

**NO. 1 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

Can Government say how many persons enrolled on the course to undertake National Vocational Training in Health and Social care which was advertised on 6<sup>th</sup> October with a closing date for applications of 29<sup>th</sup> October?

**ANSWER**

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

Ten persons have been selected from those that applied to commence a National Vocational Training programme in Health and Social Care.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

Could the Minister say how many persons actually enrolled from the ten that were selected?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

How many persons were selected?

**HON N F COSTA:**

The question was how many persons enrolled. I understand that the Minister said that ten persons were selected.

**HON L MONTIEL:**

Ten have been selected to undertake the course. There were a total of about 61 who applied to take the course.

**HON N F COSTA:**

I am grateful.

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**NO. 2 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**FINING OF EMPLOYERS USING ILLEGAL LABOUR**

Can Government state how many fixed penalty notices were issued to employers during October to December 2010 for using unregistered labour?

**ANSWER**

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

Eight fixed penalty notices were issued during the period October to December 2010 for using unregistered labour.

**NO. 3 OF 2011**

**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, on a monthly basis, since July 2010 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of persons registered with the Employment Service as being employed in the local hotel industry since July 2010 are:

July	273
August	271
September	286
October	275
November	286
December	287

**NO. 4 OF 2011**

**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. 1174 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 AND 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 4/2011****Detached workers by Nationality****September 2010**

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				15	112	127
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	6	123		3	5	137
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade		7				7
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		5				5
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	3					3
Total	12	142	0	18	117	289

**Continued Answer to Question No. 4 of 2011****Detached workers by Nationality****October 2010**

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				14	100	114
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	6	127		1	5	139
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade		7				7
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		5				5
Banking, Finance and Insurance	3	5				8
Public Administration and National Defence						0
Police and Fire Service						0
Sanitary Services						0
Education						0
Medical and Health Services						0
Other Services						0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>273</b>

**CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 4****Detached workers by Nationality****November 2010**

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				13	78	91
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	5	113		1	5	124
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade		2			1	3
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		7				7
Banking, Finance and Insurance	3	5				8
Public Administration and National Defence						0
Police and Fire Service						0
Sanitary Services						0
Education						0
Medical and Health Services						0
Other Services						0
Total	8	127	0	14	84	233

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**CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 4****Detached workers by Nationality****December 2010**

Industry	British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply						0
Water Supply						0
Shipbuilding etc.				7	74	81
Other Manufacture						0
Construction	1	90		1	3	95
Wholesale Trade						0
Retail Trade						0
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		7				7
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2	5			1	8
Public Administration and National Defence						0
Police and Fire Service						0
Sanitary Services						0
Education						0
Medical and Health Services						0
Other Services						0
Total	3	102	0	8	78	191

ORAL

**NO. 5 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS EMPLOYED**

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. 1175 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 6 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 6 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS EMPLOYED**

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. 1176 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND 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 No. 6 of 2011

### Answer to Questions 5 and 6/2011

#### **Frontier Workers by Nationality (September to December 2010)**

Nationality	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10
American	9	8	8	8
Argentinian	3	3	2	2
Australian	3	3	2	2
Austrian	13	13	13	13
Belgian	11	10	10	10
Brazilian	3	2	2	2
Bulgarian	15	15	15	15
Canadian	3	3	3	3
Chinese	0	0	0	0
Colombian	2	2	2	1
Czechoslovakian	33	34	31	32
Danish	37	38	38	39
Dutch	34	36	37	37
Equatorian	0	0	1	1
Estonian	4	4	4	7
Finnish	8	7	7	7
French	72	74	75	74
German	113	115	117	115
Gibraltarian	133	134	135	133
Greek	24	26	29	28
Greek Cypriot	7	7	6	6
Guyanese	1	1	0	0
Hungarian	43	46	49	49
Indian	2	2	2	2
Irish	60	60	60	60
Israeli	4	4	4	4
Italian	58	55	58	57
Japanese	2	2	2	2
Latvian	8	8	8	8
Lithuanian	44	43	44	43
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0
Macedonian	1	1	1	1
Maltese	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals C/F</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>762</b>

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**Frontier Workers by Nationality (September to December 2010)**

Nationality	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10
<b>B/F Totals</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>762</b>
Mexican	0	0	0	0
Moroccan	3	3	2	3
New Zealander	3	3	3	3
Norwegian	4	4	4	4
Other British	2023	2029	2080	2085
Peruvian	1	1	1	1
Philipino	1	1	1	1
Polish	156	163	176	177
Portuguese	283	272	235	236
Romanian	75	70	72	71
Russian	5	5	5	5
Slovakian	16	16	21	19
South African	1	1	1	1
Spanish	3782	3903	4030	3969
Swedish	20	21	18	18
Swiss	10	10	10	10
Ukranian	5	5	8	8
Uruguayan	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7139</b>	<b>7264</b>	<b>7433</b>	<b>7374</b>

**NO. 7 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – MOD DIRECT EMPLOYMENT**

Can Government state the number of persons in direct employment in the MOD as at the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of persons in direct employment in the MOD, as registered with the Employment Service, as at the end of September 2010 is 748.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 7 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the light of the answer that it is as registered with the Employment Service, can the hon Member say whether, since they discovered that there had been this failure to notify promptly when people stopped working in the MOD, action has been taken and, therefore, this is likely to be more accurate than it was previously. Can he confirm that?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

Yes, following the experience of our previous encounter on this matter, we have made sure that the numbers are well reconciled.

ORAL

**NO. 8 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government state how many questionnaires have been distributed to employers in respect of the October 2010 Employment Survey?

**ANSWER**

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

A total of 2010 questionnaires have been sent to employers in respect of the October 2010 Employment Survey.

ORAL

**NO. 9 OF 2011**

**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. 1206 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 10 to 16 of 2011.

**NO. 10 OF 2011**

**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. 1207 of 2010, from the Statutory Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of pre-1969 Spanish pensioners and locally funded pensioners, showing the number of Gibraltarians/UK nationals, Moroccans and other nationals for the months in question?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 9 and 11 to 16 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 11 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010 to December 2010 in respect of employment injuries?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 9, 10 and 12 to 16 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 12 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010 to December 2010 arising from the insolvency of any employer?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 9 to 11 and 13 to 16 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 13 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – INSOLVENCY PAYMENTS**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the payments made from the Statutory Benefits Fund, in respect of employers' insolvency, in June, July and August 2010, showing the amount paid due to redundancy pay obligations and the amounts paid in respect of other sums due to employees?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 9 to 12 and 14 to 16 of 2011.

**NO. 14 OF 2011**

**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 given to Question No. 1210 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown of their age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 9 to 13, 15 and 16 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 15 OF 2011**

**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. 1209 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. 9 to 14 and 16 of 2011.

**NO. 16 OF 2011**

**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. 1208 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**

The monthly income, expenditure and balance of the Statutory Benefits Fund as from September 2010 to December 2010 is set out in the statements that I now hand to the hon Members opposite.

