
- (b) the construction of the proposed tunnel under the runway?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1512 to 1514 of 2010.

NO. 1512 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

COST OF RELOCATION OF MOD FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS

Can Government provide a breakdown of the projected cost of the relocation of any MOD facilities and installations that remain to be moved as the result of:

- (a) the construction of the new air terminal building;
- (b) the construction of the proposed tunnel under the runway?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1511, 1513 and 1514 of 2010.

NO. 1513 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

COST OF RELOCATION OF GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS

Can Government provide a breakdown of the cost to date of the relocation of Gibraltar Government facilities and installations as a result of:

- (a) the construction of the new air terminal building;
- (b) the construction of the proposed tunnel under the runway?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1511, 1512 to 1514 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1514 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL AND RELATED FACILITIES

Can Government provide a full breakdown of the architects' costs totalling £2,481,710 referred to in answer to Question No. 953 of 2010 in respect of the air terminal and related facilities?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand over to the hon Member a schedule containing the information that he requests.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1514

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1511

a) The cost to date of the MOD Relocations associated with the new Airport Terminal is;

ASMT £ 1,112,413 *

The above figures relate to Construction costs only. Design fees paid to date are estimated to be £14,613, as it is extremely difficult to provide a precise figure.

* Note the existing MOD ASMT building is being retained by GOG for its use.

b) There are no costs to date for the relocation of MOD facilities and installations associated in the strict sense with ***"the proposed tunnel under the runway"***.

However the cost to date of the MOD facilities and installations associated with the access roads and approach ramps are estimated to be £6,472,711 which is broken down as follows;

Armoury (North)	43,055
POL Store	36,040
Demolition of AWES locker room	38,857
Demolition of AWES work room & store	7,774
Demolition of AWES control room	7,987
Visiting Air Squadron	553,957
LOX Compound	104,816
MET Equipment	45,845
Demolition of Weigh Bridge	5,493
ATC Building	278,027
Night Flying Store	296
EOD Garage	225,072
New Explosive Store	580,123
London House	968,666
Lerwick House	407,067
Reinstatement of Taxiway E	259,585
Princess Royal hospital entrance	812,297
Building 20A Centralisation of RAF HQ *	2,097,754 *
	<u>£ 6,472,711</u>

* Estimated proportion corresponding to the Road

The above figures relate to Construction costs only. Design fees paid to date are estimated to be £841,452, as it is extremely difficult to provide a precise figure.

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1514

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1512

a)	
ASMT	£ <u>NIL</u>
b)	
Armoury (North)	Nil
POL Store	Nil
Demolition of AWES locker room	Nil
Demolition of AWES work room & store	Nil
Demolition of AWES control room	Nil
Visiting Air Squadron	168,543
LOX Compound	195,184
MET Equipment	Nil
Demolition of Weigh Bridge	Nil
ATC Building	Nil
Night Flying Store	Nil
EOD Garage	14,928
New Explosive Store	19,877
London House	Nil
Lerwick House	Nil
Reinstatement of Taxiway E	13,662
Princess Royal hospital entrance	59,846
Building 20A Centralisation of RAF HQ	Nil
	<u>£ 472,040</u>

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1514

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1513

a) The cost to date of the Gibraltar Government facilities and installations associated with the new Airport Terminal

Aquagib well pipes infrastructure	12,031
EPU Temp. offices	357,970
Demolish old EPU, Highways depot & Blacktop Yard	333,346
Relocation materials lab	1,905
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	£ 705,252

The above figures relate to Construction costs only. Design fees paid to date are estimated to be £81,104, as it is extremely difficult to provide a precise figure.

b) There are no costs to date for the relocation of Gibraltar Government facilities and installations associated in the strict sense with *"the proposed tunnel under the runway"*.

However the cost to date of the Gibraltar Government facilities and installations associated with the access roads and approach ramps are estimated to be £2,267,725 which is broken down as follows;

Telecom Masts	224,374
Demolish old guard house	83,336
Demolish two GOG Houses & other buildings & removal of trees	172,602
Payments to tenants (inc removal)	120,729
Sunrise View Garages - Eastern Beach	510,000
Demolition of extg garages	50,000
Admiral Security	41,235
Wastage Products	44,835
Latinos on the Beach (Payments to Tenants and Construction of new slab)	102,506
Demolition of Hacienda & Latino's slab	44,021
Temp. Loop - Frontier	357,261
Additional work to East Gate	76,183
TSD Highways Dept. / 1st move	99,185
Police/GSSL secure vehicles >> Lath Barracks	189,690
Demolitions ex aerial farm	131,293
Ex-Aerial Farm fencing (OHL site)	10,360
Demolition store Eastern Beach Road	10,113
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	£ 2,267,725

The above figures relate to Construction costs only. Design fees paid to date are estimated to be £260,788, as it is extremely difficult to provide a precise figure.

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1514

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1514

Airport Terminal Architects

3D Reid (Terminal architecture, structural engineering, façade engineering, fire engineering, mechanical & electrical engineering)	1,728,138
NACO (Special systems, aeronautical studies & civils works)	697,400
Bblur Architects (Lighting)	21,169
Capita Lovejoy (Landscape)	35,003
Total Architect Fees	£2,481,710

ORAL

NO. 1515 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SAFETY CERTIFICATION BY FIRE SERVICE OF BUILDINGS OVER NINE STOREYS HIGH

Can Government confirm whether all buildings over nine storeys high completed in the past five years have been certified as safe by the Fire Service?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am advised by the Chief Fire Officer that all buildings nine storeys and over constructed in the past five years have been issued with the requisite certificate of fitness and consequently certified as safe.

NO. 1516 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

STRATEGIC FUEL RESERVE

Can Government say whether Gibraltar has a strategic fuel reserve and, if so, where is it located and what is its capacity?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Gibraltar, currently, has no strategic fuel reserve as such.

NO. 1517 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE MOUNT

Can Government confirm that it is considering a more purposeful use for the Mount and, if so, whether it will limit the possibilities to a public purpose and not for private development?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1518 of 2010.

No. 1518 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE MOUNT

Can Government say whether they have received any proposals for the future use of the Mount and, if so, how many and what does each of them entail?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government are always open to proposals in relation to alternative uses for the Mount. No such proposal would be approved without a tender and public consultation process. One specific proposal is currently being considered. If the Government decide that it has sufficient merit another, given that we have already done one, another public tender process would be held to allow others to put forward alternative schemes in competition. There would then be a public consultation process.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS.1517 AND 1518 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Am I right in thinking that at one stage the policy of the Government was that the Mount should be retained for a public purpose. If I am right, did they change their policy at any time?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not think there has been any policy quite as set in stone as the hon Member says. Certainly, I have always been of the view and continue to be of the view, and will remain of the view, that the substantial parts of the public grounds of the Mount, the gardens, the sort of green areas, should always remain available to the general public in Gibraltar as an accessible and open green area for them. The hon Member will remember that the Deed of Gift, I think I told him, from the MOD, actually not from the MOD from the Navy, to the Government of Gibraltar had conditions, not conditions, but sort of made provisions for financial consequences depending on whether it was public use or not. Certainly, the Government would not approve of any non-public use that rendered it liable to pay anything that might be payable to the MOD. I think it would be too dogmatic to say that the Government have a policy that the use of the Mount should be a public use as opposed to a private use available to the public. I do not think we would ever, sort of, sell it as a private residence. I think that would be out of the question. But some private sector amenity for Gibraltar, if the right one came along, then the Government I think

would consider it with an open mind. But we think it is a sufficiently important chunk in terms of size and also amenity to require a public tender process, indeed not just for the alienation, but to make sure that we are teasing out, as we did when we last had such a process, a sort of contest to make sure that we are teasing out all the possible uses to which the private sector might be interested in putting it. Then, I think this is sufficiently important to go to the public and say, look the Government have a proposal, we think that this is a viable proposal, what do people think. I think that is as much as we have a policy on.

NO. 1519 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATS AND AENA

Will Government publish the Air Traffic Control agreement between NATS and AENA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am advised that it is not standard aviation practice to make technical agreements between Air Traffic Control entities public. Nor are the Government a party to the contract. So, I will be publishing a document that is being provided to me as a matter of courtesy. It is a contract between the NATS who are the contractors of the MOD and AENA who control air traffic in the Seville and in the related European International FIR region. But I can tell the hon Member that we have seen it. We had seen it in all its draft versions and we have taken steps to ensure that there was nothing in it which might have an adverse political implication to Gibraltar. So, if the MOD want to provide it to him, that is entirely a matter for them. I do not feel free to publish a document which is not mine ... If his concern is, are there negative political implications for Gibraltar, then I can assure him that in our view it does not and we did not need to propose changes to ensure that.

NO. 1520 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

BOAT FISHING IN GIBRALTAR TERRITORIAL WATERS – COMPLIANCE WITH EU AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Can Government confirm whether every boat fishing in the territorial waters of Gibraltar is presently required to comply with EU wide regulations, or comparable local laws, relating to prohibited fishing methods, net sizes and fish sizes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Speaker, no. Although it is not the function of Ministers to provide legal advice to hon Members opposite across the floor of the House, but in any event I do not mind telling him because it is the position that EU Regulations relating to fishing methods, net sizes and fish sizes are contained in EU common fisheries policy measures that do not apply to Gibraltar. Only measures contained in EU environmental protection measures would apply as a matter of legal obligation to Gibraltar.

Now, in the consultation paper that the Government have issued which appears to dissatisfy some people, what the Government are consulting about is a proposal to adopt as a matter of domestic policy in our legislation, not by way of EU compulsion, some of the or indeed all of the EU provisions about fish sizes and net sizes and that sort of thing. But it does not apply as a matter of EU obligation.

NO. 1521 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

MID TOWN PROJECT

Are Government aware as to whether the developers of the Mid Town project were offered arrangements for private financing of the development by selling part of the site or entering into a joint venture with another company?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I cannot tell him one way or the other. Ministers are not privy to what may have transpired between the Mid Town developers and third parties and therefore we just do not know. But I can tell him that I am not aware and we are not aware if it has happened but which is not to say that it has not. We would not know if it has not. Or rather, we would not know if it has, if we do not specifically know.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1521 OF 2010

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it something that the Government would have asked in the process of these discussions with the developers?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is up to developers to proceed with their developments and the arrangements are matters for them. The Government do not ... The Government have made considerable enquiry of these developers about the availability of funding to them, not specifically in the context of one particular source of funding as opposed to another, and it has never been suggested to us that there might be private sources of funding as opposed to banking sources of funding. I think it is important that the hon Member's question gives me an opportunity to clarify, given that it has been in part obfuscated by public comment by others, the statement that I made in this House at Budget time, that the Government were considering an investment. The Government firmly believe, a judgement with which certainly others are free to disagree, that Gibraltar's macro economic interests, especially as we launch the new tax laws that we all hope will create a bounce of interest in business location to Gibraltar, that there needs to be a supply of office space in Gibraltar, otherwise people will come, look, and go away because Gibraltar cannot accommodate them in terms of adequate office space. Of course, it is the Government's preference by a long mile that the private sector should, as it has always done, supply Gibraltar's private office

space. For reasons that have nothing to do with their willingness to do it, that is the way the banking sector is at present, not just the Mid Town developers but other developers, for example, the office block, I do not know what it has been baptised, Grand something, Majestic something. The Ocean Village related office block next to Trade Winds. They seem to be having the same difficulty because the problem is a banking sector problem, not a willingness on the part of developers in Gibraltar to proceed with developments for which there is generally believed to be demand in Gibraltar. So, the Government can stand idly by and say, well, no, Gibraltar cannot accommodate further business development because the banks will not lend money and just take the consequences of that on the chin, or the Government can say, if the private sector cannot fund itself, then the Government in the macro economic interests of Gibraltar may have to deploy some of our own resources which do not depend on the present state and inclination of the international banking community to provide money. But that should not be confused by any, sort of, positive desire on the part of the Government to do that. So, what the Government are doing is that we are allowing the developers that are around, which are the Hilton Group ... not the Hilton Group, in connection with the Hilton Development down there on Queensway and, as I say, the Ocean Village Group, we are allowing them a period of time to demonstrate to the Government that they can obtain funding for themselves and if they can we will be the first to be relieved by that fact, but if they cannot, we cannot be without office space available in Gibraltar of the right quantity and quality for the next three or four years. Remember it takes two years to deliver once you start, simply because the private sector is, for one reason or another, unable to do so. But I can assure this House that the Government will not embark on this process unless it is absolutely certain, for which I am willing to account for in this House in advance, that the Government are absolutely satisfied that the private sector, whatever it may be promised or whenever it may say it can do, if it cannot by a certain reasonable date then I will come to this House and say so and then the Government will most certainly consider satisfying Gibraltar's needs by other means. I apologise to the hon Members and I am grateful for the Speaker's indulgence for allowing me, on the back of that, just to clarify what the Government's detailed position is on this controversial subject.

ORAL

NO. 1522 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DOLPHINARIUM AT ROSIA BAY

Can Government confirm whether they are in discussions with the entity that has made a formal proposal for the establishment of a dolphinarium and other related leisure activities in Rosia Bay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1523 of 2010.

NO. 1523 OF 2010

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DIVE CENTRE HUB SUPPORTING FACILITIES AT ROSIA BAY

Can Government say what are the “other waterfront facilities at Rosia Bay” that are intended to support their planned Dive Centre Hub?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government are not currently in discussions with the entity that has made a formal proposal for the establishment of a dolphinarium and other related leisure activities at Rosia Bay.

The other waterfront facilities at Rosia Bay that are intended to support the Government’s planned Dive Centre Hub have not yet been finalised, as this forms part of the consultation paper entitled “Regulating Certain Aspects of Fishing and Diving in Gibraltar” that was made available to the public for comment recently and, indeed, it may be possible that those facilities to support diving might even be possible to extend them, depending on the outcome of the consultation, to facilities to support fishing too. It remains to be seen but it is, certainly, in the context of the local seafaring, sea using community.

ORAL

NO. 1524 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – POSTS OCCUPIED BY CIVIL SERVANTS AND GHA EMPLOYEES

Can Government state whether there are any posts in the GHA which currently are occupied by both civil servants and GHA employees and, if so, provide a list of such posts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question No. 1524 of 2010

The following are posts in the GHA which currently are occupied by both civil servants and GHA employees.

NURSING

Midwife
TSSU/CSSD Technician
Charge Nurse
Staff Nurse
Registered Mental Nurse
Registered Sick Children Nurse
Enrolled Nurse
Nursing Assistant

MEDICAL

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Consultant Physician
Consultant General Surgeon
General Practitioner
Senior Dental Officer
Dental Officer
Biomedical Scientist II
Speech & Language Therapist
Dietician Senior I
Occupational Therapist Senior I
Radiographer/Mammographer Senior I
Radiographer Senior I
Physiotherapist Senior II
Biomedical Assistant

ADMIN

Senior Electrical Health Technician
Ward Clerk
Typist

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1524 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it that at a particular date the Government stopped recruiting people as civil servants in these posts and starting recruiting them as GHA or is there some other reason for the fact that some are in one category and others in the other?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think there is now a policy in the GHA, now rendered academic by a recently concluded agreement, that new recruits in the medical grades, not in the clerical and administrative grades, although even that appears to have become a little bit confused in the past, that new recruits in the medical grades are now recruited as GHA employees. So therefore, if there is somebody that predates that in a similar post, then there will be people working side by side, some of whom are civil servants and some of whom are GHA employees. Then there were certain new types of clerical and administrative jobs like, for example, ward clerks and there was a whole confusion about whether they had been recruited as civil servants or not. So, the position I have to say has been something of a mixed and confused one for a period of time which is one of the reasons why the Government were keen to arrive at a position where everybody could be put under the same employment umbrella. As an employer, we do not make a huge distinction. We regard both GHA and Civil Service both as being the public sector, both as being, what the hon Member sometimes calls, the Government sector. We do not draw a huge distinction but there is this tidying up value in that aspect of the agreement that we have just concluded with the Unions.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I do not think it is true that he has never drawn such a distinction if we go back over the years to the answers he has given at different times. But that is not really relevant, as far as I am concerned, to the information that I am seeking. Is the difference between those who are in the Civil Service and those who are not just the Civil Service pension scheme?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, because you could have been recruited as a civil servant on contract terms and you still do not have a permanent and pensionable position. So, you have people who are recruited on contract by the GHA, people who are recruited indefinitely by the GHA. Indefinitely means something different to permanent and pensionable. It simply means that you are not recruited for a particular number of years and then even if your employer was the Government which makes you a civil servant, you could then be of two types, both of which are Crown Officers. You could be permanent and pensionable Crown Officers, like a general body of civil servants or you could be recruited on contract by the Crown and there are some that have been by the Crown and on contract in some of these medical positions. Eventually, they become indefinite not least because of the EU Directive about indefinite rights for people whose contracts are renewed. I think it is four years.

NO. 1525 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**CIVIL SERVICE – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government state whether any post in the Civil Service does not have the salary scale of the grade included and listed in Appendix O of the Estimates of Expenditure 2010/2011 and, if so, can Government specify the posts and list the grade and salary scales?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1526 of 2010.

NO. 1526 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**CIVIL SERVICE – GRADES PROVIDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES
CORRESPONDING TO POSTS IN CIVIL SERVICE**

Can Government confirm whether all the grades in respect of which salary scales as at 1st April 2010 are provided in Appendix O of the Estimates of Expenditure 2010/2011 are in respect of posts in the Civil Service?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I confirm that all the grades in respect of which salary scales as at 1st April 2010 are provided in Appendix O of the 2010/11 Estimates Book are in respect of posts in the Civil Service.

Appendix O does not include three posts in respect of contract officers appointed after 1st April 2010 and two further posts which were omitted from Appendix O in error.

I now hand the hon Member a statement with details of these posts and their corresponding salaries.

So one page, some of them are posts, Chief Executive of the Law Courts, Director Media and Communications and the Private Secretary to the Chief Minister. These are the posts that were recruited after the 1st April and then, by error, the grade of Nursery Officer and Court Clerk were inadvertently omitted, for some reason, from this year's Appendix O, generally, not just in the context of a post holder. It is just that the scale did not appear in the list of grades.

Answer to Question Nos. 1525 and 1526 of 2010

<u>Post</u>	<u>Salary per annum</u>
<u>Contract Officers appointed after 1 April 2010</u>	
1. Chief Executive – Combined Law Courts	£80,000
2. Director, Medical and Communications	£50,000
3. PS to the Chief Minister and Press Secretary	£53,929
<u>Posts Omitted in Error</u>	
4. Nursery Officer – (Officer in charge of Nursery)	£25,488, £26,240, £27,014, £27,777, £28,359
5. Court Clerk	£28,270, £31,368, £32,246, £33,417, £35,681, £36,620, £39,685, £42,596, £44,438, £46,431, £48,424, £50,570, £52,715, £55,015

NO. 1527 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Development Corporation in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1528 to 1533 of 2010.

NO. 1528 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS
NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Sports and Leisure Authority in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1527 and 1529 to 1533 of 2010.

NO. 1529 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**CARE AGENCY – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Care Agency in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1527, 1528 and 1530 to 1533 of 2010.

NO. 1530 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Social Services Agency in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1527 to 1529 and 1531 to 1533 of 2010.

NO. 1531 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**PORT AUTHORITY – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Port Authority in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1527 to 1530, 1532 and 1533 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1532 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GEA – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Electricity Authority in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1527 to 1531 and 1533 of 2010.

NO. 1533 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GRA – GRADE AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES

Can Government provide the salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Regulatory Authority in the current financial year, the grade and salary scales of which are not included in Appendix O of the Estimates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am informed that the information cannot be provided at this time without specifically compiling it because it is not maintained in that form. However, coincidentally, I can tell the hon Member that in connection with the statements that I made at Budget time about provisions that the Government was working on for still more transparency in public affairs, that this, precisely this information that he is now asking for, is one of the additions that is being prepared to be compiled and included in the Appendices to the Budget Book as a matter of normal system. At the moment, the Appendices to the Budget Books as a recent innovation gives the establishment of the Agencies but not the information that he is now asking for which is these grades. They will be provided in the future and I have asked those who are working on this to let me have them as soon as possible so that as soon as it is ready he can have them. In other words, he may not have to wait until the next Budget Book. As soon as the information is compiled in preparation, which would normally be sometime January or February at the latest, I will send it to him so that he has it as soon as possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1527 TO 1533 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can he say whether the situation that he has just acknowledged, which has been existing in the Health Authority, also happens in any of the other Authorities or Agencies. Is there a mix of Civil Service and non Civil Service in any of the others?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. Not for the same reason to the same extent or in the same way as with the GHA which is a genuine pot of mix. There are some Agencies which have grades which have historically been Civil Service grades and which remain Civil Service grades even when new members are recruited to it and they are then seconded to the Agency. One example

are the Social Workers who are civil servants. When we recruit new ones, they continue to be recruited as civil servants because it is a Civil Service grade but they work within the context of the Care Agency and, therefore, they are an integral part of the Care Agency, but Social Workers. So, there are within some of these Authorities, I think probably the Care Agency is the last one. I do not think it happens in the Port Authority or in the Electricity Authority or in the Sports and Leisure Authority. I am almost certain it does not. But in the Care Agency there are and indeed not just, I am not sure it is just Social Workers, I think there are a small number of Classroom Aides left who are, sort of, the tail end of that. So, I think the answer is probably only in the Care Agency as a matter of historical rump.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, for example, when I asked at a previous meeting of the House in respect of the Port Authority about the newly recruited assistant to the Chief Executive which is shown in the book as a HEO, that is not a Civil Service HEO salary scale?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. There were clerks and administrative grades in the Port Authority but they moved when they accepted the arrangements. They moved to the Authority and became Authority employees. So, no, there aren't any. My understanding is that that has all been done and dusted and that what he has just said in his last supplementary is indeed the correct statement of the position, namely that that is not... It may be a salary analogued by the Authority to an HEO salary but it is not an HEO Civil Service graded post or even a Civil Service post.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Given that I am identifying the posts with the salary scale, where the book says HEO, it is not necessarily the HEO in Appendix O, then?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct.

NO. 1534 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CARE LIMITED – REFORM

Can Government confirm whether it is still its intention to introduce this year significant reforms to the system of Community Care to protect Gibraltar from the possibility of any successful EU challenge, as it said it would in the Budget session of 2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

It remains the Government's intention to carry out this necessary and desirable reform, although it may suffer delay until next year.

NO. 1535 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CARE LIMITED – NUMBER OF COMMUNITY OFFICERS IN PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Can Government state the total number of Community Officers in part-time employment with Community Care Limited as recorded in the Employment Survey Report of 2009 as part of the private sector?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1536 of 2010.

NO. 1536 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CARE LIMITED – FUNDING

Can Government state what funding, if any, has been provided to Community Care in each month since the answer to Question No. 1079 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There were 665 Community Officers in part-time employment.

Funding provided to Gibraltar Community Care from June to September 2010 is as follows:

	Funding to Gibraltar Community Care
June	£2,840,000
July	£340,000
August	£430,000
September	£3,520,000

NO. 1537 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CARE LIMITED – CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PART-TIME COMMUNITY OFFICERS

Can Government confirm whether the conditions attached to the employment of part-time Community Officers by Gibraltar Community Care were as suggested by the Government when the proposal was put to the charity or if they were changed, and, if the latter, what was changed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

As I think the question correctly implies, Community Care Trust is neither owned nor controlled by the Government. The Government make suggestions to the trustees for them to consider. A variation in their Community Officer scheme in order to prevent the loss of eligibility to the scheme for those employees who have to carry on working because they have no occupational pension and who were otherwise eligible for the Community Care scheme. The Government made proposals which I am happy to say that the trustees, having considered, were minded to adopt the Government's suggestion and that is how the changes have come about.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1537 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

The question really was whether, in accepting the suggestion of the Government, they had changed anything or what was implemented was, in fact, as suggested?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have not looked to check the minute detail but my understanding is that they were able to accept the idea as it was suggested and that is how they have adopted it and implemented it. But if there is a small variation somewhere, I am personally not familiar with it and it has not been brought to my attention.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Did the Government say in the initial answer that, in fact, it was for people who did not have an occupational pension scheme because I do not think that is, in fact, what is happening?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Amongst the terms is that. But it is not the only term. That is one of the things that the Government suggested to the trustees they might use to differentiate. So, the rules ... the idea as was proposed by the Government was that otherwise eligible persons for the Community Officer scheme who are in employment will remain eligible for appointment as a Community Officer, if their income from other employment or self-employment does not exceed £15,000 per annum. If any such applicant has such income in excess of £15,000, he is still eligible but the amount of the said excess is reduced from the remuneration payable to him as a Community Officer on a monthly basis. So, this is about circumstances... and it does include not having an occupational pension.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It does include ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It does. It does. So, this is about circumstances different to circumstances in which eligibility which would previously have been lost, will now not be lost.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am not sure if I am interpreting what the hon Member has said correctly. Is he saying that the occupational pension is not included in the income or is he saying that people with an occupational pension are not eligible? Which of the two is it? He seemed to be saying the first in the original answer.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is some time since I have looked at this. I think that ... let me just see. I am just checking to see if the note that I have here for supplementary gives me the answer to that. My understanding of it is that there is a level of income above which, whether it is from employment or from an occupational pension, would disentitle. In other words, if you have got an occupational pension but it is insufficient to prevent you from having to stop working, my understanding is, but I do not dare confirm it to him ... If he is keen for me to do it, I will find out. In other words, the essence of his question, as he has just last clarified it for my benefit, is if you have an occupational pension however low, do you then not benefit from the changes? Whereas somebody who has earned income of up to £15,000 can benefit from the changes. That is how I have understood the nuance that he is trying to focus.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Arising from his original answer, I understood him to be saying that the new element was for people who did not have occupational pensions. That is, as I remember the issue ... because there were ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That was the policy. That was the justification.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes. Because there were people who were arguing that there were people with occupational pensions who were able to access this and people on lower incomes from employment without occupational pensions who were not, even though their income might be the same, the source of the income determined whether they were eligible or not. And I think those were the representations that were made to the Government and I think that is what prompted the suggestion by the Government to the Committee ... That is my understanding of the situation. So, the original question was to try and establish whether Community Care had actually implemented the scheme suggested or they had altered the scheme in some way and the answer is, as far as the Government are concerned, they have not.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They have not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right. My supplementary, as I understood his latest explanation, is that the threshold of the income is a threshold that can be income from employment, income from pension or a combination of the two because it is the amount of money that is provided to the xxxxx.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. But I am not ... I cannot tell him that with sufficient degree of certainty. You see I remember, at the time that the Government was thinking what to suggest to the trustees, of course, the position is that if you do not work, you can have as high an occupational pension as you like and you are still eligible.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

So, I remember thinking at the time, well it is a little bit unfair to ask the trustees to take into account occupational pensions because after all if it does not disentitle it to you if you

do not work, why should it disentitle you to it if you have to carry on working because your occupational pension may be very small. It may be that you have no one. So, I am not just sufficiently certain about how it came out in the end to tell you. If I was obliged to choose here and now, I think it is the latter. I think that the level of occupational pension is irrelevant and probably is not included in the £15,000. But I do not dare subscribe to the proposition categorically because I just do not ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is my understanding of what is happening, but I thought in his original formulation he was not saying that. He was saying that the occupational pension was ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Inclusive. In other words, the £15,000 inclusive of the pension.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Inclusive of the pension. Yes.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If I had to choose now with a pistol to my head, I would say no. But I can find out.

NO. 1538 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CIVIL SERVANTS – TRANSFERS TO LOWER PAID POSTS

Can Government state on what date it introduced the policy that any civil servant transferred to a lower paid post would no longer receive his previous salary on a personal to holder basis?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1539 and 1540 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1539 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CIVIL SERVANTS – TRANSFERS TO LOWER PAID POSTS

Can Government state how many civil servants since 1996 have been transferred to a lower paid post and retained their previous salary on a personal to holder basis?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1538 and 1540 of 2010.

NO. 1540 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CIVIL SERVANTS – TRANSFERS TO LOWER PAID POSTS

Can Government state how many civil servants since 1996 have been transferred to a lower paid post and been paid the lower salary attached to this post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1538 of 2010

The policy has now been in place for over five years.

Answer to Question No. 1539 of 2010

A total of three civil servants have been transferred since 1996 to lower paid posts and retain their previous salaries on a personal to holder basis. One of these civil servants was allowed to retain his salary on a personal to holder basis prior to the introduction of the policy. Two, however, have been allowed to retain their salaries on a personal to holder basis after the introduction of the policy as a matter of implementation oversight by the Personnel Department and, of course, the Government have taken the view that it will not be right to retrieve the situation and they get the benefit of the mistake.

Answer to Question No. 1540 of 2010

A total of eleven civil servants have been transferred since 1996 to lower posts. Out of the eleven civil servants transferred, three were allowed to retain their salaries on a mark-time basis until overtaken by the salaries of the lower posts to which they were transferred. A further civil servant was allowed to retain his salary for one year and then assumed the salary of the lower post. Two civil servants reverted to their previous lower paid posts. Interestingly, in their cases, at their own requests.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1538 TO 1540 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

That makes a total of six and the other five out of the eleven?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I can only assume that those were dealt with in whatever was the way that this was dealt with before the change in policy. But, certainly, the breakdown does not add up to the total of eleven. My understanding of that is that I have been sent here to give you an explanation of out of the eleven because the eleven is since 1996. There is no policy difference.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

My interpretation of the shortfall is that those were dealt with in the way the system used to deal with them before.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the eleven the answer to Question No. 1540 of 2010?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, then it cannot have been the way it was before because the answer to Question No. 1540 of 2010 is that they were paid the lower salary.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, not for everybody. It depends on how the situation arose. For example, I remember that for several years after 1996 and it was not until several years later that in agreement with the Police Association we changed it. Police Officers who were medically boarded out were allowed to transfer to lower posts but were not ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

On a policeman's salary?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. But I cannot assure the hon Member that that is the explanation. But, certainly, that ... If he is particularly interested I will find out and have that communicated to him. So, the full breakdown of the eleven going all the way back to 1996, I will do that. I am afraid I do not have any supplementary information on this one that I can share with him.

NO. 1541 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PORT AUTHORITY – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of Port Authority payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1542 to 1548 of 2010.

NO. 1542 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1541 and 1543 to 1548 of 2010.

NO. 1543 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the Gibraltar Development Corporation payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1541, 1542 and 1544 to 1548 of 2010.