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.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 16****Answer to Question No. 9****STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND**

	<u>30-Sep-10</u>	<u>31-Oct-10</u>	<u>30-Nov-10</u>	<u>31-Dec-10</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£17,680,859.51	£17,432,461.00	£17,423,179.56	£17,505,485.59
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Contribution from the Consolidated Fund	£625,000.00	£625,000.00	£625,000.00	£625,000.00
Contributions collected (Social Insurance Conts)	£1,526,565.47	£1,456,385.83	£1,601,778.21	£1,239,414.39
Miscellaneous Receipts	£17,020.81	£19,347.00	£4,891.83	£0.00
	<u>£19,849,445.79</u>	<u>£19,533,193.83</u>	<u>£19,654,849.60</u>	<u>£19,369,899.98</u>
<b><u>Less</u></b>				
Payments	(£2,416,984.79)	(£2,110,014.27)	(£2,149,364.01)	(£3,553,352.63)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<u>£17,432,461.00</u>	<u>£17,423,179.56</u>	<u>£17,505,485.59</u>	<u>£15,816,547.35</u>

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**Contd ANSWER TO QUESTION 16**

**Answer to Question No. 10**

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

	<b>Sep-10</b>	<b>Oct-10</b>	<b>Nov-10</b>	<b>Dec-10</b>
<b>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</b>	225	220	219	217
<b>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nationals)</b>	5876	5879	5946	5958
<b>Moroccan Pensioners</b>	2079	2080	2082	2095
<b>Other Nationalities</b>	748	751	763	770
<b>Total</b>	<b>8928</b>	<b>8930</b>	<b>9010</b>	<b>9040</b>

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**Contd ANSWER TO QUESTION 16**

**Answer to Question No. 11**

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

**STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND - TENTATIVE STATEMENT**

	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010
<b>Payments:</b>				
<b>Employment Injuries</b>	£47,093.26	£49,457.36	£42,348.06	£58,600.08

**Answer to Question No. 12**

The following payments were made out of the Statutory Benefits Fund from September 2010 to December 2010 in respect of employers' insolvency:

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
September 2010	£3,515.25
October 2010	£639.26
November 2010	£0.00
December 2010	£0.00

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**Contd ANSWER TO QUESTION 16**

**Answer to Question No. 13**

The following is a breakdown of the payments made from the Statutory Benefits Fund, in respect of employers' insolvency, in June 2010, July 2010 and August 2010, showing the amount paid due to redundancy pay obligations and the amounts paid in respect of other sums due to employees.

Date	Company	No of Beneficiaries	Redundancy	Annual Leave	Notice	Wages	Total
Jun-10	Company 1 *	1	£1,538.48	£269.22	£1,666.67	£538.44	£4,012.81
Jul-10	Company 1 *	4	£27,178.28	£2,914.08	£8,215.05	£1,247.19	£39,554.60
Aug-10	Company 1 *	2	£10,308.08	£0.00	£2,535.00	£273.00	£13,116.08
	Company 2	5	£28,521.81	£0.00	£7,060.51	£0.00	£35,582.32

\* These refer to the same company.

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**Contd ANSWER TO QUESTION 16**

**Answer to Question No. 14**

Persons receiving disability allowance under the social assistance arrangements for the months of September 2010 to December 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
September 2010	27	31	26	28	16	15	4	147	102	45
October 2010	28	30	27	27	17	14	4	147	101	46
November 2010	27	31	28	28	17	15	3	149	102	47
December 2010	26	32	28	28	17	15	3	149	103	46

**Answer to Question No. 15**

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

	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60	Total	Males	Females
September 2010	103	147	141	156	547	225	322
October 2010	107	145	142	159	553	232	321
November 2010	105	144	142	157	548	229	319
December 2010	108	146	140	157	551	231	320

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**Contd ANSWER TO QUESTION 16**

**Answer to Question No. 16**

Persons in receipt of social assistance for the months of September 2010 to December 2010.

	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60	Total	Males	Females
September 2010	103	147	141	156	547	225	322
October 2010	107	145	142	159	553	232	321
November 2010	105	144	142	157	548	229	319
December 2010	108	146	140	157	551	231	320
As at 7 January 2011	110	149	142	157	558	238	320

Persons employed during the months of September 2010 to December 2010.

	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60	Total	Males	Females
September 2010	2	0	1	0	3	3	0
October 2010	3	1	1	0	5	2	3
November 2010	2	3	0	1	6	5	1
December 2010	0	1	1	0	2	1	1

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 9 TO 16 OF 2011**

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, just for the sake of Hansard, the information provided actually relates not just to the questions relating to the Statutory Benefits Fund but also the questions related to the Social Assistance Fund. They are included there. It is just that that was not clear from the oral answer given.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

On the payments from the Statutory Benefits Fund, the figure for December is ...

**HON J J NETTO:**

Is the hon Member referring to Question No. 9 of 2011?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am indeed, yes, the figure for December, which is 50 per cent higher than for the average of the previous months. I know that it tends to be higher in December but is this a bigger jump than normal? It seems to me to be on the face of it. I do not have the figures for previous years.

**HON J J NETTO:**

If the hon Member is referring to the payments made.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is right. The three and a half million pounds.

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes. It is, obviously, as you say much higher than that ... Yes, only for the simple reason that the Government offices in December were closed, like all other Government offices, and many of the payments made in January were actually paid in December. So, obviously, when one then comes to see the January figure, it has taken that into account.

**NO. 17 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCIES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

What was the final number of persons who applied for the two vacant posts of Social Worker in the Care Agency and how many were Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 18 to 22 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 18 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCIES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

Can Government say whether the two vacant posts of Social Worker in the Care Agency have now been filled and whether the successful applicants were Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 17 and 19 to 22 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 19 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR SOCIAL WORKER**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of Out of Hours Social Worker, which was advertised on 4<sup>th</sup> October with a closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> October, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the post and is the successful applicant a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 17, 18 and 20 to 22 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 20 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR PERSONAL SECRETARY**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of Personal Secretary in the Care Agency, that was advertised on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010, how many were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the post and was the successful applicant Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 16 to 19, 21 and 22 of 2011.

**NO. 21 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR COOK**

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Cook in the Care Agency, which was advertised on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 with a closing date of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010, how many posts were available, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the post and is the successful applicant a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 16 to 20 and 22 of 2011.

**NO. 22 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCIES FOR CARE WORKERS**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the following posts in the Care Agency, that were advertised on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with a closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010, how many were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the posts and were the successful applicants Gibraltarian:

- (a) Care Worker – Rehabilitation Services, 40 hours per week;
- (b) Care Worker – Disabilities, 37.5 hours per week?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question Nos. 17 and 18 of 2011**

A total number of eight applications were received for Social Worker posts, five of which were UK British and three were Gibraltarian. The successful applicants were not Gibraltarian.

**Answer to Question No. 19 of 2011**

There was one applicant who did not meet the requirements.

The Care Agency is re-advertising shortly.

**Answer to Question No. 20 of 2011**

Twenty-four applications were received for the post of Personal Secretary. Seventeen applicants were Gibraltarian, six were UK British and one was Spanish.

Arrangements are being made for interviews to take place shortly. In fact, I can tell the hon Member that the interviews will be taking place tomorrow Friday and on Monday. So, hopefully, by the end of the week whoever is selected should be in post.

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**Answer to Question No. 21 of 2011**

There were nine applicants for the post of Cook, five of whom were Gibraltarian, two were Spanish, one was UK British and one was Moroccan. The successful applicant is a Gibraltarian.

**Answer to Question No. 22 of 2011**

(a) Care Worker – Rehabilitation Services, 40 hours per week

There were nine applicants for this post, six of whom were Gibraltarian. The successful applicant was a Gibraltarian. However, following the offer of appointment, the applicant declined to accept and the Care Agency proceeded to make an offer to a UK British national.

(b) Care Worker – Disabilities, 37.5 hours per week

There were 18 applicants for this post, five of whom were Gibraltarian, five British and eight Spanish. Interviews will be carried out shortly.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 17 TO 22 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

In respect of Question No. 22 of 2011, the hon Member has said that the offer that was first made to the successful Gibraltar applicant, in respect of Rehabilitation Services - Care Worker, was then made to a UK applicant because the Gibraltar applicant declined. Can the Minister say whether that was accepted by the UK applicant?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well, I do not have that information but my assumption is that the UK national has accepted the offer.

ORAL

**NO. 23 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

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

Can Government say when the interviews were conducted with the eight applicants for the post of Assistant Manager at St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre and confirm whether anyone has been selected for the post and whether the successful applicant is a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Interviews took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

The applicant selected for this post is a Gibraltarian and the offer of appointment has been made.