NO. 1544 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the Elderly Care Agency payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1541 to 1543 and 1545 to 1548 of 2010.

NO. 1545 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the Social Services Agency payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1541 to 1544 and 1546 to 1548 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1546 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GEA – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1541 to 1545, 1547 and 1548 of 2010.

NO. 1547 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the Gibraltar Health Authority payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1541 to 1546 and 1548 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1548 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS – PAYROLL COSTS/NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT

Can Government provide the most recent estimate of the departmental payroll costs in the last financial year and the numbers in employment at the close of the year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, the information that the hon Member seeks is in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question Nos. 1541 to 1548 of 2010

The following statement shows actual payroll costs as at 31st March 2010. The number of employees is the latest available information as per the published Estimates.

	TOTAL PAYROLL COSTS £'million	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	
Gibraltar Port Authority	2.13	47	
Gibraltar Sport and Leisure Authority	1.72	45	
Gibraltar Development Corporation	5.55	174	
Care Agency*	10.99	477	
Gibraltar Electricity Authority	7.63	175	
Gibraltar Health Authority	32.76	856	FTE
Government Departments	64.62	2097	

- * In addition to the approved complement from the Elderly Care Agency and the Social Services Agency, this includes 19 employees from Bruce's Farm.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1541 TO 1548 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the case of the Health Authority the figure is shown as full-time equivalents. I take it that this means that in the others it can be a mixture of part-time and full-time. Is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. Theoretically yes, although I think the Health Authority has a much higher incidence of job share and part-time workers. But yes there are. The others are on a body count basis and the GHA is on the basis of full-time equivalents. So, there are not that many bodies. I think from memory it is somewhere between 600 and 700 bodies. Or rather there is something like ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

The number of bodies must be higher.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. The number of bodies is about a hundred odd higher. From memory, from a figure that I saw recently but he ought to disregard that. If he wants that, he should ask for it separately.

NO. 1549 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 2 PENSION FUND

Can Government state whether any additional Public Sector entities have joined the No.2 Provident Fund Trust since the answer to Question No. 1100 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1550 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1550 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND

Can Government state whether any additional Private entities have joined the No.3 Provident Fund Trust since the answer to Question No. 1102 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information that he has requested.

Answer to Question Nos. 1549 and 1550 of 2010

Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 2 Pension Scheme

Additional Public Sector Entities since March 2010

Company Name	No. of Employees
*Gibraltar General Support Services Ltd.	41
*Gibraltar Cleansing Services Ltd.	29
Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Company Ltd.	1
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd.	1
	72

* Previously shown under Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd.

Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Scheme

Additional Private Sector Entities since March 2010

Company Name	No. of Employees
Fidux Trust Company Ltd.	1
	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1549 AND 1550 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

As I understand the note in the explanation, people who were already covered by the scheme under the employment of Community Projects are the ones that are now covered by the scheme in the two new companies mentioned here?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, because the question did not ask about new employees. It asked about new entities.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct. That does not represent an increase of 72 people in the scheme.

HON J J BOSSANO:

They were already there?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I do not know whether the odd one in King's Bastion Leisure Centre and in Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited may be new staff, but certainly the other seventy ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are all transferred?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 1551 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EASTSIDE DEVELOPMENT – PAYMENT OF PREMIUM DUE

Can Government state how much of the premium due in respect of the Eastside development has already been paid, what is the actual sum and when was the last payment made?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

An amount of £32,985,000 in respect of the premium due for the Eastside Development has already been paid. The last payment was made at the end of March 2007.

NO. 1552 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE

Can Government state whether on the basis of the rate of construction to date it still expects the expenditure of the Improvement and Development Fund to reach almost £119 million in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes Sir.

ORAL

NO. 1553 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ARREARS OF RATES WRITTEN-OFF

Can Government state whether there has been any amount written-off in respect of arrears of rates in 2009/2010, showing the amounts in respect of a) domestic and b) commercial premises and the years in which the rates were payable?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information he has requested.

Answer to Question No. 1553 of 2010

Breakdown of Write-offs for Financial Year 2009/2010

Classification	No. of A/C's	Amount Written-off	Range of debt period
a) Domestic	45	£97,356.54	1984 to 2010
b) Commercial	156	£1,324,649.83	1987 to 2009

NO. 1554 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GRATUITY PAYMENTS TO CONTRACT OFFICERS

Can Government state whether the 25 per cent payment in lieu of pension rights to eligible contract officers is charged to the Pensions Head of Expenditure in Consolidated Fund charges for 2010/2011?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No. The payment of gratuities to eligible contract officers is charged to an item specifically for gratuities in the relevant Departmental Head or Agency.

NO. 1555 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RELOCATION COSTS GIBRALTAR BOAT SQUADRON

Can Government state what further payments have been made in respect of the relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron since the answer to Question No. 1085 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information he requests.

Answer to Question No. 1555 of 2010

Further payments made in respect of the Relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron since the answer to Q1085 of 2010:

	<u>Costs from Q1085 to date</u>	<u>Estimated remaining costs to date</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
1) Boat Squadron Building			
Building Contractor	275,649	824,601	1,100,250
Consultants Costs	43,696	34,256	77,952
Architect Fees	<u>13,622</u>	<u>24,491</u>	<u>38,113</u>
	<u>332,967</u>	<u>883,348</u>	<u>1,216,315</u>
2) Finger Jetty			
Building Contractor	1,272,232	499,187	1,771,419
Consultants Costs	<u>41,532</u>	<u>46,151</u>	<u>87,683</u>
	<u>1,313,764</u>	<u>545,338</u>	<u>1,859,102</u>
3) Pontoons			
Building Contractor	<u>0</u>	<u>515,000</u>	<u>515,000</u>

NO. 1556 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GJBS LIMITED – TAKEOVER OF RENTAL HOUSING ESTATE PREVIOUSLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY BRUESA

Can Government state how much has been paid to GJBS Limited in respect of the takeover of the rental housing estate previously under construction by BRUESA and how much has GJBS Limited paid sub-contractors since the answer to Question No. 1093 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government have paid £8,772,696.33 of which it has paid £2,020,081.63 to sub-contractors.

NO. 1557 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

LAND AND PROPERTY SALES

Can Government state what property or land sales, if any, there have been in the current financial year, resulting in receipts to the Improvement and Development Fund since the answer to Question No. 1062 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1497 of 2010

No residential tenders have been awarded since the information supplied at the last Question Time.

Answer to Question No. 1498 and 1557 of 2010

I now hand the hon Members a schedule setting out all the other information that they have requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Improvement And Development Fund)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jun-10	A Rose & J Keany	10% deposit iro tender for 18 George's Lane	£18,000.00
Jul-10	A Rose & J Keany	90% balance iro tender for 18 George's Lane	£162,000.00
Jul-10	Mr J Broton	Sale of 14 South Barrack Road	£22,150.00
Aug-10	S Danino & K Galia	Premium iro extension of lease of flats 405/406 Trafalgar Hou	£11,258.92
			<u>£213,408.92</u>

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

<u>Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government-Owned Companies)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
<u>Westside Two Co-Ownership Co Ltd</u>			
Aug-10	M & C J Golt	Purchase of 25 Freemantle Court, Harbour Views	£10,272.01
<u>Brympton Co-Ownership Co Ltd</u>			
Jul-10	D P Llamas & G F Danino	50% Share iro 24 Blackwood Tower	£61,151.40
<u>Gibraltar Co-Ownership Co Ltd</u>			
Jul-10	Mr & Mrs Davis	35% Share iro 12 Knightsbridge Close & C.P.S 150	£36,906.40
<u>Gibraltar Residential Properties Co Ltd</u>			
Jun-10	Maria de Lourdes Lima	Purchase of 20 Ross House	£45,800.00
Jun-10	J Victor	100% Sale of 8 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£74,050.60
Jun-10	R Chapman & T Waters	50% Sale of 11 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£26,347.00
Jun-10	D Monteverde	50% Sale of 13 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£24,451.00
Jun-10	K Watkins	50% Sale of 16 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£24,951.00
Jun-10	R Artesani	100% Sale of 21 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£100,000.00
Jun-10	J Montegriffo & S Bailey	100% Sale of 24 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£84,199.50
Jun-10	D & D Victor	60% Sale of 29 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£39,005.20
Jun-10	A Barea	50% Sale of 2 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£25,948.00
Jun-10	D & J A Carter	60% Sale of 3 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£37,048.00
Jun-10	A & T L Martinez	50% Sale of 4 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£26,448.00
Jun-10	T & J Wahnon	50% Sale of 5 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£26,147.60
Jun-10	D Garcia & K Crome	60% Sale of 11 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£37,106.20
Jun-10	J Guy	50% Sale of 12 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£26,346.00

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

<u>Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government-Owned Companies)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jun-10 M & D Holland		50% Sale of 15 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£27,046.80
Jun-10 M Mills		70% Sale of 16 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£48,726.80
Jun-10 M Cruz & J Ryan		60% Sale of 17 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£38,166.40
Jun-10 D & K Mifsud		70% Sale of 19 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£49,086.40
Jun-10 D & D Peñalver		100% Sale of 20 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£81,345.40
Jun-10 J & L Canepa		60% Sale of 23 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£38,446.00
Jun-10 A & D Crisp		80% Sale of 24 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£59,946.00
Jun-10 S & N Acris		100% Sale of 25 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£83,044.60
Jun-10 C Alecio-Eldridge & E Eldridge		100% Sale of 28 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£82,544.00
Jun-10 G & S Hedley		100% Sale of 29 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£83,644.20
Jun-10 L & X Cerisola		50% Sale of 30 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£27,345.20
Jun-10 P & J Martinez		100% Sale of 31 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£83,644.20
Jun-10 K Attard & R Martinez		50% Sale of 32 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£27,845.20
Jun-10 J Faragher & Miss B C Hall		Deposit iro 202 Bayview Terraces	£1,000.00
Jun-10 N M Vinent & M Marlow		Deposit iro 101 Nelson's View	£1,000.00
Jun-10 D & M Grambow		60% Sale of G01 Cumberland Terraces	£66,063.00
Jun-10 C McIntosh & C Neale		50% Sale of G04 Cumberland Terraces	£53,786.00
Jun-10 A K Victor & N A Victor		100% Sale of G07 Cumberland Terraces	£160,600.00
Jun-10 M Penalver & T Apap		50% Sale of G09 Cumberland Terraces	£53,286.00
Jun-10 A Moreno		60% Sale of G14 Cumberland Terraces	£58,761.00
Jun-10 M E & T Benaim		100% Sale of 107 Cumberland Terraces	£160,800.00

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

<u>Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government-Owned Companies)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jun-10 A Barrat		50% Sale of 114 Cumberland Terraces	£48,901.00
Jun-10 J Hurtado		60% Sale of 118 Cumberland Terraces	£57,099.00
Jun-10 N Galliano		70% Sale of 218 Cumberland Terraces	£66,922.00
Jun-10 G C Gaduzo & K Moss		60% Sale of 220 Cumberland Terraces	£68,283.00
Jun-10 T Lavelle		50% Sale of 221 Cumberland Terraces	£47,516.00
Jun-10 J L Gibney		70% Sale of 222 Cumberland Terraces	£67,062.00
Jun-10 M Netto & D Britto-Lett		60% Sale of 223 Cumberland Terraces	£68,721.00
Jun-10 T & C Victory		100% Sale of 307 Cumberland Terraces	£161,200.00
Jun-10 S M Perez		70% Sale of 313 Cumberland Terraces	£56,142.00
Jun-10 K B Borastero		55% Sale of 314 Cumberland Terraces	£54,111.00
Jun-10 M D Pizarro		60% Sale of 317 Cumberland Terraces	£57,339.00
Jun-10 G & R M Sevilla		50% Sale of 319 Cumberland Terraces	£57,111.00
Jun-10 A Ouarbiaa		70% Sale of 404 Cumberland Terraces	£78,290.00
Jun-10 R L Yeats		60% Sale of 405 Cumberland Terraces	£50,895.00
Jun-10 S & N R Gross		70% Sale of 406 Cumberland Terraces	£111,491.00
Jun-10 I & L Wood		50% Sale of 409 Cumberland Terraces	£55,437.00
Jun-10 E Reyes & M Gomez		50% Sale of 410 Cumberland Terraces	£56,536.00
Jun-10 K Nuza		50% Sale of 418 Cumberland Terraces	£47,716.00
Jun-10 D Hassan		100% Sale of 503 Cumberland Terraces	£115,520.00
Jun-10 A Alsina & J Benyunes		50% Sale of 511 Cumberland Terraces	£56,161.00
Jun-10 A H Mkerref & L'Bari		50% Sale of 512 Cumberland Terraces	£57,261.00
Jun-10 C Santos		50% Sale of 515 Cumberland Terraces	£46,431.00

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

<u>Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government-Owned Companies)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jun-10 R Anes		100% Sale of 602 Cumberland Terraces	£114,370.00
Jun-10 J Edery		100% Sale of 603 Cumberland Terraces	£116,570.00
Jun-10 S P Micallef-Eynaud		60% Sale of 608 Cumberland Terraces	£53,811.00
Jun-10 G Alecio		70% Sale of 618 Cumberland Terraces	£67,482.00
Jun-10 N Cavilla		50% Sale of 621 Cumberland Terraces	£48,016.00
Jun-10 W Borastero		50% Sale of 705 Cumberland Terraces	£42,446.00
Jun-10 R & P Mir		100% Sale of 707 Cumberland Terraces	£114,100.01
Jun-10 S A Button		70% Sale of 715 Cumberland Terraces	£65,543.00
Jun-10 K Rose		50% Sale of 717 Cumberland Terraces	£48,016.00
Jun-10 L Games & C Galea		50% Sale of 719 Cumberland Terraces	£59,136.00
Jun-10 N P Victory & J E Gomila		100% Sale of 722 Cumberland Terraces	£97,030.00
Jul-10 S Figueras & J Borg		Reservation fee iro Flat 9, Calpe Married Quarters	£500.00
Jul-10 Mr & Mrs Pinna		Purchase of 61 Ross House	£45,800.00
Jul-10 L & P J Baglietto		Purchase of 59 Picton House	£45,800.00
Jul-10 J J Bonfante		Purchase of 21 St John's Court	£43,100.00
Jul-10 E & E Gonzalez Maclaren		Purchase of 83 Alameda House, Alameda Estate	£53,100.00
Jul-10 C Neale		50% Sale of 4 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£24,452.00
Jul-10 S Burns & D Benrimoj		100% Sale of 27 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£83,044.60
Jul-10 E Alecio		100% Sale of 28 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£74,800.10
Jul-10 P & T Pereira		50% Sale of 9 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£26,347.60
Jul-10 L Azopardi		60% Sale of 18 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£34,846.15
Jul-10 P & S Courtenay		70% Sale of 20 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£49,086.40