ORAL

**NO. 24 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE**

Can Government now confirm whether the current rates of Minimum Income Guarantee were introduced with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 or the 1<sup>st</sup> April?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 25 to 27 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 25 OF 2011**

**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. 1215 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 24, 26 and 27 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 26 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the number of pensioners in receipt of the Minimum Income Guarantee, showing the number receiving the single and married rates in bands of £5 to the full amount, as at the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 24, 25 and 27 of 2011.

**NO. 27 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE**

Can Government confirm what adjustment was made to the excluded income level of single and married couple pensioners, in the context of eligibility to the current rates of Minimum Income Guarantee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 24 of 2011**

The current rates of Minimum Income Guarantee were introduced with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 as stated to the hon Member, the Leader of the Opposition, in my letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**Answer to Question Nos. 25 and 26 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 27 of 2011**

No adjustment has been made to the excluded income level of single and married couple pensioners, in the context of eligibility to the current rates of Minimum Income Guarantee.

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 27 of 2011**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 25**

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 September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Couples</b>	<b>Total</b>
£161 - £165	0	0	0
£156 - £160	0	0	0
£151 - £155	0	0	0
£146 - £150	0	0	0
£141 - £145	0	0	0
£136 - £140	0	0	0
£131 - £135	0	0	0
£126 - £130	0	0	0
£121 - £125	2	0	2
£116 - £120	0	0	0
£111 - £115	0	0	0
£106 - £110	0	0	0
£101 - £105	0	0	0
£96 - £100	0	0	0
£91 - £95	0	0	0
£86 - £90	0	0	0
£81 - £85	0	0	0
£76 - £80	0	0	0
£71 - £75	0	0	0
£66 - £70	0	0	0
£61 - £65	0	1	1
£56 - £60	1	0	1
£51 - £55	0	1	1
£46 - £50	1	0	1
£41 - £45	0	0	0
£36 - £40	0	0	0
£31 - £35	0	0	0
£26 - £30	0	0	0
£21 - £25	1	0	1
£16 - £20	2	0	2
£11 - £15	0	0	0
£6 - £10	0	2	2
£0- £5	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

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## **Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 27 of 2011**

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 26**

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 September 2010 is as follows:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Couples</b>	<b>Total</b>
£161 – £165	0	2	2
£156 - £160	0	0	0
£151 - £155	0	0	0
£146 - £150	0	0	0
£141 - £145	0	0	0
£136 - £140	0	0	0
£131 - £135	0	0	0
£126 - £130	0	0	0
£121 - £125	30	0	30
£116 - £120	3	0	3
£111 - £115	0	0	0
£106 - £110	0	0	0
£101 - £105	0	0	0
£96 - £100	0	1	1
£91 - £95	0	1	1
£86 - £90	0	0	0
£81 - £85	0	0	0
£76 - £80	15	0	15
£71 - £75	0	0	0
£66 - £70	2	0	2
£61 - £65	0	4	4
£56 - £60	12	1	13
£51 - £55	11	1	12
£46 - £50	11	2	13
£41 - £45	19	0	19
£36 - £40	9	2	10
£31 - £35	15	1	16
£26 - £30	20	0	20
£21 - £25	28	1	29
£16 - £20	215	3	218
£11 - £15	12	3	15
£6 - £10	15	8	23
£0- £5	10	0	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>456</b>

ORAL

**NO. 28 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CHILDREN IN CARE**

Can Government state how many children were in care in September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

There were 34 children in care, of which 15 were in residential care and 19 in the community with a Care Order.

**NO. 29 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 30 to 42 of 2011.

**NO. 30 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 and 31 to 42 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 31 OF 2011**

**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. 1345 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29, 30 and 32 to 42 of 2011.

**NO. 32 OF 2011**

**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. 1346 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 31 and 33 to 42 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 33 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 32 and 34 to 42 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 34 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 33 and 35 to 42 of 2011.

**NO. 35 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS REMOVED FROM SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 1324 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 34 and 36 to 42 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 36 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS PLACED ON SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST**

Since the answer given to Question No. 1325 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 35 and 37 to 42 of 2011.

**NO. 37 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 36 and 38 to 42 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 38 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 37 and 39 to 42 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 39 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 38 and 40 to 42 of 2011.

**NO. 40 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 39, 41 and 42 of 2011.

**NO. 41 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS PLACED ON MEDICAL LISTS**

Since the answer to Question No. 1329 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29 to 40 and 42 of 2011.

**NO. 42 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS REMOVED FROM MEDICAL LISTS**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 1330 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

All the questions, as posed, seek to elicit information relating specifically to waiting lists. They are presented in schedule format as much for the hon Member’s benefit as anyone else’s, unless he were to prefer to jot down seven pages worth of statistical information. On that basis, I will now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested.

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 42**

### **Answer to Question 29**

There are currently 1301 applicants on the Housing Waiting List as follows:

1RKB	-	762
2RKB	-	68
3RKB	-	272
4RKB	-	180
5RKB	-	19
6RKB	-	Nil

### **Answer to Question 30**

There are currently 285 applicants on the Housing Pre-list as follows:

1RKB	-	207
2RKB	-	11
3RKB	-	46
4RKB	-	17
5RKB	-	4
6RKB	-	Nil

### **Answer to Question 31**

No applicant had overcrowding points disallowed for the reason stated in Question 31.

### **Answer to Question 32**

No applicant was allowed points for the reason stated in Question 32.

### **Answer to Question 33**

There are currently 68 persons on the Housing Social Category 'A' List.

### **Answer to Question 34**

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

April 2006	-	1
November 2006	-	1
December 2006	-	1
November 2007	-	1
December 2007	-	1
February 2008	-	1
March 2008	-	2
April 2008	-	1
May 2008	-	1
June 2008	-	2
October 2008	-	2

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## **CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 42**

### **Cont Answer to Question 34**

December 2008	-	3
March 2009	-	2
April 2009	-	1
September 2009	-	3
October 2009	-	1
December 2009	-	1
January 2010	-	2
February 2010	-	3
March 2010	-	1
April 2010	-	1
May 2010	-	5
June 2010	-	9
July 2010	-	1
August 2010	-	2
September 2010	-	1
October 2010	-	3
November 2010	-	12
December 2010	-	3

### **Answer to Question 35**

A total of 39 applicants have been removed from the Social 'A' Category List, as follows:

September 2010 (since 24.9.10)	-	3
October 2010	-	5
November 2010	-	17
December 2010	-	10
January 2011 (up to 7.1.11)	-	4

### **Answer to Question 36**

A total of 18 applicants have been placed on the Social 'A' List, as follows:

September 2010 (since 24.9.10)	-	Nil
October 2010	-	3
November 2010	-	12
December 2010	-	3
January 2011 (up to 7.1.11)	-	Nil

### **Answer to Question 37**

A total of 23 applicants for housing from homeless persons are currently being dealt with.