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government-Owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jul-10	K Negrón & J Estrella	50% Sale of 1 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£25,948.00
Jul-10	J Estrella	50% Sale of 8 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£26,647.60
Jul-10	A & T Caetano	50% Sale of 21 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£27,446.00
Jul-10	J Schembri	100% Sale of 27 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£83,044.60
Jul-10	P Gache & K Gomez	Deposit iro 218 Nelson's View	£1,000.00
Jul-10	E & M Cortes	Deposit iro 606 Nelson's View	£1,000.00
Jul-10	J J McIntosh & R A Martinez	Deposit iro G10 Bayview Terraces	£1,000.00
Jul-10	A & F Jalarbi	50% Sale of G06 Cumberland Terraces	£78,951.00
Jul-10	J Greygoose	50% Sale of G08 Cumberland Terraces	£43,976.00
Jul-10	M Garret & S Williams	70% Sale of 109 Cumberland Terraces	£75,875.00
Jul-10	Y & F J Odinius	55% Sale of 210 Cumberland Terraces	£61,299.50
Jul-10	E & G Smart	50% Sale of 302 Cumberland Terraces	£55,111.00
Jul-10	C Cooper	88% Sale of 622 Cumberland Terraces	£85,267.40
Jul-10	F A Imossi	100% Sale of 701 Cumberland Terraces	£117,070.00
Aug-10	Mr N & Mrs D Serra	Reservation fee iro Flat 4, 12 Castle Steps	£500.00
Aug-10	Mr D Collins & Ms C Knock	Reservation fee iro Flat 3, 12 Castle Steps	£500.00
Aug-10	F & E Rocca	Purchase of 80 Alameda House, Alameda Estate	£53,100.00
Aug-10	P M & M C Emmett	Purchase of 44 St Joseph's East Mews	£51,100.00
Aug-10	E Piris	Purchase of 31 Royal Oak House, Varyl Begg Estate	£49,100.00
Aug-10	J D Sene	Purchase of 30 Royal Oak House, Varyl Begg Estate	£49,100.00

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

<u>Residential Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government-Owned Companies)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Aug-10 A & M Suisi		Purchase of 5 Orsovs House, Varyl Begg Estate	£54,200.00
Aug-10 F Cruz & B Calvente		50% Sale of 3 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£25,948.00
Aug-10 D Bell & S Mohamed		51% Sale of 12 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£25,348.15
Aug-10 D & S Broadhust		60% Sale of 26 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£38,725.60
Aug-10 P & T Pereira		50% Sale of 10 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£24,476.95
Aug-10 C G Riley		50% Sale of 122 Cumberland Terraces	£47,516.00
Aug-10 A C Coelho		60% Sale of 505 Cumberland Terraces	£51,015.00
Aug-10 S & K Lopez		50% Sale of 509 Cumberland Terraces	£56,161.00
Aug-10 J Byrne		50% Sale of 514 Cumberland Terraces	£49,401.00
Aug-10 D Borge & E M Azopardi		100% Sale of 607 Cumberland Terraces	£161,800.00
Aug-10 R P'iri		50% Sale of 708 Cumberland Terraces	£44,676.00
Aug-10 V Byrne		50% Sale of 709 Cumberland Terraces	£56,936.00
Aug-10 N Victor		2:00:13 Rosemary Court, SWJGrove (Prev Opt C)	£37,364.10
			<u>£6,286,347.86</u>
			<u>£6,394,677.67</u>

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

Commercial Property Sales from 1 June 2010 to 31 August 2010 (Improvement and Development Fund)

Date	Tenant	Address	Amount Paid
Jul-10	Casino Calpe	Part payment iro 51 Line Wall Road (3 installments)	£2,946.00
Aug-10	Casino Calpe	Part payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
Aug-10	Zerona Properties Ltd	Premium iro extension of development period for Maida Vale Site	£50,000.00
			<u>£53,928.00</u>

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CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 1498

Commercial Property Sales From 1 June 2010 To 31 August 2010 (Government Owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
<u>Gibraltar Commercial Property Co Ltd</u>			
Jul-10	Giblon Ltd	Premium iro Unit 1A Harbours Yard	£82,030.00
Aug-10	Syvestrine Ltd	Premium iro Unit 11 Harbours Yard	£294,778.05
			<u>£376,808.05</u>

NO. 1558 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ESTIMATED INCREASE IN RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF ELECTRICITY

Can Government confirm whether the £900,000 estimated increase in receipts from the sale of electricity in the current financial year includes the effect of the January increase in electricity and, if so, how much of the increased revenue is attributable to this?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I think the hon Member may have made some fundamental errors in the formulation of this question.

The last increase in electricity tariffs was effective from 1st July 2010 and not January.

Assuming that he is reading from the right place, the estimated increase, the approved estimate in receipts from the sale of electricity in the Budget Book is £2.9 million and not £0.9 million as the question states. This estimated increase of £2.9 million does take into account the increase in tariffs and the element of that increase attributable to the increase in tariffs is £0.7 million. The balance being to other sources of increase, quantity of units, arrears, that sort of thing. No not arrears, that is accommodated separately.

ORAL

NO. 1559 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – LEVEL OF RESERVES

Can Government confirm whether it is Government policy to maintain a given level of reserves in the Statutory Benefits Fund either in cash terms or as a percentage of the Fund's recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1560 of 2010.

NO. 1560 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW

Can Government state whether it has now taken a decision that a further actuarial review of the Statutory Benefits Fund is required?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There is no specific Government policy to maintain a given level of reserves in the Statutory Benefits Fund, either in cash terms or as a particular percentage of the Fund's recurrent expenditure.

As the hon Member knows, benefits payable from the Statutory Benefits Fund are prescribed by statute and the Fund is used by the Government as the vehicle to channel the necessary funding required to meet the payments of these benefits. This funding is provided by way of social insurance contributions and by contributions from the Consolidated Fund.

The balance in the Statutory Benefits Fund represents a cash reserve that is available to the Government to smooth out increases in social insurance contributions and to manage the Fund's cash flows.

As regards the commissioning of a further actuarial review, the Government have not taken a decision in this respect.

NO. 1561 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state how many properties have been approved as qualifying for Zero Stamp Duty on their sale in each month since the answer to Question No. 1117 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1562 to 1564 of 2010.

NO. 1562 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each month since the answer to Question No. 1116 of 2010 from the Stamp Duty on Share Issues?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1561, 1563 and 1564 of 2010.

NO. 1563 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in each month since the answer to Question No. 1115 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1561, 1562 and 1564 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1564 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

NUMBER OF PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS WITH A PROPERTY VALUE IN EXCESS OF £350,000

Can Government state how many property transactions with a property value in excess of £350,000 there were in the last financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information that he seeks.

Answer to Question No. 1564 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1561 of 2010

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on sales since May 2010 is as follows:

June 2010	78
July 2010	100
August 2010	44

Answer to Question No. 1562 of 2010

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues in each month since May 2010 is as follows:

June 2010	£1,570.00
July 2010	£1,620.00
August 2010	£1,270.00

Answer to Question No. 1563 of 2010

Stamp Duty collected in each month since May 2010 is as follows:

June 2010	£351,594.26
July 2010	£431,328.33
August 2010	£243,075.61

Answer to Question No. 1564 of 2010

The number of property transactions with a property value of over £350,000 in the last financial year was 142.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1561 TO 1564 OF 2010

HON G H LICUDI:

May I have your permission to go back to the previous question because we were handed a schedule but I had not had the opportunity of looking at it before we jumped to the present question.

MR SPEAKER:

Yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

This is the answer to Question No. 1564 of 2010 which included Nos. 1561, 1562, 1563 and 1564 and all related to Stamp Duty. Can the hon Member confirm whether the numbers given in terms of number of properties and Stamp Duty collected in answer to Question No. 1563, whether those take into account the new thresholds and rates which were announced at budget time?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I think that the new threshold and things, as he calls them ...

HON G H LICUDI:

I said rates.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, well things would have been perfectly okay too, that were introduced I think the budget came into effect on 1st July. Was there a date?

HON G H LICUDI:

There is a Bill for this session which is an act to amend the Stamp Duties Act which is stated to be retrospective to 1st July which gives effect to those budget measures but that Bill has not been implemented yet. It is before this session of the House. It is going to have retrospective effect when it is passed.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Oh I see.

HON G H LICUDI:

What I am wondering is whether these figures take into account the new measures or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, well if somebody has thought it necessary to draft the legislation retrospectively, it must be because they must have been collecting the duty at the higher rate. So, the answer must be yes, in respect of the July figure. No, in respect of the June figure and yes, in respect of the August figure.

HON G H LICUDI:

So is the hon Member confirming that rates are being charged to date for which there is no statutory provision?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, if the Bill which I have not looked at myself is retrospective then that suggests that the answer to his question is yes. If it were no, then there would be no need for the Bill to be retrospective, I would have thought.

HON G H LICUDI:

So, if I complete on a property today, hypothetically, I would be charged a rate for which there is no statutory provision. Can the hon Member confirm on what basis that new rate has been charged today?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, given that I see where the hon Member is coming from, I do not think it would be appropriate for us to have a discussion, that might otherwise have to take place in a court room, across the floor of this House. It is not unusual for budget measures to be given implementation, to be implemented before the law is introduced and then the law catches up. Whether that is best practice, good practice, okay practice or bad practice or indeed lawful practice, is not a matter that we should be debating across the floor of the House. But I hear what the hon Member is implying or insinuating.

HON G H LICUDI:

I raise this issue and now I think I am in a court room of politics xxxxx. I raise this issue because these were questions which were going to be raised by me at the time of the debate on the Second Reading of the Stamp Duties Act and I was going to raise these queries and I just wanted, given that we were given this information, to know the factual information so that we could air ... But I hear also what the hon Member has said and that is something that I will take into account.

ORAL

NO. 1565 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

FORECAST OUTTURN – BY HEAD OF EXPENDITURE 2009/2010

Can Government provide a breakdown by Head of Expenditure of the £2.13 million by which the forecast outturn for 2009/2010 was less than originally forecast?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1566 to 1568 of 2010.

NO. 1566 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

FORECAST OUTTURN – CONSOLIDATED FUND INTEREST 2009/2010

Can Government confirm that the revised forecast outturn for Consolidated Fund Interest was £200,000 for 2009/2010 as shown in the published Estimates and if not provide the latest figure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1565, 1567 and 1568 of 2010.

NO. 1567 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ESTIMATED REVENUE – HEAD 6(1) CONSOLIDATED FUND INTEREST

Can Government explain the source of the estimated revenue yield of £3 million in the current financial year in respect of Head 6(1) – Consolidated Fund Interest?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1565, 1566 and 1568 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1568 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

FORECAST OUTTURN – BY HEAD OF REVENUE 2009/2010

Can Government provide a breakdown by Head of Revenue of the £2.15 million which the forecast outturn for 2009/2010 was exceeded?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information sought in the various questions.

Answer to Question 1568 of 2010

Answer to Question 1565

The following is a breakdown by Head of Expenditure:

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	<u>FORECAST OUTTURN 2009/2010</u>	<u>ACTUAL 2009/2010</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>Head</u>			
1A - Education	£24,344,000	£24,349,230	(£5,230)
1B - Training	£946,000	£946,621	(£621)
2A - Culture and Heritage	£1,985,000	£1,938,798	£46,202
2B - Sport and Leisure	£2,181,000	£2,250,021	(£69,021)
3A - Housing - Administration	£2,950,000	£2,925,152	£24,848
3B - Housing - Buildings and Works	£7,125,000	£7,131,727	(£6,727)
4A - Environment	£13,271,000	£13,233,584	£37,417
4B - Technical Services	£5,329,000	£5,312,970	£16,030
4C - Tourism	£3,142,000	£3,129,066	£12,934
5A - Family and Community Affairs	£25,665,000	£24,882,846	£782,154
5B - Youth	£385,000	£391,555	(£6,555)
6A - Enterprise	£2,873,000	£2,892,461	(£19,461)
6B - Transport - Port and Shipping	£1,149,000	£1,151,247	(£2,247)
6C - Transport - Aviation	£4,151,000	£4,029,788	£121,212
6D - Transport - Vehicle, Traffic and Public Transport	£1,417,000	£1,411,526	£5,474
6E - Postal Services	£2,774,000	£2,779,946	(£5,946)
6F - Broadcasting	£1,920,000	£1,919,204	£796
6G - Utilities	£11,130,000	£10,930,937	£199,063
7A - Health	£29,778,000	£29,540,000	£238,000
7B - Civil Contingency	£55,000	£50,587	£4,413
7C - Fire Service	£3,583,000	£3,574,509	£8,491
8A - No.6 Convent Place	£7,852,000	£7,740,506	£111,494
8B - Human Resources	£732,000	£725,434	£6,566
9A - Finance Ministry	£475,000	£471,087	£3,913
9B - Treasury	£5,860,000	£5,818,778	£41,222
9C - Customs	£4,704,000	£4,699,206	£4,794
9D - Income Tax	£2,071,000	£2,076,433	(£5,433)
9E - Finance Centre	£1,607,000	£1,615,090	(£8,090)
10 - Employment, Labour and Industrial Relations	£2,319,000	£1,733,361	£585,639
11A - Justice Ministry	£674,000	£651,219	£22,781
11B - Courts - Supreme Court	£716,000	£702,503	£13,497
11C - Courts - Magistrates' and Coroner's Court	£446,000	£443,090	£2,910
11D - Attorney General's Chambers	£616,000	£614,895	£1,105
11E - Prison	£1,390,000	£1,396,723	(£6,723)
11F - Policing	£10,061,000	£10,043,706	£17,294
12 - Immigration and Civil Status	£2,647,000	£2,690,085	(£43,085)
13 - Parliament	£1,314,000	£1,307,045	£6,955
14 - Gibraltar Audit Office	£689,000	£686,451	£2,549
Total	£190,326,000	£188,187,390	£2,138,610

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Contd Answer to Question 1568 of 2010

Answer to Question 1566

The actual Consolidated Fund Interest for the financial year 2009/10 was £272k.

Answer to Question 1567

The estimated revenue provided for under Head 6(1) is in respect of interest earned in the Government's cash reserves.

This also provides for interest payable to the Consolidated Fund on any outstanding advance made to the Government-owned Companies.

Answer to Question 1568

The following is a breakdown by Head of Revenue:

REVENUE ACCOUNT

	<u>FORECAST OUTTURN 2009/2010</u>	<u>ACTUAL 2009/2010</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<u>Head</u>			
1 - Income Taxes	£143,500,000	£144,175,666	(£675,666)
2 - Duties, Taxes and Other Receipts	£68,955,000	£69,351,322	(£396,322)
3 - Gambling Fees, Taxes and Lottery	£12,320,000	£12,371,554	(£51,554)
4 - Rates and Rents	£16,572,000	£16,765,615	(£193,615)
5 - Departmental Fees and Receipts	£17,911,000	£18,209,431	(£298,431)
6 - Government Earnings	£5,192,000	£5,728,594	(£536,594)
Total	£264,450,000	£266,602,182	(£2,152,182)

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1565 TO 1568 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

In Question No. 1568 of 2010, I think there must have been a mistake because it shows the variance as minuses. They are all pluses. Are they not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, because they are shown as variances from the forecasts. So the bracket is to show a ... Well I suppose it is revenue, yes, it were expenditure perhaps. In other words, in all the cases the actual figures were higher than in the forecast outturns, so the revenue all tends to be higher. Yes. I suppose brackets usually show a deterioration rather than improvements.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is what it shows on the expenditure side. The figures that are lower ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask in Question No. 1567 of 2010, is this reference to interest payable by the Government owned companies something introduced new this year or was there an element of that in the answer to Question No. 1566 of 2010?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know from my own information and knowledge whether making the companies pay the Consolidated Fund interest is something that has been started this year or not. I would have to find out from the Financial Secretary whether that is in previous years too. I do not know off hand the answer to the question.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In respect of the current year, does the hon Member have any idea of the proportions in the answer he has provided to Question No. 1567 of 2010 which he says is in respect of interest on the reserves and interest on the amount advanced? Does he know how much of each or more or less?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. There is only a token of £100,000 interest in cash reserves. The cash reserves are actually placed with the Savings Bank which actually came to zero to the Government in

the current interest rate climate and the interest on advances to Government owned companies is written in, is pencilled into that figure at £2.9 million from the ... xxxxx £3 million ...

NO. 1569 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PROVISION FOR GRANTS IN 2010/2011

Can Government confirm whether the provision for grants to be awarded in 2010/2011, shown in Appendix N of £700,000, includes the increase announced this year in the level of the grant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The increase in university student grants of 10 per cent, worth an extra £543 to students in London and £441 to students outside London, is not included in the figures shown in Appendix N.

ORAL

NO. 1570 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**PURCHASE OF SHARES OF GIBRALTAR INVESTMENT (HOLDINGS) LIMITED BY
THE I & D FUND IN 2009/2010**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the expenditure financed by the £15 million purchase of shares of Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited by the Improvement and Development Fund in 2009/2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1571 and 1572 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1571 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

AMOUNTS ADVANCED TO GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES IN 2009/2010

Can Government confirm that the advance to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund as at the end of March 2010 was £69 million, as shown in the Government Estimates for 2010/2011?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1570 and 1572 of 2010.

NO. 1572 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

AMOUNTS ADVANCED TO GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES IN 2010/2011

Can Government provide the amounts advanced to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund at the end of each month in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to question No. 1570 of 2010

The £15 million in Equity Funding was used towards funding the Government Rental Housing Estate.

Capital Expenditure incurred on the Rental Housing Estate up to the year ended 31st March 2010 was £16.4 million.

Answer to Question No. 1571 of 2010

Government can confirm that the advance to the Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund as at the end of March 2010 was £69 million.

Answer to Question No. 1572 of 2010

The rest of the information that the hon Member seeks is in the schedule now being handed to him.

Answer to Question 1572 of 2010

Amounts Advanced to Government-Owned Companies from the Consolidated Fund by month						
	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	
	Net (Advances) / Deposits	Net (Advances) / Deposits	Net (Advances) / Deposits	Net (Advances) / Deposits	Net (Advances) / Deposits	
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	(£89,601.38)	(£146,894.09)	(£71,472.60)	(£199,402.89)	(£405,607.78)	
Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd	(£64,335.79)	(£367,944.75)	(£196,883.92)	(£93,687.36)	(£81,610.61)	
Gibraltar Co-ownership Company Ltd	(£348,802.99)	(£297,586.60)	(£680,186.81)	(£69,458.73)	(£307,164.58)	
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	47,823.24	53,121.52	217,632.44	142,004.60	26,512.07	
Gibraltar Defence Estates & General Services Ltd	(£4,331.79)	(£4,331.79)	(£4,331.79)	(£4,344.79)	(£4,344.79)	
Gibraltar General Construction Company Ltd	(£28,671.55)	(£2,904.98)	388,381.04	279,425.91	(£333,705.71)	
Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Co Ltd	(£123,899.00)	(£288,182.10)	(£323,799.00)	(£125,503.20)	(£128,227.80)	
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	(£155,485.96)	(£114,345.19)	(£64,572.77)	(£134,489.02)	(£173,840.25)	
Gibraltar Residential Properties Ltd	(£1,687,606.00)	(£3,053,945.52)	3,844,989.61	(£2,346,441.09)	(£3,160,812.97)	
Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Company Ltd	(£174,546.91)	(£86,451.15)	(£294,679.57)	(£94,304.11)	(£25,223.84)	
Brympton Co-ownership Company Ltd	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,123.83	0.00	
Gibraltar M & E Services Ltd	(£6,714.11)	(£141,642.51)	(£23,173.16)	15,457.92	21,687.08	
Kijj Parkings Ltd	0.00	0.00	(£14,300.00)	0.00	0.00	
Gibraltar Air Terminal Ltd	590.00	0.00	0.00	(£10.00)	0.00	
Giblaundry Company Ltd	10,000.00	(£432.00)	0.00	(£30.00)	0.00	
Gibraltar Strand Property Company Ltd	204,746.71	(£48,655.27)	(£30.00)	12,790.70	(£12,601.45)	
Westside Two Co-ownership Company Ltd	74,565.96	0.00	0.00	(£10.00)	9,728.96	
Gibraltar Cleansing Services Ltd	0.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
GCP Investments Ltd	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gibraltar General Support Services Ltd	0.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	(£2,346,269.57)	(£4,489,244.43)	2,777,573.47	(£2,560,878.23)	(£4,575,211.67)	

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1570 TO 1572

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the hon Member confirm that the interpretation of the information that he has handed to me means that at the end of each column the total is either added to or subtracted from the £69 million depending on whether it is a plus or a minus? Is that correct? So that for example, it means that the advances went up by £2.3 million in April and came down by £2.7 million in June. Is that the correct application of this information?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, because at the top of the column it says net advances in that column. Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right.

NO. 1573 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – INVESTMENTS

Can Government provide a breakdown of the investments held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank at 31st March 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1574 to 1577 of 2010.

NO. 1574 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – INVESTMENTS

Can Government explain which of the investments held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank during 2008/2009 showed a capital gain of £686,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1573 and 1575 to 1577 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1575 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – DEPOSITS

Can Government say what was the level of (a) non-Government deposits and (b) Government deposits, in the Savings Bank Fund as at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 1135 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1573, 1574, 1576 and 1577 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1576 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – INTEREST PAID ON ACCOUNTS

Can Government state the current rate of interest paid by the Gibraltar Savings Bank on On-Call Investment Accounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1573 to 1575 and 1577 of 2010.

NO. 1577 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – NO INTEREST PAID

Can Government explain why the Gibraltar Savings Bank paid no interest in 2008/2009 on Government deposits, and is budgeted to pay no interest in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, the information requested is set out in the schedule that I am now handing to the hon Member.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1577**Answer to Question 1573**

The following statement shows the breakdown of investments held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as per the Savings Bank Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2010:

SAVINGS BANK FUND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2010
SHOWING MARKET VALUE ON THAT DATE

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	MARKET PRICE ACCRUED INTEREST %	MARKET VALUE ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL MARKET VALUE ON 31 3 10
UBS AG JERSEY FRN 02/07/2010	£7,000,000.00	99.843 0.146	£6,988,987.39 £10,215.53	£6,999,202.92
BZLNZ FRN 06/07/2010	£4,800,000.00	99.878 0.145	£4,794,127.63 £6,980.11	£4,801,107.74
BANK OF AMERICA FRN 02/02/2011	£6,000,000.00	99.591 0.110	£5,975,466.48 £6,611.66	£5,982,078.14
HSBC FRN 11/04/2011	£5,000,000.00	99.636 0.143	£4,981,804.55 £7,169.52	£4,988,974.07
CREDIT SUISSE FRN 14/06/2011	£10,000,000.00	99.492 0.030	£9,949,243.00 £2,958.90	£9,952,201.90
CLYDES FRN 29/06/11	£7,000,000.00	99.360 0.004	£6,955,192.23 £286.59	£6,955,478.82
BANK OF SCOTLAND HBOS FLOAT 07/12/11	£2,000,000.00	99.023 0.044	£1,980,453.08 £875.89	£1,981,328.97
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FRN 14/12/11	£5,000,000.00	99.326 0.031	£4,966,287.40 £1,545.21	£4,967,832.61
BNS FRN 21/12/11	£1,600,000.00	99.218 0.018	£1,587,480.58 £285.04	£1,587,765.62
CITIGROUP FRN 16/01/2012	£4,000,000.00	98.219 0.138	£3,928,749.04 £5,533.15	£3,934,282.19
KBC FRN 18/01/12	£5,000,000.00	99.238 0.135	£4,961,918.60 £6,768.49	£4,968,687.09
WELLS FARGO CO FRN 25/01/12	£4,000,000.00	99.120 0.126	£3,964,781.24 £5,026.41	£3,969,807.65
Carried Forward	£61,400,000.00		£61,088,747.72	£61,088,747.72

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1577
Contd Answer to Question 1573

SAVINGS BANK FUND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2010
SHOWING MARKET VALUE ON THAT DATE

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	MARKET PRICE ACCRUED INTEREST %	MARKET VALUE ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL MARKET VALUE ON 31 3 10
Brought Forward	£61,400,000.00		£61,088,747.72	£61,088,747.72
GE CAPITAL UK FRN 30/01/12	£6,400,000.00	98.813 0.120	£6,324,058.30 £7,660.93	£6,331,719.23
DEUTSCHE BANK FRN 26/04/12	£5,000,000.00	99.196 0.116	£4,959,817.40 £5,824.70	£4,965,642.10
JP MORGAN CHASE FRN 27/06/12	£6,000,000.00	98.614 0.004	£5,916,824.28 £245.65	£5,917,069.93
UK TREASURY BILL 06/04/10	£20,000,000.00	99.991	£19,998,236.26	£19,998,236.26
UK TREASURY BILL 12/04/10	£26,000,000.00	99.985	£25,996,069.32	£25,996,069.32
UK TREASURY BILL 26/04/10	£38,000,000.00	99.967	£37,987,552.87	£37,987,552.87
BANK OF SCOTLAND GBP INTEREST BEARING CURRENT A/C	£2,462,996.27	100.000	£2,462,996.27	£2,462,996.27
CROWN AGENTS BANK	£609.29	100.000	£609.29	£609.29
NATWEST WESTMINSTER OFFSHORE LTD	£23,564,228.66	100.000	£23,564,228.66 £252,843.29	£23,817,071.95
BARCLAYS BANK PLC	£46,789,300.34	100.000	£46,789,300.34 £73,859.33	£46,863,159.67
BANK OF ENGLAND	£73,664,747.66	100.000	£73,664,747.66 £9,212.40	£73,673,960.06
	£309,281,882.22		£309,102,834.67	£309,102,834.67

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1577**Answer to Question 1574**

The capital gain of £686,000 refers to the year 2009/10 and not 2008/09 as stated in the question. During 2008/09 the capital gain on the investments held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank was £641,000.

The capital gain of £686,000 during 2009/10 is made up of net realised gains on the sale of investments during the year amounting to £894,462.78 offset by a net depreciation of £208,495.58 in respect of investments held during the year. The investments held during the year are adjusted to reflect their market value at the year end.

Answer to Question 1575

	Non-Govt Deposits (tentative) £'M	Govt Deposits (tentative) £'M
June 2010	81.70	254.50
July 2010	80.90	266.43
August 2010	80.00	256.60

Answer to Question 1576

On-Call Investment Accounts in the Gibraltar Savings Bank currently attract zero interest.

Answer to Question 1577

In the financial year 2008/2009, the Gibraltar Savings Bank paid a total of £1.2 million of interest to the Investment Call Accounts. No interest has been budgeted for the financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 in view that the Bank of England Base Rate has remained at 0.5% since March 2009, and the interest rate payable on Investment Call Accounts is 2% below the Bank of England Base Rate.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1573 TO 1577 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

In respect of the answer to Question No. 1573 which provides a breakdown on the investments. The last five are all deposit accounts. I thought, in fact, the Government had announced at one stage that it was the intention that the Savings Bank should have all its money in cash, not in investments in the stock exchange.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I think that the phrase used in the legislation or which I used was cash or cash equivalent. Short-term notes issued by reputable financial institutions are regarded as cash equivalents. But, obviously, not long-term paper.

NO. 1578 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

LEVEL OF AGGREGATE AND NET PUBLIC DEBT

Can Government state as at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 1132 of 2010, what was the level of a) aggregate public debt and b) net public debt?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1579 to 1582 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1579 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

BANK OF ENGLAND – DEPOSITS

Can Government state the amount on deposit with the Bank of England as at the end of March 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1578 and 1580 to 1582 of 2010.

NO. 1580 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES/BONDS

Can Government state what sales of Government bonds or debentures to the public have taken place each month since the answer to Question No. 1131 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1578, 1579, 1581 and 1582 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1581 OF 2010

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 the answer to Question No. 1133 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1578 to 1580 and 1582 of 2010.

NO. 1582 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PUBLIC DEBT CHARGES

Can Government state whether the Public Debt charges for the current financial year is still estimated at £15.53 million and, if not, what is the revised figure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, there was a huge amount of numbers here, so I will give it to him in the form of a schedule rather than reading them all out and he may not be able to get them all down. So, the information that he seeks is in the schedule that is now being handed to him.

Answer to Question No. 1582 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1578 of 2010

	Aggregate Public Debt £'M	Tentative Cash Reserves £'M	Tentative Net Public Debt £'M
June 2010	446.6	282.4	164.2
July 2010	449.2	283.9	165.3
August 2010	453.6	279.7	173.9

Answer to Question No. 1579 of 2010

At the end of March 2010, Bank of England deposits stood at £93.8 million.

Answer to Question No. 1580 of 2010

	Total Issues (Sales)
June 2010	£4,057,100
July 2010	£2,691,400
August 2010	<u>£4,435,200</u>
	<u>£11,183,700</u>

Answer to Question No. 1581 of 2010

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loans from local banks in each month since June 2010 is as follows:

Date	Barclays	Natwest	Total
June 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
July 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
August 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000

Answer to Question No. 1582 of 2010

Revised Public Debt Charges for the current financial year is estimated at £17.5 million.

ORAL

NO. 1583 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 1B TRAINING – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £52,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 1B Training for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question Nos. 1584 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1584 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 3A HOUSING ADMINISTRATION – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £66,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 3A Housing Administration for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 and 1585 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1585 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 4A ENVIRONMENT – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS’ CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £12,000 employers’ contribution approved expenditure under Head 4A Environment for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583, 1584 and 1586 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1586 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 4C TOURISM - MAIN OFFICE - BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £88,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 4C Tourism Main Office for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1585 and 1587 to 1597 of 2010.

NO. 1587 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 4C TOURISM - OTHER – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £132,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 4C Tourism Other for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1586 and 1588 to 1597 of 2010.

NO. 1588 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 5A COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £13,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 5A Community Affairs Office for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1587 and 1589 to 1597 of 2010.

NO. 1589 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 6A ENTERPRISE – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £8,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 6A for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1588 and 1590 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1590 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 6B TRANSPORT-PORT AND SHIPPING – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £30,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 6B for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1589 and 1591 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1591 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**HEAD 6D TRANSPORT - VEHICLE, TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT –
BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £84,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 6D for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1590 and 1592 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1592 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 7B CIVIL CONTINGENCY – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £3,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 7B for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1591 and 1593 to 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1593 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 8A No. 6 CONVENT PLACE – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £45,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 8A for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1592 and 1594 to 1597 of 2010.

NO. 1594 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 9D INCOME TAX – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £4,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 9D for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1593 and 1595 to 1597 of 2010.

NO. 1595 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 9E FINANCE CENTRE – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £14,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 9E for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1583 to 1594, 1596 and 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1596 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 10 EMPLOYMENT – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £72,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 10 for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1583 to 1595 and 1597 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1597 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HEAD 11A JUSTICE MINISTRY – BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £2,000 employers' contribution approved expenditure under Head 11A for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing all the information that he has requested.