### **Answer to Question 38**

A total of 66 applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, are medically recommended, as follows:

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 42**

**Cont'd Answer to Question 38**

A+	-	4
A	-	19
B	-	19
C	-	24

**Answer to Question 39**

A total of 121 applicants, to date, are medically recommended, apart from those who are described as applicants on the Housing Waiting List, as follows:

A+	-	20
A	-	41
B	-	26
C	-	34

**Answer to Question 40**

A total of 187 persons are currently on the Housing Medical Lists, as follows:

Medical A+	
August 2006	1
September 2006	1
October 2006	1
July 2007	1
September 2007	1
May 2008	1
July 2008	1
April 2009	1
May 2009	1
June 2010	4
July 2010	4
September 2010	3
October 2010	3
November 2010	1

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
June 2005	1
July 2005	1
November 2005	1
December 2005	2

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 42**

**Cont'd Answer to Question 40**

March 2006	2
April 2006	2
August 2006	1
September 2006	1
January 2007	1
July 2007	1
February 2008	1
April 2008	4
July 2008	3
October 2008	1
February 2009	2
May 2009	1
September 2009	5
November 2009	1
December 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	2
April 2010	1
May 2010	1
June 2010	1
July 2010	3
September 2010	6
October 2010	2
November 2010	1

<b>Medical B</b>	
September 1995	1
January 1996	1
February 1998	1
May 1999	1
November 1999	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
June 2007	1
September 2007	1
December 2007	2
February 2008	2
April 2008	1
December 2008	1
July 2009	1
September 2009	2
October 2009	1
December 2009	1

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 42****Cont'd Answer to Question 40**

February 2010	1
March 2010	3
April 2010	1
June 2010	3
September 2010	5
October 2010	1
November 2010	1
<b>Medical C</b>	
January 1996	1
January 1997	1
November 1998	4
January 1999	2
March 1999	2
May 1999	2
May 2000	1
October 2000	1
March 2001	2
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
September 2006	1
October 2006	1
March 2007	1
June 2007	1
December 2007	4
February 2008	1
April 2008	2
July 2008	1
September 2009	2
October 2009	1
December 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	1
August 2010	1
September 2010	4
October 2010	3
November 2010	2

Cond't....

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 42**

### **Answer to Question 41**

Since the answer given to Question No. 1329 of 2010, 14 applicants have been placed on the various medical housing lists as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
September 2010 (since 24.9.10)	-	-	-	-
October 2010	3	2	1	3
November 2010	1	1	1	2
December 2010	-	-	-	-
January 2011 (up to 7.1.11)	-	-	-	-

### **Answer to Question 42**

Since the answer given to Question No. 1330 of 2010, 13 applicants have been removed from the various medical housing lists, as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
September 2010 (since 24.9.10)	-	-	-	-
October 2010	2	-	1	2
November 2010	1	2	1	2
December 2010	-	2	-	-
January 2011 (up to 7.1.11)	-	-	-	-

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 29 TO 42 OF 2010**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Mr Speaker, would you allow me to make a short comment? It is in the supplementary question based on the comment the Minister has made.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I am not sure I should allow a comment. It should be really a supplementary. Perhaps the hon Member can phrase his comments and do a question that might get around ...

**HON C A BRUZON:**

No, it is okay. No. If it is not allowed by you, I will not do it but I will just thank the Minister for the information but it is not the ideal way of doing things. If I were to ask a simple question with a simple answer and he would answer them, one or two at a time, then it would be easier for me to jot them down and people would hear them. Sorry, I did make the comment at the end. I am sorry Mr Speaker.

**HON F J VINET:**

Mr Speaker, may I just make a short comment?

**MR SPEAKER:**

I am not sure..., having ruled a comment out of order. Is it relevant to the answer?

**HON F J VINET:**

Yes. The hon Member has asked why it is that I fail to provide information on a one by one basis to enable him to jot down what the answer may be and the fact is, for example, just in answer to one question ... In answer to Question No. 40 of 2011, there are three pages worth of numbers and figures and details which ... I can stand up and read them out but I think it is far more helpful to him if they are provided in written format.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Mr Speaker, that is pretty obvious. I do not mind if it is an endless list of statistics. But when there is a simple answer to a simple question, then it is a completely different matter.

ORAL

**NO. 43 OF 2011**

**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 Buildings and Works for refurbishment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 44 and 45 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 44 OF 2011**

**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 Buildings and Works within the Housing Department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 43 and 45 of 2011.

**NO. 45 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 43 of 2011**

There are 21 dwellings currently in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment.

**Answer to Question No. 44 of 2011**

As of the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, a total of 4,088 jobs were listed as requiring the attention of Buildings and Works.

**Answer to Question No. 45 of 2011**

As of the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, a total of 1,586 tenants were listed as requiring work to be done in their homes.

**NO. 46 OF 2011**

**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. 1334 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 47 to 50 of 2011.

**NO. 47 OF 2011**

**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. 1335 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 46 and 48 to 50 of 2011.

**NO. 48 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief, to date, since the answer given to Question No. 1336 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 46, 47, 49 and 50 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 49 OF 2011**

**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. 1337 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 46 to 48 and 50 of 2011.

**NO. 50 OF 2011**

**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. 1338 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

All the statistical information relating to rent relief has been provided in schedule format.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 46 to 50 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 46 of 2011**

The number of households that have applied for Rent Relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 1334 of 2010, is as follows:

SEPTEMBER (w.e.f. 23/09/10)	-	0
OCTOBER	-	8 (7 active)
NOVEMBER	-	9 (7 active)
DECEMBER	-	1 active
JANUARY (up to 07/01/11)	-	0

#### **Answer to Question No. 47 of 2011**

The number of households that have received Rent Relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 1335 of 2010, is as follows:

SEPTEMBER (w.e.f. 23/09/10)	-	643
OCTOBER	-	670
NOVEMBER	-	666
DECEMBER	-	643
JANUARY (up to 07/01/11)	-	588

#### **Answer to Question No. 48 of 2011**

The number of households that were on full Rent Relief, to date, since the answer to Question No. 1336 of 2010, is as follows:

SEPTEMBER (w.e.f. 23/09/10)	-	77
OCTOBER	-	75
NOVEMBER	-	74
DECEMBER	-	71
JANUARY (up to 07/01/11)	-	58

#### **Answer to Question No. 49 of 2011**

The number of households on Rent Relief that have had this benefit terminated, to date, since the answer to Question No. 1337 of 2010, is as follows:

SEPTEMBER (w.e.f. 23/09/10)	-	3
OCTOBER	-	14
NOVEMBER	-	12
DECEMBER	-	15
JANUARY (up to 07/01/11)	-	39

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 46 to 50 of 2011.**

**Answer to Question No. 50 of 2011**

The number of households that have had the level of Rent Relief reduced, to date, since the answer to Question No. 1338 of 2010, is as follows:

SEPTEMBER (w.e.f. 23/09/10)	-	11
OCTOBER	-	10
NOVEMBER	-	8
DECEMBER	-	13
JANUARY (up to 07/01/11)	-	9

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 46 TO 50 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In Question No. 46 of 2011 where it says 'active' in brackets, does that mean that ... In Question No. 46 of 2011, for example, where it says there were eight who applied and seven are active. What does it mean, that a decision has not been taken or that seven have been given?

**HON F J VINET:**

We are actually giving out, in a way, more information than is being requested. For example, in October there were eight households who applied for rent relief. Seven 'active' simply means that seven were approved.

**NO. 51 OF 2011**

**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. 1339 of 2010, giving a monthly breakdown, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The hon Member will be happy to learn that I am reading out the information.

The total number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent is 16.

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

	<b>Total Agreements</b>	<b>Amount</b>
September (as from 23.09.10)	2	£ 5505.87
October 2010	5	£11062.20
November 2010	7	£19125.85
December 2010	Nil	Nil
January 2011 (up to 06.01.11)	2	<u>£ 2923.75</u>
		<u>£38617.67</u>

**NO. 52 OF 2011**

**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 given to Question No. 1340 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 53 to 55 of 2011.

**NO. 53 OF 2011**

**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. 1341 of 2010, providing a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 52, 54 and 55 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 54 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – FLATS ALLOCATED**

Can Government state how many Government flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Authority on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee, since Question No. 1342 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 52, 53 and 55 of 2011.

**NO. 55 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – FLATS ALLOCATED**

Can Government state how many Government flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Authority, other than on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee, since Question No. 1343 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 52 of 2011**

A total of five pre-war housing units have been allocated.

**Answer to Question No. 53 of 2011**

A grand total of 38 post-war housing units have been allocated to applicants on the social list, as follows:

September 2010 (since 24.09.10)	-	3
October 2010	-	5
November 2010	-	16
December 2010	-	10
January 2011 (up to 07.01.11)	-	4

**Answer to Question No. 54 of 2011**

A total of 80 flats have been allocated by the Housing Authority on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee.