Answer to Question Nos. 1583 to 1597 of 2010

Gibraltar Development Corporation
Breakdown of Employers' Contributions

Heads	Approved Estimate 2010/2011	Social Insurance Contributions	Pension Contributions
1B – Training	£52,000	£18,000	£34,000
3A – Housing Administration	£66,000	£35,000	£31,000
4A – Environment	£12,000	£7,000	£5,000
4C – Tourism Main Office	£82,000	£38,000	£44,000
4C – Tourism Other	£123,000	£59,000	£64,000
5A – Community Affairs	£13,000	£6,000	£7,000
6A – Enterprise	£8,000	£6,000	£2,000
6B – Transport – Port and Shipping	£30,000	£16,000	£14,000
6D – Transport – Vehicle, Traffic and Public Transport	£84,000	£39,000	£45,000
7B – Civil Contingency	£3,000	£3,000	-
8A – No. 6 Convent Place	£45,000	£16,000	£29,000
9D – Income Tax	£4,000	£2,000	£2,000
9E – Finance Centre	£14,000	£6,000	£8,000
10 – Employment	£72,000	£30,000	£42,000
11A – Justice Ministry	£2,000	£2,000	-
	£610,000	£283,000	£327,000

NO. 1598 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state the total number of self-employed persons assumed to be liable to make a tax return for 2008/2009 to arrive at the 60.8 per cent ratio stated to have been made by June 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer this Question together with Question Nos. 1599 to 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1599 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government confirm that the returns made by self-employed persons in the financial year 2008/2009 related to earnings declared on a preceding year basis and, if so, can they specify the financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 and 1600 to 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1600 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 by end June 2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598, 1599 and 1601 to 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1601 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 by end July 2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 to 1600 and 1602 to 1607 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1602 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 by end August 2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 to 1601 and 1603 to 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1603 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state, as at the end of April 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 to 1602 and 1604 to 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1604 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state, as at the end of May 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 to 1603 and 1605 to 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1605 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state, as at the end of June 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 to 1604, 1606 and 1607 of 2010.

NO. 1606 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state, as at the end of July 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1598 to 1605 and 1607 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1607 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

Can Government state, as at the end of August 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing all the information that he has requested.

Answer to Question Nos. 1598 to 1607 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1598 of 2010

The total number of self-employed individuals liable to submit a tax return for 2008/09, as at 24 September 2010, was approximately 200.

Answer to Question No. 1599 of 2010

Self-employed assessments issued in the financial year 2008/09, relating predominantly to earnings declared on a preceding year basis, analysed between years of assessment, as at 24 September 2010, were as follows:

Pre-2002/03	163
2002/03	71
2003/04	136
2004/05	179
2005/06	251
2006/07	338
2007/08	360
2008/09	190

Answer to Question No. 1600 of 2010

On 30 June 2010, 690 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2008/2009. Their total earnings were £15,994,776.

Answer to Question No. 1601 of 2010

On 31 July 2010, 722 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2008/2009. Their total earnings were £16,795,540.

Answer to Question No. 1602 of 2010

On 31 August 2010, 756 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2008/2009. Their total earnings were £17,169,633.

Answer to Question No. 1603 of 2010

On 30 April 2010, 381 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2009/2010. Their total earnings were £12,021,468.

Answer to Question No. 1604 of 2010

On 31 May 2010, 440 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2009/2010. Their total earnings were £13,360,478.

Continued Answer to Question Nos. 1598 to 1607 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1605 of 2010

On 30 June 2010, 473 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2009/2010. Their total earnings were £14,127,491.

Answer to Question No. 1606 of 2010

On 31 July 2010, 509 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2009/2010. Their total earnings were £14,743,259.

Answer to Question No.1607 of 2010

On 31 August 2010, 535 self-employed individuals had submitted tax returns for the tax year 2009/2010. Their total earnings were £15,244,637.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1598 TO 1607 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

The answer that I have been given to Question No. 1598, the first question, refers to the total number of self-employed as at 24th September 2010 for the tax year 2008/2009 being approximately 200. My question was actually referring to the 60.8 ratio as at June 2010 which is when the hon Member made the statement in the Budget and I was trying to make sense of the percentage that he gave. So, does that mean that the 200 figure can be applied to the June 2010 percentage or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The best I can do for the hon Member is to read out what has been prepared for me here for supplementary information which is: it is unclear what the hon Member is specifically requesting in this question. As stated in the answer, the data has been provided in respect of the number of self-employed individuals liable to submit a tax return for 2008/2009 as at 24th September 2010. Is that what he was seeking?

HON J J BOSSANO:

No. I thought the question was perfectly clear. The hon Member informed the House during the Budget that a figure, which he did not specify, was the number of self-employed persons that had made a return by the time he was making his statement in June and he then explained that that number, which we do not know what it is, constituted 60.8 per cent of the total liable to make a return. Now, ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Was this for the purpose of the new methodology of calculating the ...?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Absolutely. Yes. That is why I made the statement. So, I was trying to find out what the number was but I could not calculate it from the 60 per cent without knowing what it was 60 per cent of. So ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

So, how many ... When he said... What the hon Member is asking which, I have to say, is not exactly unclear from his question is ...?

HON J J BOSSANO:

The total number of which ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

When we said that the estimated figure included returns up to 60 per cent. How many in number did that constitute?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right. If I know what the total number is I can work out what 60 per cent of that number is. But if I do not have either the total or the number in the 60 per cent, then the 60 per cent does not mean anything. So, I am asking now is the figure that I have been given that there were approximately 200 in September valid to use as the figure for June? If it is, then I can find out what 60 per cent of 200 is, obviously, one hundred and twenty.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It probably is valid. The only difference between the figure liable to submit returns between one date and the other could only be somebody who, by some new circumstances that occurred in between the two months, became liable. But they cannot be very many, if indeed any such person, given that you are talking about a financial period that by then had already closed. So, I will find out for him. I have made a note of what he is after but I would at this stage speculate that the 200 figure is reliable for June as well to attach to the figure, to calculate the figure.

NO. 1608 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX ARREARS – INDIVIDUALS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND PAYE

Can Government provide the income tax arrears position as at 31st March 2010, providing a breakdown by individuals, self-employed and PAYE due from employers?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1609 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1609 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX ARREARS – PAYE

Can Government provide a breakdown by tax year of the tax due from PAYE as at 31st March 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information that the hon Member seeks is on the schedule being handed to him.

Answer to Question Nos. 1608 and 1609 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1608 of 2010

The Income Tax arrears as at 31 March 2010 broken down by individuals, self-employed and PAYE due by employers is as follows:

	£
Individuals	8,295,578
Self Employed	12,008,052
PAYE	8,746,214

These figures include estimated assessments totalling £5,023,717 (individuals £849,546 and self-employed £4,174,171) as well as assessments due after 31 March 2010 amounting to £2,319,794 (individuals £251,392 and self-employed £2,068,402).

Answer to Question No. 1609 of 2010

The PAYE tax arrears position as at 31 March 2010 is as follows:

Tax Year	£
Pre-2000/2001	708,375
2000/2001	139,573
2001/2002	348,002
2002/2003	599,878
2003/2004	561,003
2004/2005	402,604
2005/2006	581,036
2006/2007	725,094
2007/2008	1,557,565
2008/2009	2,989,434
2009/2010	<u>133,640</u>
Total	<u>8,746,204</u>

ORAL

NO. 1610 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS/TAX PAYABLE

Can Government state, as at the end of August 2010, how many employers had submitted an annual return of PAYE deductions for employees for the tax year 2008/2009 and what was the total amount of tax payable and paid in respect of these submissions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question Nos. 1611 to 1613 of 2010.

NO. 1611 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS

Can Government state, as at the end of August 2010, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2008/2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1610, 1612 and 1613 of 2010.

NO. 1612 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS/TAX PAYABLE

Can Government state, as at the end of August 2010, how many employers had submitted an annual return of PAYE deductions for employees for the tax year 2009/2010 and what was the total amount of tax payable and paid in respect of these submissions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1610, 1611 and 1613 of 2010.

NO. 1613 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS

Can Government state, as at end of August 2010, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2009/2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested is on the schedule which I have just handed to him but which I will read in any case because it is not too long.

Answer to Question Nos. 1610 to 1613 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1610 of 2010

As at 23rd September 2010, 1,950 employers had submitted their 2008/2009 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates and the total amount of tax payable and paid in respect of these submissions was £98.6 million and £96.2 million respectively.

Answer to Question No. 1611 of 2010

As at 31st August 2010, 208 employers had not yet returned their 2008/2009 Employer's Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

Answer to Question No. 1612 of 2010

As at 23rd September 2010, 1,859 employers had submitted their 2009/2010 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates and the total amount of tax payable and paid in respect of these submissions was £95.5 million and £93.2 million respectively.

Answer to Question No. 1613 of 2010

As at 31st August 2010, 479 employers had not yet returned their 2009/2010 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1610 TO 1613 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

It would appear from these figures that the number of employers in the last tax year had gone up by something like 200 which seems a lot in one single year. Does the hon Member have any indication of how this came ...?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Xxxxx could you say that again.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If we add up the 1,950 and the 208 we get to 2,158 and we if we add up the answers he has given me on the second one we get 2,338 as the total pool of employers with employees which, from answers in previous years, seems a big jump from one year to another. I am wondering if there is an explanation for it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The only explanation that I can think of is that the dates do not coincide and, therefore, the same company may be in both places. In other words, those who have are to the 23rd September. Those who have not are to the 31st August. So, those who paid between the 31st August and the 23rd September ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see. I had not noticed the change in date. The question was, of course, for the same date.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. So, there must be somebody in the Income Tax Office determined that he should not be allowed to do these calculations. I can only assume. I do not know why the non-compliers are reported or rather the compliers are reported to September and the non-compliers are reported to August. I will get this for him, to August or to September but consistently for both.

ORAL

NO. 1614 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – AMOUNTS COLLECTED

Can Government state how much was collected in PAYE each month since the answer to Question No. 1119 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1615 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1615 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX COLLECTED – PAYE PAID BY INDIVIDUALS AND EMPLOYERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, SECTION 67 AND REFUNDS

Can Government provide the amount collected from income tax in the last financial year and give a breakdown showing a) PAYE paid by individuals, b) Section 67, collections and refunds?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, the information the hon Member requests, is in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question Nos. 1614 and 1615 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1614 of 2010

The PAYE Tax collected (net of refunds) in each month since the answer to Question No. 1119 of 2010 is:

	£ M
June 2010	8.48
July 2010	9.71
August 2010	7.78

Answer to Question No. 1615 of 2010

The amount of Income Tax collected in the financial year 2009/2010 broken down by PAYE paid by individuals, Section 67, other collections and refunds is as follows:

	£M
PAYE paid by Individuals (through assessments)	1.02
PAYE paid by Employers	103.20
Self Employed	17.74
Section 67	0.93
Other Collection	<u>0.34</u>
	118.23
Refunds	<u>2.60</u>
PAYE collected (net of refunds)	<u>115.63</u>

NO. 1616 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – COLLECTED/ARREARS

Can Government provide the actual amount of corporation tax collected in the last financial year and the arrears position as at the 31st March 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1617 to 1623 of 2010.

NO. 1617 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – COLLECTED

Can Government state the amount of company tax collected in each month since the answer to Question No. 1121 of 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1616 and 1618 to 1623 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1618 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – PAYMENTS DUE ON COMPANY PROFITS

Can Government confirm that no further tax payments are due on company profits dating from tax years prior to 2001/2002?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1616, 1617 and 1619 to 1623 of 2010.

NO. 1619 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – AMOUNTS PAID ON COMPANY PROFITS

Can Government confirm how much, if any, of the company profits in respect of which tax was paid in the financial year 2007/2008 related to profits earned during a trading period which included any months after 1st April 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1616 to 1618 and 1620 to 1623 of 2010.

NO. 1620 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS

Can Government state, as at end of August 2010, how many companies in each tax year 2001/2002 to 2009/2010 had been assessed for company tax and what was the amount of tax payable and paid in respect of each tax year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1616 to 1619 and 1621 to 1623 of 2010.

NO. 1621 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS

Can Government state how many of the 893 companies assessed for tax by June 2010 for the tax year 2007/2008, had earned their profits in the financial year 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1616 to 1620, 1622 and 1623 of 2010.

NO. 1622 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – TRADING PERIODS/COMPANY PROFITS

Can Government state in respect of which trading periods were company profits declared by June 2010 for the financial year 2008/2009, earned?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1616 to 1621 and 1623 of 2010.

NO. 1623 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS

Can Government state how many of the 304 companies assessed for tax by June 2010 for the tax year 2008/2009, had earned their profits in the financial year 2008/2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information he requests.

Answer to Question No. 1623 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1616 of 2010

The actual amount of Corporation Tax collected in the last financial year was £28.56M.

The arrears position as at 31 March 2010 was £12.00M.

Answer to Question No. 1617 of 2010

The amount of Corporation Tax collected in each month since the answer to Question No. 1121 of 2010 is:

	£M
June 2010	5.04
July 2010	1.41
August 2010	0.79

Answer to Question No. 1618 of 2010

Tax payments that are due from company profits dating from tax years prior to 2001/2002 are as follows:

1995/96	£25.50K
1996/97	-
1997/98	£15.71K
1998/99	-
1999/00	£17.49K
2000/01	-

Answer to Question No. 1619 of 2010

The statistical data requested by the hon Member is not available.

Continued Answer to Question No. 1623 of 2010**Answer to Question No. 1620 of 2010**

	2001/02 £M	2002/03 £M	2003/04 £M	2004/05 £M	2005/06 £M
Assessed	32.0	38.2	42.8	37.8	50.1
Discharged	17.4	21.8	20.2	16.9	25.1
	14.6	16.4	22.6	20.9	25.0
Paid	14.4	16.0	22.4	20.5	23.5
Outstanding	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.7
No. of Companies	1558	1554	1622	1634	1592
	2006/07 £M	2007/08 £M	2008/09 £M	2009/10 £M	
Assessed	55.3	51.4	45.6	38.0	
Discharged	30.2	23.9	14.9	11.3	
	25.1	27.5	30.7	26.7	
Paid	24.6	26.0	29.0	23.0	
Outstanding	0.5	1.5	1.7	3.7	
No. of Companies	1550	1458	1529	1488	

Answer to Question No. 1621 of 2010

The statistical data requested by the hon Member is not available.

Continued Answer to Question No. 1623 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1622 of 2010

The statistical data requested by the hon Member is not available.

Answer to Question No. 1623 of 2010

The statistical data requested by the hon Member is not available.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1616 TO 1623 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the answer to Question No. 1619 which is that the data is not yet available. This is for the financial year 2007/2008. Is it that there are too many tax returns still pending from 2007/2008?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. That has not been my appreciation of the answer which was that the data is just not available. In other words, it does not say, not yet available. I just do not think they can get it, presumably, because of the reference to profits including any months after the 1st April. I think the question is just too homed in.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am trying to make sense of the changed methodology that is being used now for calculating the contribution that company profits make to the national income. Where before it was simply by grossing up and now it is by the period when it is earned. This is what I am trying to work out.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member does not have to work it out. I am very happy to share that information with him as soon as it is available. I think I have been recently told and I think it may be in answer to a question later. I think that by December we shall have ... we shall be ... I think he has asked me to confirm the GDP figure?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot confirm it until this process closes and I think that that is by December and I am very happy to give him what the input figure would have been, what the figure would have been under the old system and what, in fact, has been provided by the new system. So, he does not have to calculate it for himself.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well yes. I know what the figure would have been because, of course, the figure on which it would have been calculated is published already and it is old. So, it is just a question of working out what is 100 per cent of something that is assumed to be 19 per cent. But it is a new system that is much more difficult to ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

But I am certain that by the time we have our next parliamentary session for questions which is usually in December in the run up to Christmas, that information will be available to him. In other words, what does 100 per cent comprise under the new system.