**Answer to Question No. 55 of 2011**

None. All the flats have been allocated on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee.

**NO. 56 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 1344 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A total of 29 applicants have been offered an existing Government flat of which 13 have accepted.

**NO. 57 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – REINSTATEMENTS INTO HOUSING WAITING LISTS**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 1347 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 58 and 59 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 58 OF 2011**

**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. 1348 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 57 and 59 of 2011.

**NO. 59 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICATIONS REJECTED**

Can Government state how many applicants for housing were rejected on the grounds that they were home owners who had chosen to sell their homes, giving a breakdown by month since the answer to Question No. 1349 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 57 of 2011**

A total of six applicants have been re-instated.

**Answer to Question No. 58 of 2011**

A total of 11 applicants were accepted, as follows:

September 2010 (since 24.09.10)	-	Nil
October 2010	-	6
November 2010	-	5
December 2010	-	Nil
January 2011 (up to 07.01.11)	-	Nil

**Answer to Question No. 59 of 2011**

No applicant has been rejected for the reason stated in Question No. 59 of 2011.

**NO. 60 OF 2011**

**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. 1350 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 61 of 2011.

**NO. 61 OF 2011****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. 1351 of 2010?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS****Answer to Question No. 60 of 2011**

- (a) 205 phone calls have been received.
- (b) 93 cases were found to be correct.

The breakdown is as follows:

Month	Calls	Correct	Incorrect	Pending further investigation
September (as from 24.09.10)	-	-	-	-
October 2010	3	-	2	1
November 2010	1	-	1	-
December 2010	1	-	-	1
January 2011 (up to 07.01.11)	-	-	-	-

**Answer to Question No. 61 of 2011**

No flats have been repossessed.

ORAL

**NO. 62 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

Can Government state how many times the Housing Allocation Committee has met since the answer to Question No. 1352 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Housing Allocation Committee has met on eight occasions.

**NO. 63 OF 2011**

**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. 1353 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 64 of 2011.

**NO. 64 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING TRIBUNAL**

Since the answer to Question No. 1354 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 63 of 2011**

I am informed by the Secretary of the Housing Tribunal that, since the answer given to Question No. 1353 of 2010, the Tribunal has dealt with and completed six cases and is currently dealing with 32 cases.

**Answer to Question No. 64 of 2011**

There are no decisions of the Housing Tribunal requiring action by the Housing Department.

ORAL

**NO. 65 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS**

Since the answer to Question No. 1356 of 2010, how many times have faults been reported, to date, in connection with the lifts in Government Estates, giving a breakdown by estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 66 to 68 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 66 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS**

How many times have the lifts in Government Housing Estates required corrective maintenance/repairs since Question No. 1357 of 2010, giving a breakdown by estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 65, 67 and 68 of 2011.

**NO. 67 OF 2011**

**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. 1358 of 2010, with a breakdown by estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 65, 66 and 68 of 2011.

**NO. 68 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS**

How many lifts in Government buildings and estates were reported as inoperable over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 65 of 2011**

Since the answer to Question No. 1356 of 2010, a total of 90 faults have been reported, many of these due to their improper use by tenants, I ought to add, as follows:

<b>ESTATE</b>	<b>Faults reported</b> Period 23.09.10 to 07.01.11.
Alameda Estate	24
Penney House	1
Varyl Begg Estate	13
Glacis Estate	36
St John's Court	15
Knight's Court	1

**Answer to Question No. 66 of 2011**

All of the faults I have just detailed have had the required corrective repairs undertaken.

**Answer to Question No. 67 of 2011**

All lifts in Government Housing Estates have regular preventative maintenance, as part of the Lift Maintenance Contract.

**Answer to Question No. 68 of 2011**

Two reports were received relating to faults that occurred during the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 65 TO 68 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

On Question No. 68 of 2011. These two reports, can the Minister tell us what buildings they came from or the tenants of which buildings?

**HON F J VINET:**

Yes. There was one report relating to a lift breakdown at Alameda House and another report to a breakdown at Red Sands House.

**NO. 69 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – DECANTING OF GOVERNMENT TENANTS**

Since the answer to Question No. 1364 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 70 of 2011.

**NO. 70 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – DECANTING OF GOVERNMENT TENANTS**

Since the answer to Question No. 1365 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 69 of 2011**

Two tenants have been decanted. One flat required major repairs and the other was found to be beyond economical repair.

**Answer to Question No. 70 of 2011**

No decanting notices have been issued.

**NO. 71 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 to 74 of 2011.

**NO. 72 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ALBERT RISSO HOUSE**

Can Government state how many flats are currently empty at Albert Risso House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 71, 73 and 74 of 2011.

**NO. 73 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 71, 72 and 74 of 2011.

**NO. 74 OF 2011**

**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 our senior citizens moving into Albert Risso House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 71 of 2011**

There is currently one empty flat at Bishop Canilla House.

**Answer to Question No. 72 of 2011**

Two flats are currently empty at Albert Risso House. These were refused in December 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 73 of 2011**

Out of a total of 140 flats at Albert Risso House, 138 tenants have signed contracts for their new flats.

**Answer to Question No. 74 of 2011**

A total of 101 flats have become available for applicants on the Housing Lists as a result of our senior citizens moving into Albert Risso House.

**NO. 75 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Since the answer given to Question No. 1355 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

One flat has become available because Waterport Terraces purchasers have moved into their new homes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 75 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Would this bring to a total the 50 flats that I was told some time ago would become available when the 396 purchases of Waterport Terraces moved into their new homes?

**HON F J VINET:**

I have not been provided with a tally of what the total number may be, so I am unable to give an answer to that.

ORAL

**NO. 76 OF 2011**

**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 AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A total of four flats have now become available.

ORAL

**NO. 77 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ALAMEDA HOUSE**

Are Government aware that there is severe water penetration through the roof and walls of Alameda House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78 to 80 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 78 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ALAMEDA ESTATE**

What plans are there in place to carry out essential repair works in other blocks of Alameda Estate which are also suffering from water penetration?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 77, 79 and 80 of 2011.

**NO. 79 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ALAMEDA HOUSE**

Can Government state if the restoration works being envisaged at Alameda House, which has resulted in scaffolding being erected around that section of the building facing the Fire Station, have commenced?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 77, 78 and 80 of 2011.

**NO. 80 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNOR’S MEADOW HOUSE**

Can Government say when it proposes to commence repairs to Governor’s Meadow House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 77 of 2011**

Government neither fully agrees with the premise to Question No. 77 of 2011 nor does it feel that the question is necessary. The premise of the question implies that there is water penetration, severe or otherwise, affecting the entirety of Alameda House and that is not the case. Nor is the question necessary. Government are, of course, and must be aware of varying levels of water penetration at some parts of Alameda House because works are already ongoing in the flats most affected and planned in others.

**Answer to Question No. 78 of 2011**

The Ministry for Housing is planning extensive refurbishment on all blocks and this has already been completed at Ross House. Major capital works will commence at Governor’s Meadow House within the next few weeks and are scheduled to cost £850,000. This extensive programme will in due course include all of the remaining blocks at Alameda Estate but in addition, Buildings and Works also tackle essential repairs as and when necessary.

**Answer to Question No. 79 of 2011**

Materials relating to additional refurbishment works at Alameda House .... As I said, some works have already taken place but materials relating to additional refurbishment works at Alameda House have already been procured and actual works on sites are scheduled to start next week.

**Answer to Question No. 80 of 2011**

All contractual documentation pertaining to the tendering process of this project is complete and Government are about to nominate a contractor to commence works, which should start very shortly.

**NO. 81 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BADO’S BUILDING**

Can Government state when the scaffolding at Bado’s Building was first erected?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 82 to 84 of 2011.

**NO. 82 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BADO’S BUILDING**

What plans and timetable do Government have for progress of the on-going works at Bado’s Building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 81, 83 and 84 of 2011.

**NO. 83 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BADO’S BUILDING**

Can Government state what is the estimated date of completion of the restoration work being carried out at Bado’s Building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 81, 82 and 84 of 2011.

**NO. 84 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BADO’S BUILDING**

Can Government give details of the work now in progress at Bado’s Building, stating what parts of the building are currently being repaired?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 81 of 2011**

The external scaffolding was erected in August 2010 and works started immediately thereafter.

**Answer to Question No. 82 of 2011**

The planned works comprise (a) replacement of the south/west roof and the removal of cracked chimney stackings; and (b) repairs to the timber wall panels of the internal patio access corridor.

**Answer to Question No. 83 of 2011**

Major works are estimated to be completed early this year although ancillary decorative and other minor works will continue until early summer.

**Answer to Question No. 84 of 2011**

Given that works to the roof have now been completed, repairs are now currently being undertaken to the internal access corridor.

**NO. 85 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – SMOKE DETECTORS**

When will smoke detectors be fitted at the City Fire Brigade's Fire Station in order to ensure that harmful diesel smoke from fire engines is removed from enclosed areas, thereby avoiding a hazard to firemen's health?

**ANSWER**

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

Smoke detectors are not required for this purpose. Smoke detectors detect smoke, they do not eliminate fumes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 85 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes, but if you do not know that there are fumes how can you remove them. Would the Minister not agree that at least having smoke detectors would alert the firemen and everybody around about the presence of smoke and, therefore, take action so that the firemen do not get near that smoke, at least?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Smoke detectors do not detect fumes. They detect smoke.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Then, has the Department looked into whether any detectors of fumes could be placed within the Fire Station in order to detect the fumes that are hazardous to the employees, that is, the firemen there?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No, Mr Speaker, there is no such thing. What I can tell the hon Member is that a physical separation is being installed to separate the actual appliance bay from the rest of the building, through a system of swing doors, which will hopefully seal the

fumes and eliminate, to some extent, the problem that exists and has existed for the last seventy years, actually.

ORAL

**NO. 86 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CANCELLED OPERATIONS**

Can Government list the dates, since September 2010 inclusive 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. 87 to 89 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 87 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CANCELLED KEYHOLE SURGERY OPERATIONS**

Can Government state how many keyhole surgery operations have been cancelled since September 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. 86, 88 and 89 of 2011.

**NO. 88 OF 2011**

**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. 86, 87 and 89 of 2011.

**NO. 89 OF 2011**

**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 that list, with a breakdown by the type of surgical discipline?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 86 to 89 of 2011**

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested, except in reply to Question No. 88 of 2011 which has already been requested and submitted in written format.

Answer to Question No. 89 of 2011

Answer to Question No. 86 of 2011

Cancellations September 2010

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Spinal	Total
Medical Bed availability			4	2	1	1	3	1	12
Per patient	1								1
No show							1		1
No longer required			1	1					2
			1		1				2
Out of theatre time	4								4
Surgeon sick					3				3
Total	5		6	3	5	1	4	1	25

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 89**

**Continued Answer to Question No. 86 of 2011**

**Cancellations October 2010**

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Total
Medical Bed availability	2	1	1	3	2 (1)	3		12 (1)
Per patient	1			6	10			17
No show			1					1
No longer required	1		4	2	(2)		5	11 (2)
No surgeon available			1			2		4
					(1)			(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 (4)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 89**

**Continued Answer to Question No. 86 of 2011**

**Cancellations November 2010**

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Plastics	Psych	Total
Medical	1		1	1	1		1			5
Bed availability	2			4	5			1		12
Per patient			3	1		1	2			7
No show	3	1		1	(1)	2	2		3	12 (1)
No staff			3							3
No records				1						1
Surgeon sick					5					5
Out of theatre time					1					1
Total	6	1	7	8	12 (1)	3	5	1	3	47

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 89

Continued Answer to Question No. 86 of 2011

Cancellations December 2010

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Spinal	Total
Medical Bed availability	1			1			1		3
Per patient	1		3			1	5		10
No show					1 (1)		4		5 (1)
No longer required				1	(1)				1 (1)
No equipment due to weather	1			1					2
Surgeon sick				2	8				10
No surgeon due to weather								2	2
Total	3		3	5	13 (2)	1	10	2	39

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**Continued Answer to Question No. 89 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 87 of 2011**

**Cancellations keyhole surgery**

	Bed Availability	Medical
September 2010	-	-
October 2010	3	-
November 2010	2	1
December 2010	1	-

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Continued Answer to Question No. 89 of 2011

Answer to Question No. 89 of 2011

Longest on waiting list and reason

	Date listed	Reason
ENT	30/6/09	Personal choice
General Surgery Mr Sene	8/1/09	In process of being identified
General Surgery Mr Grama	6/10/09	Personal choice
Minor ops	2/6/10	Waiting lists for minor ops around 6 months for non urgent cases
Gynaecology Mr White	13/11/09	Awaiting go ahead from patient due to medical reasons
Gynaecology Mrs Winge	16/1/09	Awaiting go ahead from patient due to medical reasons
Ophthalmology	1/7/10	Personal choice
Orthopaedics Mr Ruiz	30/6/10	Awaiting go ahead from patient due to medical reasons
Orthopaedics Mr Boerger	5/5/10	Personal choice
Plastic Surgery	1998	In process of being identified

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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 86 TO 89 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Earlier we were given written answers to Question Nos. 86 to 89 of 2011 which I have just finished looking at in respect of the last page. May I be permitted to ask a supplementary on the information in relation to Question No. 89 of 2011?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Yes.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Which one?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Question No. 89 of 2011 which has to do with the longest on waiting list and the reason. There is a table which has been handed to us which sets out the date listed in respect of each category and the reason. I will wait for the hon Member to have it.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In two of the cases the reason stated is that it is “in the process of being identified”. Can the hon Member explain what that actually means?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I do not know whether I can give a very logical explanation. When I was given this handout, I asked precisely what that meant and it seems to be precisely what it says, that they know that the person who has been longest on the general surgery, for example in this instance, waiting list, has been there for ... They know who it is but they have not been able to identify the reason why. The hon Member will see that there are reasons with every other specialty. For example, someone is waiting to be medically fit in order to subject themselves to an operation. In these two particular instances, they have not been able to identify, yet, why it is that they have been waiting so long and that is the information that I am waiting for and I will certainly pass it on to the hon Gentleman as soon as I have it.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In respect of the two cases where that is given as the answer, one of them has been on the waiting list since 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009. That is for two years and the other one since 1998 ...

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Which is a considerable length of time by ... Is it the case that the GHA does not know, in respect of the one that has been on the waiting list for two years, does not know what that person is waiting for?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes. They do know what they are waiting for and they do know what they need. It is just that they have not been able to identify the reason why they have not been done yet. It could be a number of reasons. It could be that that is the time of the waiting list, which is a possibility, and that is the person down the list of the priority of the surgeon. It could be that the person is not medically fit. It could be that the person is no longer interested and that is the reason that they have not yet identified. But the hon Member will note, from the previous question that the Hon Mr Costa asked the last time, that if he compares the same list with that handed out in June 2010, he will note, for example, in the plastic surgery specialty, that at the time I said that the person waiting for longest was waiting since 1996 and now you have an improvement, if you can call it that, of two years.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Of 1998?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 90 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government say how many persons are waiting for a mammogram under the pilot routine structured mammography service and indicate from what date the person who has been on the list for longest has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 91 to 93 of 2011.