NO. 1624 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government confirm that the returns made by companies in the financial year 2008/2009 related to earnings declared on a preceding year basis and, if so, can they specify the financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question Nos. 1625 to 1627 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1625 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS

Can Government confirm at what date had 67.5 per cent of companies submitted accounts for the financial year 2008/2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1624, 1626 and 1627 of 2010.

NO. 1626 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS

Can Government state whether the estimated 67.5 per cent of companies that had submitted accounts for the financial year 2008/2009 by June 2010 included any companies showing no profits and, if so, how many such companies were there?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1624, 1625 and 1627 of 2010.

NO. 1627 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state the total number of companies assumed to be liable to make a tax return for 2008/2009 to arrive at the 67.5 per cent ratio stated to have been made by June 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, corporate assessments issued in the financial year 2008/2009, relating predominantly to earnings declared on a preceding year basis can be analysed between years of assessment, as at 24th September 2010, as follows:

Pre- 2002/03	79
2002/2003	51
2003/2004	75
2004/2005	124
2005/2006	237
2006/2007	366
2007/2008	818
2008/2009	594

The statistical data requested by the hon Member in Question No. 1625 of 2010 is not available to the Income Tax Office.

Out of the total companies assessed for the tax year 2008/2009 as at 24th September 2010, approximately 275 companies had declared either no profit or had tax losses available to carry forward, resulting in no tax liability. In other words, the declared profit is not necessarily the same as the tax payable because they may have losses to carry forward from previous years.

The total number of companies liable to submit a tax return for 2008/2009 as at 24th September 2010 is approximately 600.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1624 TO 1627 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the last answer the answer to Question No. 1627 of 2010?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

And the answer that I have been given is since September and not in June and it is the same question about companies that I asked about self-employed. Now, surely, the total number of companies cannot be 600. It is too low a figure compared to the figures he has given me already about the returns that were made. The total number of companies cannot be 67.5 per cent of 600 per cent.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. The total number of companies liable to submit a tax return for 2008/2009 has to be more than 600, is what the hon Member is saying. That is not necessarily so, in respect of the year 2008/2009, is it?

HON J J BOSSANO:

If the hon Member informed the House at Budget time that the 2008 and 2009 GDP was not based on an uplift of the profits but on returns made to the time of the Budget in June when the statement was being made and that those returns had been made by a number of companies which constituted 67.5 per cent of all the companies that should be making the return, so that the figure was calculated, he told us, on the basis of the profits made by that 67.5 per cent, as I understood it, by an extrapolation on the assumption that the 23 per cent that had not made a return, would be making the same level of profits. That is how I understood the statement he made in his Budget. The question is designed to enable me to calculate the interpretation of that information which he provided at the time which I cannot do unless there is an answer to the questions I am putting. Sixty seven and a half per cent of what, basically? That is what the question is asking.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think, perhaps, his statement that it has to be many more than 600 in relation to the June statement may be the same as we have just exchanged in respect to individuals and that is that the information has been given to him as at September. So, there are three months more of companies and that we expect the process to be done by December. So, whatever the number was that he does not know and I do not know in June, July, August, September has seen companies thrown in, submit, which leaves a couple more months for collection.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, except that my question does not ask how many had made the return by June and how many had made it by September. The question is the total number whether they have made ... The total number would include the 67 per cent ...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

... that have made it by June and, obviously, that percentage would be higher in September. But the total of which that is a percentage would be the same.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but my reading of this answer is that at this point in time they believe in the Income Tax Office that the total is going to be around 600. I do not read that to mean that 600 is submitted by the 24th September. I will clarify this in the same way as I have got to clarify the 200 figure that was mentioned in Question No. 1598 of 2010 which is the same question but about individuals, self-employed, which begs the question, is that 200 that have submitted as at September or given the number that have submitted up to September, we think is going to end up at around 200. That is the dilemma that I cannot answer for him now as to what question is being answered. I can tell you what my supplementary note says about this too. That the drafter of the answer was not entirely clear of what information the hon Member was requesting and then goes to explain what his understanding of the question has been. But now that I know what the hon Member is after I will make sure the information is ... if somebody rings him and tells him what it is.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the hon Member say what he thinks the 600 is? The 600 he has given me as an answer. Does he have a note saying what that 600 is?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. I do not. If I did I would share that information with him. I am speculating to him that my interpretation of the answer, for which I do not have an aide here in my supplementary note, is that the answer which I agree is ambiguously drafted says the total number of companies liable to submit a tax return for 2008/2009 as at 24th September 2010 is approximately 600. Now, the number of companies required to submit a tax return for 2008/2009 cannot grow after the end of the tax year. So, it cannot be that the number increases because companies become liable. So, this must be a projected estimate on the basis of the rate at which they are coming in and their past experience, they are projecting is going to come in by the time they have finished the exercise, 600. My reading is not that 600 returns have come in as at that date but I may be wrong and that is what I have to confirm to him. In other words ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

My understanding of the answer that is given is that there are still 600 pending. At September there were still 600 liable as opposed to that being a total number. That I think is how it is being interpreted. That there are still ... The Tax Office are still waiting for 600 companies to make their returns in September because, otherwise, it would not be consistent with the answer that he gave me to Question No. 1624 of 2010.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. Well it may be that that is an interpretation. I have to say that I had not read it that way myself. But now that he mentions it, it actually is a possible interpretation. But I will find this out and have somebody tell him whilst I am away.

ORAL

NO. 1628 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 by end June 2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1629 to 1635 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1629 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 by end July 2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1628 and 1630 to 1635 of 2010.

ORAL

NO. 1630 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/09 by end August 2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1628, 1629 and 1631 to 1635 of 2010.

NO. 1631 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state, as at the end of April 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1628 to 1630 and 1632 to 1635 of 2010.

NO. 1632 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state, as at the end of May 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1628 to 1631 and 1633 to 1635 of 2010.

NO. 1633 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state, as at the end of June 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1628 to 1632, 1634 and 1635 of 2010.

NO. 1634 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state, as at the end of July 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1628 to 1633 and 1635 of 2010.

NO. 1635 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES

Can Government state, as at the end of August 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information.

Answer to Question No. 1635 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1628 of 2010

By 30 June 2010, 644 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £86,714,152 for the tax year 2008/09.

Answer to Question No. 1629 of 2010

By 31 July 2010, 655 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £103,284,816 for the tax year 2008/09.

Answer to Question No. 1630 of 2010

By 31 August 2010, 657 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £103,317.013 for the tax year 2008/09.

Answer to Question No. 1631 of 2010

By 30 April 2010, 341 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £63,230,868 for the tax year 2009/10.

Answer to Question No. 1632 of 2010

By 31 May 2010, 377 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £65,335,879 for the tax year 2009/10.

Answer to Question No. 1633 of 2010

By 30 June 2010, 410 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £66,220,622 for the tax year 2009/10.

Answer to Question No. 1634 of 2010

By 31 July 2010, 444 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £67,331,092 for the tax year 2009/10.

Answer to Question No. 1635 of 2010

By 31 August 2010, 465 companies had submitted tax returns with taxable profits amounting to £68,044,101 for the tax year 2009/10.

NO. 1636 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – REVENUE

Can Government state how much of the £18 million revenue from company tax, if any, estimated as corporation tax for the current financial year is the yield from new taxpayers after 1st January 2011?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The £18 million revenue estimate in respect of corporation tax for the current financial year is not based on the yield from new taxpayers after 1st January 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1636 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well I know it is not all based on it. But is it that there is none of it that assumes anything coming in from this source for those three months?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, absolutely none and that is one of the mistakes made in relation to the criticism of some of our Budget measures because, under the provisions of the new Income Tax Act, the first payment on account in respect of new tax payers, that is to say the ones that he described as becoming tax payers after the 1st January, will be on the 31st August 2011 and this will form the basis of the estimates for the next financial year and they do not fall into this financial year. So, they will be contributing nothing to the current financial year.

ORAL

NO. 1637 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR 10 PER CENT TAX RATE

Can Government state of the companies eligible for 10 per cent corporation tax rate since 1st July 2009 how many have paid tax to date and what is the total amount of tax paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question No. 1638 of 2010.

NO. 1638 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR 10 PER CENT TAX RATE

Can Government state how many businesses which set up in Gibraltar after 1st July 2007 have been eligible for the rate of corporation tax at 10 per cent for the year of assessment commencing 1st July 2009?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of 134 companies which set up in Gibraltar after 1st July 2007 have been eligible for the 10 per cent corporation tax rate since 1st July 2009. Out of these 134 companies, 12 have paid a total tax to date of £4,314,868.

NO. 1639 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – PAID BY UTILITY COMPANIES

Can Government state how much of the company tax received in the last financial year was paid by the utility companies that will be liable to tax at the 20 per cent rate from 1st January 2011?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In the last financial year, company tax amounting to £3,333,770 was paid by utility companies that will be liable to tax at 20 per cent rate from the 1st January 2011.

NO. 1640 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFIT

Can Government state, as at end August 2010, how many companies had been assessed by the Commissioner of Income Tax without having made a return of taxable profits:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000,

for each of the tax years 2002/2003 to 2008/2009 and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question No. 1641 of 2010.

NO. 1641 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS ON DECLARED TAXABLE PROFITS

Can Government state, as at end August 2010, how many companies had declared taxable profits:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000,

for each of the tax years 2001/2002 to 2008/2009 and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information is set out in a schedule that I now hand him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1641

Answer to Question 1640

COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

Year of Assessment	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Under £35,000				
No of companies assessed	129	141	158	184
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.3M	0.3M	0.4M	0.4M
Total paid	0.2M	0.2M	0.3M	0.2M
Over £35,000				
No of companies assessed	15	12	10	19
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.4M	0.3M	0.4M	0.5M
Total paid	0.2M	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M
Year of Assessment	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	
Under £35,000				
No of companies assessed	246	349	507	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.5M	0.7M	0.9M	
Total paid	0.2M	0.3M	0.3M	
Over £35,000				
No of companies assessed	34	50	83	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.8M	1.5M	2.3M	
Total paid	0.5M	1.0M	1.7M	

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1641

Answer to Question 1641

COMPANIES ASSESSED HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

Year of Assessment	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Under £35,000				
No of companies assessed	456	466	504	494
Total assessed	1.1M	1.1M	1.2M	1.2M
(i.e. Total tax payable)				
Total paid	1.1M	1.1M	1.1M	1.2M
Over £35,000				
No of companies assessed	157	166	174	177
Total assessed	13.6M	15.7M	22.4M	21.4M
(i.e. Total tax payable)				
Total paid	13.5M	15.7M	22.3M	21.4M
Year of Assessment	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Under £35,000				
No of companies assessed	569	537	501	470
Total assessed	1.3M	1.2M	1.2M	1.0M
(i.e. Total tax payable)				
Total paid	1.3M	1.2M	1.1M	1.0M
Over £35,000				
No of companies assessed	165	170	188	194
Total assessed	22.0M	22.5M	24.2M	26.6M
(i.e. Total tax payable)				
Total paid	21.9M	22.5M	23.4M	25.7M

NO. 1642 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – GIBTELECOM

Can Government state whether Gibtelecom paid tax on its profits in the financial year 2006/2007 and 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question No. 1643 of 2010.

NO. 1643 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – AQUAGIB

Can Government state whether AquaGib paid tax on its profits in the financial year 2006/2007 and 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I can confirm that Gibtelecom Limited has paid tax on its profits in the financial years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 and that AquaGib has not paid tax in the same financial years.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1642 AND 1643 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

Does this mean, therefore, as I think it was confirmed in the last meeting when the hon Member told me that I could assume that the tax paid by these companies, which we now find is the case with one of them and not the other, would have been included in the grossing up to arrive at the GDP? Can he, therefore, confirm that the Gibtelecom tax payment would have logically been included in grossing it up to arrive at the profits contributing to the national income in those financial years?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, and the reason why AquaGib has not paid tax in those years is not because it did not make profits in those years but because it had losses to carry forward from earlier years. But the answer to the structural question that he is asking, are these gross profits included in the previous method, is yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it not a fact then that the dividends that the Government get is also included in the GDP under earnings of Government enterprises together with the Savings Bank and so on. If that is the case, for example, the Gibtelecom contribution would appear twice, once as grossing up from company tax and the other one as dividend to the Government.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think we had this discussion at last Question Time. I do not recall why the result was not a double count but it is not a double count. I think one is netted against the other or ... but in other words the same gross profit of AquaGib is not counted twice once in the hands of AquaGib and once in the hands of the Government as a dividend. Now, how that result is avoided I cannot quite recall but we did discuss it last time when I was briefed up. I do not remember what was said. But I was satisfied that there was not any degree of double counting. But I can check it out again and I can ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think we have not yet had the Hansard containing the supplementaries, so I was not able to check that.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Alright, well, I will refresh my memory about why that was not so and include that in the letter that I will send him for the information that I am promising him.

NO. 1644 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

Have Government been given any indication of how many of the existing tax exempt companies are likely to remain in the jurisdiction on a tax paying basis after 31st December 2010?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

It is not possible to answer this question. The Government are not aware of any exempt company undertaking economic activity from a physical establishment in Gibraltar that has expressed an intention to leave the jurisdiction. Whether any of the ones that are not physically established will or will not, I do not know. Whether some of the ones with physical establishment will leave that have not told the Government, I do not know. But I can say that no one has said to the Government, we are off on the 1st January.

ORAL

NO. 1645 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION/INCOME TAX – ARREARS WRITTEN-OFF

Can Government state what amount, if any, was written-off in respect of arrears of revenue in 2009/2010 and of this how much was in respect of a) income tax and b) company tax?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1646 of 2010.

NO. 1646 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION/INCOME TAX – ARREARS

Can Government provide the latest estimates for arrears of revenue as at 31st March 2010 and how much is arrears of a) income tax and b) company tax?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information that he requests.

Answer to Question No. 1646 of 2010

Answer to Question No. 1645 of 2010

The total amount written off in respect of arrears of revenue in the financial year 2009/2010 was £7.4M of which £2.7M was written-off in respect of Income Tax and Company Tax as follows:

	£M
Income Tax	1.7
Company Tax	1.0
	—
Total	2.7
	—

Answer to Question No. 1646 of 2010

The latest estimates for arrears of revenue as at 31March 2010 is £57.7M out of which £29.0M is in respect of Income Tax and £12.0M in respect of Company Tax broken down as follows:

	£M
Income Tax:	
Individuals	8.3
Self Employed	12.0
PAYE	8.7
Company Tax:	12.0
	—
Total	41.0
	—

These figures include estimated assessments totalling £9.5M (individuals £0.8M, self-employed £4.2M and companies £4.5M) as well as assessments due after 31March 2010 amounting to £4.0M (individuals £0.3M, self-employed £2.1M and companies £1.6M).