**NO. 91 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

How many women have had mammograms under the routine structured mammography service, on a monthly basis, since the service commenced?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 90, 92 and 93 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 92 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government say how many persons are waiting for a mammogram after being referred by a GP and indicate from what date the person who has been on the list for longest has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 90, 91 and 93 of 2011.

**NO. 93 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government say how many persons are currently waiting 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. 90 of 2011**

There are no patients waiting for a mammogram under the pilot scheme since the scheme finished on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 91 of 2011**

A total of 416 ladies were invited for screening during the pilot stage. A total of 381 examinations were done and 35 did not attend. The monthly breakdown is as follows:

Month	Attended	DNA
Sept 2010	32	0
Oct 2010	206	7
Nov 2010	143	28

**Answer to Question No. 92 of 2011**

There is no mammography waiting list. Patients who are symptomatic are seen in the Breast Clinic and have immediate access to mammography. All others will be screened through the screening programme within the next 18 months.

**Answer to Question No. 93 of 2011**

There are no patients waiting for a mammogram result as all mammography examinations have been reported and the results have been sent to the referring doctors.

**NO. 94 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010 to date on a monthly basis?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 95 and 96 of 2011.

**NO. 95 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – SETTLEMENT OF COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES OUT OF COURT**

Can Government say how much it has paid out to claimants against the GHA for the settlement of complaints/disputes out of court in the current financial year 2010/2011, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 94 and 96 of 2011.

**NO. 96 OF 2011****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, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question No. 94 of 2011**

Month	Formal	Informal
September 2010	8	11
October 2010	4	6
November 2010	3	9
December 2010	3	6

**Answer to Question Nos. 95 and 96 of 2011**

There have been nine complaints/disputes which were settled out of court in the financial year 2010/2011, up to January 6<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of approximately £31,976.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 94 TO 96 OF 2011****HON N F COSTA:**

If we can just go back to Question No. 95 of 2011, at the last session of this House during Question Time I asked this question but in respect of previous years. The hon Member said that she was not yet in a position to be able to give me the information and the question is whether the Department now has information to hand over to me.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am afraid not, Mr Speaker. As I have said previously, it is a very extensive exercise. What the hon Member will have noted is that we have been able to provide

the information going forward but they are still working on the information going backwards a number of years.

**HON N F COSTA:**

I understand that that is the answer being provided by the hon Lady opposite in respect of that question which I believe I have asked on two separate occasions and I understand it is a manual exercise because there has been to date no central database under which this information is being collated. But could the hon Member tell me to what date this information has now been collated, in relation to past years, and if they have reached several years of collation of that information? Could she at least provide me with information in respect of those years to which that information has now been obtained? Otherwise, one will have to wait until all of those years [*inaudible*] may be, from what I gather, for some time still.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Well, as I say, he is now getting the information going forward. So, to whatever period he asked the last time is what is being collated.

**HON N F COSTA:**

I understand that.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am not aware of how far down the exercise the staff have gone. I can find out and let him know.

**HON N F COSTA:**

I am grateful.

**NO. 97 OF 2011**

**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. 98 to 101 of 2011.

**NO. 98 OF 2011**

**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 September 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. 97 and 99 to 101 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 99 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010 to date on a monthly basis?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 97, 98, 100 and 101 of 2011.

**NO. 100 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – NEW PATIENTS REFERRED BY GPs TO CONSULTANTS**

Can Government say how many new patients were referred by Practitioners at the Primary Care Centre to Consultants on a monthly basis, since September 2010 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 97 to 99 and 101 of 2011.

**NO. 101 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 97 of 2011**

Dr Robles	3 weeks
Dr Fitzpatrick	5 weeks
Dr Gupta	12 weeks
Dr Galloway	11 weeks
Dr Mena	13 weeks

Dr Chichon	10 weeks
Dr Ferrera	7 weeks
Dr Penrice	4 weeks
Dr Pinto-Ocaña	11 weeks
Dr Pincho	0
Dr Poyatos	8 weeks

Dr Negrette	7 weeks
Dr Nerney	13 weeks
Dr Jones	13 weeks
Dr Montero	6 weeks
Dr Thoppil	6 weeks

May I add, as I normally do, that in addition to the slots on the lists, GP's have five slots a day for patients who attend the Centre for an appointment on the day, which totals an additional 80 slots per day in addition to the lists that I have just read out.

**Answer to Question No. 98 of 2011**

	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10
NO. OF PATIENTS SEEN BY GPs	8124	8046	7672	7091
NO. OF CHILDREN AGED 16 OR UNDER	2415	3012	2284	2272

**Answer to Question No. 99 of 2011**

	Sept 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10
HOUSE CALLS	194	189	242	351

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

**Answer to Question No. 100 of 2011**

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

Date	No. of patients referred
September 2010	430
October 2010	364
November 2010	396
December 2010	416

**Answer to Question No. 101 of 2011**

September 2010	-	130
October 2010	-	110
November 2010	-	79
December 2010	-	81

ORAL

**NO. 102 OF 2011**

**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. 103 to 106 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 103 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – SWINE FLU HOTLINE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 102 and 104 to 106 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 104 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 102, 103, 105 and 106 of 2011.

**NO. 105 OF 2011**

**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 Primary Care Centre since September 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. 102 to 104 and 106 of 2011.

**NO. 106 OF 2011**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> November?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 102 of 2011**

The total to date is 116. There has been no increase since the last time I provided the answer.

**Answer to Question No. 103 of 2011**

The hotline service ceased in July 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 104 of 2011**

None. Which is the number of vaccines given at PCC.

**Answer to Question No. 105 of 2011**

None.

**Answer to Question No. 106 of 2011**

The total number of people vaccinated since the process commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009 is 2882. No increase there either. Since October 2011 the Swine Flu vaccine has been incorporated into the Seasonal Flu vaccination.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 102 TO 106 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is this the same vaccine that the Government had as part of its stock when it was carrying out its vaccination programme last year?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No. This is the seasonal flu vaccine that is offered every year.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Sorry. Perhaps I should clarify. I am talking specifically of Swine Flu.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Right.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In relation to Swine Flu vaccines. In relation to anybody that needs the vaccine now, is that person being administered the same vaccine that was available and was administered during the vaccination programme last year?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No. They are being administered ... The seasonal flu vaccine which already contains the Swine Flu vaccine in it, although we do have stocks if needed, if things were to get worse, we do have stocks from the pandemic vaccine that was acquired last year.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does the hon Member know for how long that stock becomes viable? I say that not just from the point of view of whether the vaccine itself has a sell by date, if I could call it that or a best before date, but because there are changes every year and the hon Member will clearly be familiar with vaccines having to change to meet the changes in the disease?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The actual Swine Flu one dose vaccine which is the one that we administered when we had the epidemic. We still have stocks of those and I do not know what the expiry date is. I can tell the hon Member that it will not expire for some time. I do not know the exact date but we have that as a back-up because, as you say, the seasonal flu vaccine, and I assume next year it will be the same issue, contains the

Swine Flu vaccine itself. So there is no need to use the back up stock unless we run out of the seasonal flu one which we do not predict is going to happen.

**NO. 107 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – VACCINATION AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER**

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

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

The number of females who were administered the vaccination against cervical cancer since September 2010 is as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of females</b>
September 2010	159
October 2010	3
November 2010	144
December 2010	7

ORAL

**NO. 108 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 109 of 2011.

**NO. 109 OF 2011****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 GHA premises by security staff when instances of verbal or threatened physical abuse have been recorded, on a monthly basis since September 2010?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question No. 108 of 2011**

None.

**Answer to Question No. 109 of 2011**

Members of the public have been escorted out of the GHA premises by security staff and or RGP following instances of verbal or threatening physical abuse as follows:

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>NUMBER OF OCCASIONS</b>
Sept 2010	6
Oct 2010	0
Nov 2010	2
Dec 2010	0

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 108 AND 109 OF 2011****HON N F COSTA:**

Am I right in assuming that, for instance, the six occasions in September related to different individuals and not ...? I am only asking to see whether there is any repeat pattern of specific persons involved in that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I would not be able to say. If he is really interested, I will find out for him.