ORAL

NO. 1647 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state how much of the 2007/2008 GDP was accounted for by Government financed Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question No. 1648 of 2010.

NO. 1648 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government confirm the final figure for the 2008/2009 GDP and provide the breakdown by the income and expenditure methods of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1647 of 2010

The net contribution of Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation to the 2007/2008 GDP, calculated obviously under the expenditure method, is estimated at around 8 per cent.

Answer to Question No. 1648 of 2010

The provisional GDP estimate for 2008/2009 which I announced at the Budget session was £868.69 million. As I explained to the House at the time, the methodology for the calculation of that, of the Gross Trading Profits of Companies element, has changed with effect from this year and consequently the provisional estimate available at Budget time is now more susceptible to change, until it is finally confirmed, than under the previous grossing-up method.

As further corporate and self-employed accounts have been submitted to the Income Tax Office since last June, the latest provisional GDP estimate for 2008/2009 now stands at £884.28 – a rise of 9.9 per cent in money terms and of 7 per cent in real terms, over the previous year. The final GDP figure for 2008/2009 will be available, as I indicated to him a few moments ago, by December.

So, I have the detailed breakdown, I hope he finds this helpful, that I am attaching in answer to his question, which is still provisional and might therefore change, but relates to the higher figure, the £884.28 million, which is the current figure, not the breakdown which he has actually asked for in the question, which was the for the earlier figure which I gave in the Budget session.

So, I now hand a schedule to him which he will see shows the higher figure and not the one that was available at the Budget time.

Answer to Question 1648

INCOME METHOD (£ million)	•	2008/09
INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT	B	526.69
INCOME FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT	C	48.99
GROSS TRADING PROFITS OF COMPANIES	C	190.59
GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES	A	3.80
RENT	C	115.50
TOTAL DOMESTIC INCOME	B	885.57
LESS STOCK APPRECIATION	C	-1.29
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B	884.28
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD ABROAD	C	-1.39
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B	-118.74
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B	764.15

EXPENDITURE METHOD (£ million)	•	2008/09
CONSUMERS' EXPENDITURE	B	375.86
GOVT. FINAL CONSUMPTION	A	244.93
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAP. FMTN	C	220.09
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE	C	840.68
EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	C	1,815.99
IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	B	-1,697.33
RESIDUAL ERROR		12.72
GDP (MARKET PRICES)	B	972.06
SUBSIDIES	C	6.74
TAXES ON EXPENDITURE	A	-94.52
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B	884.28
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD ABROAD	C	-1.39
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B	-118.74
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B	764.15

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1647 AND 1648 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that the only element in that that can change would be the element of the company profits and self-employed as more information comes in.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But this figure would include an estimate of what they expect to come in as, presumably, the previous one did.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. In other words, in respect of the percentage that had not reported, there is an extrapolated estimate, now that extrapolated estimate may be higher or lower. In fact, it turns out that we underestimated xxxxx the value of the unreported element. Now, so the figures left also include an extrapolated element but it remains to be seen whether that is an underestimate or whether we are now overestimating in respect of the balance in which case the figure might drop again. So, there is more fluctuation xxxxx until the figure is confirmed but the Statistician assures me that when it is confirmed it is a more forensic figure of the real side of the economy.

NO. 1649 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

REVENUE FROM SOCIAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Can Government state the Government revenue from Social Insurance contributions in the last financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Revenue collected in the financial year 2009/2010 amounted to £52,553,684.

ORAL

NO. 1650 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government state whether any new employers were included in the Employment Survey in October 2009, compared to the 2008 Survey and, if so, how many?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer this with Question No. 1651 of 2010.

NO. 1651 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government state what was the level of employment recorded in the Labour Recruitment sub-industry, within the Real Estate and Other Business Authority industry, in the October 2009 Employment Survey?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1650 of 2010

The answer to the first question is a bit cryptic but it depends on the fact that he uses the word new employer in the question.

There are 212 named employers included in the 2009 Survey which did not feature in the 2008 Survey. Two hundred and twelve names named of employers. However, this does not necessarily mean that all 212 are “new” employers. The Statistics Office does not know if a new name represents a new employer or an existing employer under a changed name or a merged employer because periodically, I think it has happened two or three times a year, the Statistics Office updates its lists of employers from a list sent by the Income Tax Office that appears on their list and that list does not tell the Statistics Office whether it is a new employer or an existing employer with a different name or a merged employer. For example, when Community Projects drops and then re-emerges as two new names, or even when the same corporate entity changes its name, these would be included in the 212 even though they are not additional employers with, perhaps, additional employees.

Answer to Question No. 1651 of 2010

There were 931 employees jobs recorded under the Labour Recruitment and Provision of Personnel sub-industry in October 2009.

ORAL

NO. 1652 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Are Government now willing to provide the figure for part-time employment in the Government Departments in respect of Table 11b of the October 2008 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will answer with Question Nos. 1653 to 1657 of 2010.

NO. 1653 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Are Government now willing to provide the figure for part-time employment in the statutory authorities and agencies in respect of Table 11b of the October 2008 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1652 and 1654 to 1657 of 2010.

NO. 1654 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Are Government now willing to provide the figure for part-time employment in wholly-owned Government companies in respect of Table 11b of the October 2008 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1652, 1653, 1655 to 1657 of 2010.

NO. 1655 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Are Government now willing to provide the figure for full-time employment in Government Departments in respect of Table 11b of the October 2008 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1652 to 1654, 1656 and 1657 of 2010.

NO. 1656 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Are Government now willing to provide the figure for full-time employment in statutory authorities and agencies in respect of Table 11b of the October 2008 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1652 to 1655 and 1657 of 2010.

NO. 1657 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Are Government now willing to provide the figure for full-time employment in wholly-owned Government companies in respect of Table 11b of the October 2008 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government are now both able and willing to provide the information requested, despite the position explained previously about the Governments' own position, new position relating to requests for information requested in a form different to that presented by Government in the relevant reports and I explained that the Government was concerned that the hon Member was constantly widening the scope. I have given due consideration to the representations made to me about this information, which is that, before we separated Official Sector, he used to get this information and, therefore, we are taking the view it is not further widening, it is just asking for information that he has had in the past and therefore in the spirit of that answer we give it because it did not represent a further widening to the treatment that he had had before.

So, with that explanation, you see he sometimes persuades me even if I am never able to persuade him, I give him the schedule that he requests.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1657**Answer to Question 1652****Part - Time Employee Jobs in Government Departments by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2008**

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restmnts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	1	34	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	4	193	3	186	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	240	4	233	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1657

Answer to Question 1653

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restrnths.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	0	20	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	12	170	6	116	5	34	0	1	0	18	0	0	1	1
Other Services	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	193	6	137	5	35	0	1	0	19	0	0	1	1

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1657

Answer to Question1654

Part - Time Employee Jobs in Wholly-Owned Government Companies by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2008

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ElecWtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restimts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1657

Answer to Question 1655

Full -Time Employee Jobs in Government Departments by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2008

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	237	17	216	17	5	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restrn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	54	20	48	19	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	664	299	627	288	27	11	4	0	1	0	4	0	1	0
Education	191	359	184	348	5	7	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	16	28	15	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	25	11	23	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,187	734	1,113	711	45	19	22	1	1	0	5	3	1	0

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1657

Answer to Question 1656

Full - Time Employee Jobs in Statutory Authorities and Agencies by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2008

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	163	8	152	8	4	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restrntr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	37	3	34	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	110	62	97	61	5	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	396	800	269	479	83	181	4	4	38	129	2	5	0	2
Other Services	39	9	38	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	745	882	590	560	95	182	11	4	42	129	5	5	2	2

Note: The figure shown in Table 11(b) as 695 in respect of Gibraltarian female employee jobs should have read 697.

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1657

Answer to Question 1657

Full -Time Employee Jobs in Wholly-Owned Government Companies by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2008

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	185	8	146	7	1	0	25	1	11	0	1	0	1	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restmnts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	45	2	21	0	6	1	8	0	9	1	1	0	0	0
Fin. Interned.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	38	1	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
TOTAL	271	13	204	10	7	1	33	1	20	1	6	0	1	0

NO. 1658 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC – SALARY STRUCTURE/PENSION RIGHTS

Can Government confirm that its policy is to bring the employees of the Gibraltar Development Corporation within the Civil Service in the next financial year and, if so, can it state whether this will entail a change in the salary structure of those concerned and a right to a final salary Civil Service pension?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1659 and 1660 of 2010.

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NO. 1659 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR DEFENCE POLICE – PENSION RIGHTS

Can Government confirm that the officers of the Gibraltar Defence Police on transfer to the RGP will be entitled to the existing Civil Service pension rights?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1658 and 1660 of 2010.

NO. 1660 OF 2010

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PAY REVIEW

Is it policy of the Government to make the pay review for the GHA conditional on staff transferring from the Civil Service to the GHA whilst retaining their Civil Service pension rights and, if so, what posts within the GHA, currently Civil Service grades, are affected by this policy?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question Nos. 1658 to 1660 of 2010

The Government are engaged with the Civil Service unions on a broad range of issues, about which the Government do not propose to comment publicly while discussions and negotiations continue.

The Government have made no policy announcement in relation to the specific matters to which the questions relate. In the absence of a policy statement, it is not the decided policy. If it were to become the decided policy, there would be a statement at the appropriate time.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1658 TO 1660 OF 2010

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, in fact, what the hon Member told me earlier, about the differences in posts in the GHA now being academic because they are all moving into the GHA and out of the Civil Service, is not the case because otherwise the answer to Question No. 1660 of 2010 would be yes.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, Mr Speaker, agreements have been tentatively struck, voting has taken place but a public statement about the details and the agreement underpinning it has not yet been signed. At that time, I would be able to be specific about the policy. In other words, it is not the policy until the discussions and the negotiations end. We are there, but not in the case of the GHA, it has not quite been consummated yet.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But surely the policy is not ... Is the hon Member saying that if people refuse an offer then it ceases to be the policy of the Government to make the offer. I mean, surely, the proposal that is being voted on which may not be ... there may not have been a statement about it but there are 800 people that know it in the Health Authority.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. It is not the policy of the Government to ...

HON J J BOSSANO:

To make the offer.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, no. It is the policy of the Government to sit down with the unions and discuss it to see if consensus can be reached. The Government do not adopt a policy to alter the status of individuals without ... unless it can be achieved by consensus. So, until that consensus is achieved, it is not the policy. It may be the Government's policy to be willing to try but you know the Government do not set up a policy which it tries to achieve by one way or the other. The policy is not to achieve it. The policy is to achieve it only if it can be achieved with the agreement of the staff.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the case of Question No. 1659 of 2010 which relates to a statement that has already been made about the transfer of the Gibraltar Defence Police officers and their integration into the RGP, is it that that is still under negotiation then, the element of the pension rights?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. What I said at the time of that statement was that there were a lot of technical issues, I think was the phrase I used, still to be negotiated and that, therefore, the aim was full integration by June next year and I think interim on secondment basis sometime sooner, I think Christmas or something. None of the issues have been negotiated yet. It is not just that pension remains. There just has not been a negotiation about any of them. There are lots of issues that arise.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In respect of Question No. 1658 of 2010, is the hon Member saying that there are talks with the Civil Service unions about the Gibraltar Development Corporation or not, because that was the initial answer? I do not know whether that referred to that as well.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member knows, because I have said it in the House before, that there are wide ranging talks and that amongst the issues which are included in these wide ranging talks is the question of the future for new entrants of the current Civil Service final salary pension scheme. That is part of the discussion. I think I have highlighted in the past the subjects, the sort of subjects, that are under discussion but I have not gone into any of the detail of who is saying what and who is adopting what position in relation to any of them.

NO. 1661 OF 2010

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS – COMPLIANCE BY EMPLOYERS

Can Government state what measures it has taken during 2010 to ensure that employers comply with employment regulations?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There has not been any change of general application in the enforcement scheme yet. However, to deal with the particular problems of the construction industry in relation to Government funded projects which came to prominence at the time of Haymills and things of that sort, the Government have imposed a stringent “deduction” scheme from payments made by its contractors to their subcontractors. This is already working with GJBS, and will be imposed on all new Government contractors. In other words, there is now a scheme that when GJBS makes a payment to any of its subcontractors it, GJBS, has to deduct a proportion of that on account of the subcontractors liability for PAYE and social insurance of the subcontractors staff. This is intended to be the general scheme which will come into effect across the whole industry when the construction training industry assistance scheme comes into effect very shortly. In other words, all contractors will have the obligation to do that for all their subcontractors, all the way down the line and so on. In addition, the Commissioner of Income Tax has already begun regular, periodic audit inspections of other contractors working directly for the Government.

So, because this does not raise a subcontractor contractor of GJBS, for example, I have said that GJBS is already imposing this on its subcontractors, that is not yet the case of non-Government owned companies who are the Government contractors. So, for example, the contractor at the air terminal or the contractor in the tunnel, one of those, is already the subject of regular periodic audit inspections, not because they signify a particular problem but because the Commissioner has just began the process and has happened to start with that one. But the idea is to extend it. In other words, regular, periodic audit, physical inspections with a view to nipping in the bud any default situation before it escalates and before the thing goes down and it is too late to recover or take remedial action. So, those are the lessons learnt but as yet nothing of wider application across all of the economy. That will come with the, sort of, apparently, dreaded climate of compliance regime.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1661 OF 2010

HON G H LICUDI:

The hon Member has mentioned this scheme of deduction but, specifically, this relates to PAYE and social insurance and the requirements to comply with legislation to make those payments. The question asks, and I am grateful for that answer, but the question also asks about compliance with employment regulations and it is more geared at the employment side to make sure that ... In answer to a previous question when I had asked about illegal labour in the construction industry, we had a general statement of what I understood was policy of the Government which is to do away from the benign enforcement measures or approach that had been taken in the past, which included PAYE and social insurance, but, specifically, with regard to employment regulations and the need to make sure that employers do comply given that we have had reports in the past about illegal labour, non-registration and minimum wage and so forth. Are the Government taking any specific measures on those aspects of employment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, it comes out of the wash of the same process because the Government know how much it is injecting in as part of the payments it makes to the head contractor and this system is policed. In other words, there is somebody who gets feedback of all the construction contracts, subcontractors, subsubsubcontractors and all the payments down the line and the Government know what the labour element should be. So, if we were not getting the right deductions back that more or less match the labour element, the expected labour elements of the sum that the Government are pushing in as the developer at the top end, it would ring an alarm bell that someone down the line is employing illegal, unregistered labour because we are not seeing the right deduction levels in respect of the social insurance contributions. That would then provide intelligence which will allow the labour inspectors to target raids and things of this sort because there would be an alarm bell that rang that something in a contract is not right. The Government are not seeing enough deduction revenue reaching it, compared to how much the Government think should be reaching it, given the monthly payments that the Government have made in respect of the architect's certificates on that contract and this would enable that. So, it is not that the measures that I have explained to him in respect of revenue collection are unrelated to the need and importance to clamp down on illegal, unregistered labour. We see it both as the same thing. The use of illegal and unregistered labour, the principle consequence or manifestation of it is the non-payment of PAYE and social insurance. There may be other issues of unfair competition with companies that do. It is not the only consequence or manifestation but it is certainly the main one and we still have pending with industry a meeting to see how we might tighten up on the other non-Government revenue aspects of that.