**NO. 110 OF 2011**

**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 September 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 Nos. 111 and 112 of 2011.

**NO. 111 OF 2011**

**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 September 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 110 and 112 of 2011.

**NO. 112 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER**

Has the Minister for Health now been able to establish whether the plans for the setting up of a “Recompression Chamber” on a 24/7 basis, as stated in the Government’s Consultation paper on fishing and diving, envisage the use of any equipment not owned or operated by the GHA?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question Nos. 110 and 111 of 2011**

No patients have been referred by the GHA for hyperbaric treatment since September 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 112 of 2011**

No decision has yet been made on matters contained in the fishing and diving consultation paper.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 110 to 112 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

On the last occasion, the Hon Mr Britto said, in respect of a Recompression Chamber, that it was simply a consultation paper and it is only exactly that. That the plans that the Government may develop or not develop, subsequent to that consultation, are plans that are not yet in existence. Has the matter progressed since then? In other words, has there been any active consultation on this point?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No, I am informed, although it does not really fall within my domain, but I am informed that the process is ongoing. The consultation has not yet finalised.

**NO. 113 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CONSULTANT ENT SPECIALIST**

Can Government say on what date they advertised for a new Consultant ENT Specialist?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 114 to 117 of 2011.

**NO. 114 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the vacancy of Nurse Practitioner, which was advertised in 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 with a closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the post and is the successful applicant a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 113, 115 to 117 of 2011.

**NO. 115 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – RADIOGRAPHY ASSISTANT**

How many persons applied for the post of Radiography Assistant, which was published on or around 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 with a closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010, how many posts were vacant, 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. 113, 114, 116 and 117 of 2011.

**NO. 116 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL OFFICER**

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Dental Officer, which was advertised on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010 with a closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010, how many positions were vacant, 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. 113 to 115 and 117 of 2011.

**NO. 117 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – SENIOR GYNAECOLOGIST**

What reasons did the Senior Gynaecologist give for his decision to terminate his contract with the GHA and when did this take effect?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 113 of 2011**

The post of Consultant ENT Specialist was advertised on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 114 of 2011**

Twelve applications were received for one vacant post of Nurse Practitioner. None of the applicants were Gibraltarian. A person has already been selected.

**Answer to Question No. 115 of 2011**

A total of 25 applications were received for the Radiographer Assistant position, 18 of these were from Gibraltarians, one of whom was appointed to the vacant post.

**Answer to Question No. 116 of 2011**

Three persons, all Gibraltarians, applied for the Dental Officer post, one of whom was selected.

**Answer to Question No. 117 of 2011**

The Consultant Gynaecologist did not terminate his contract, but decided not to extend his contract further under the existing terms and conditions. He wishes to continue to work with the GHA on a part-time basis for personal reasons and the GHA is considering his request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 113 TO 117 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In answer to Question No. 113 of 2011, which is the date of the advertisement of the Consultant ENT, I understand that the Minister said June 2010. Can the hon Member state when the GHA, the Government had noticed that that post would be available?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I cannot say when the GHA realised that the post was going to become vacant. What I can say is that the previous ENT Associate Specialist retired on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Last year?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes. His post was advertised about three months before he retired and I can also add, for their information, that the reason why the recruitment was maybe delayed, if you could call it that, we could have started recruiting before that, was because the Government have now approved a second post of Consultant ENT surgeon and it was obvious that we wanted to recruit the two at the same time as opposed to having to go through the recruitment procedure twice. I am very pleased to say that we have now managed to recruit the second one as well. The one replacing Dr Farrell started in January, in fact a couple of days ago, and the other one is starting in April.

**NO. 118 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – LOCUM COVER IN RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

What has been the cost, to date, of providing locum cover in respect of the Radiology Department since the dismissal and suspension, respectively, of each of the Radiologists contracted by the GHA?

**ANSWER**

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

The cost has been £303,639. May I add, by way of information, that this cost was offset, obviously, by the salary of the Radiologist that had been dismissed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 118 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

Could the hon Member confirm that the suspension of one of the Radiologists is still ongoing?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Without wanting to go into a lot of detail, I can confirm that the Public Services Commission took a decision on the second Radiologist which is now in the process of appeal.

**HON N F COSTA:**

So, without going into a lot of detail, one can safely say that a decision must have been to dismiss, hence the appeal?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

So, the position appears to be, subject to that appeal which we will not go into obviously, that there are posts which are vacant and that there is an ongoing locum requirement. Can the hon Member say for how long she expects the locum requirement to continue in respect of posts which exist within the GHA and which need to be filled?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am pleased to say that we have managed to recruit two Radiologists. We wanted a complement of three or rather we have approved a complement of three. We, obviously, cannot recruit for the third one until the Radiologist who has more recently been dismissed, the issue is settled through appeal. But we have managed to recruit to the other two posts. We now have two permanent Radiologists. We are not using locums at this moment in time.

**NO. 119 OF 2011**

**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 month and year that the person was placed on the list?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 120 to 126 of 2011.

**NO. 120 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

Can Government confirm that the answer given to Question No. 1277 of 2010 relates to the total number of appointments given to schoolchildren for dental care and not to the number of non-emergency, routine, elective appointments only?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 119 and 121 to 126 of 2011.

**NO. 121 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

Can Government say, on a monthly basis, of the number of appointments given to schoolchildren in 2010 for dental care with the GHA, how many were for emergency dental treatment and how many were for non-emergency, routine, elective treatment?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 119, 120 and 122 to 126 of 2011.

**NO. 122 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

How many children who have been placed on the GHA dental waiting list have been referred for dental treatment by a practitioner, on a monthly basis, for each month of 2009 and 2010 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 119 to 121 and 123 to 126 of 2011.

**NO. 123 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

Can Government say how many different waiting lists are held by the GHA dental service and provide the name of each list, the date that the person who has been longest on the list has been waiting, and the number of people on each list?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 119 to 122 and 124 to 126 of 2011.

**NO. 124 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

How many children who have been placed on the GHA dental waiting list have been self-referred for elective dental treatment, on a monthly basis, for each month of 2009 and 2010 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 119 to 123, 125 and 126 of 2011.

**NO. 125 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

Can Government say how many children are (a) registered with the GHA dental service; and (b) been to see a dentist, with a breakdown by school year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 119 to 124 and 126 of 2011.

**NO. 126 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

Can Government say how many people are on each of the GHA's dental waiting lists, showing the date from which the person who has been on the list for longest has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 119 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 120 of 2011**

The numbers given in response to Question No. 1277 of 2010 related to the number of appointments given to school children and to all appointments for dental care both routine and emergency.

**Answer to Question No. 121 of 2011**

I hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested, showing all appointments for both routine and emergency. Although I must add, as I said the last time, that the GHA does not have information identifying the distinction between routine and emergency.

**Answer to Question No. 122 of 2011**

This information is not available, however, the GHA is aware that this is a very small proportion of the patients on the waiting list since the majority are self-referred.

**Answer to Question No. 123 of 2011**

<b>Name of waiting list</b>	<b>Date person waiting longest</b>	<b>Number of people on list</b>
Children's dentistry	13/02/09	397
Orthodontic	06/01/09	199
Welfare	No waiting list	0
Dentures	No waiting list	0

**Answer to Question No. 124 of 2011**

This information is not available but, as stated in response to Question No. 123 of 2011, the majority of patients on this waiting list are self-referred.

**Answer to Question No. 125 of 2011**

This information is not available using the current I.T. system. This could only be obtained by looking at the individual dental records.

**Answer to Question No. 126 of 2011**

This question is answered in Question No. 123 of 2011.

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 119 to 126 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 119 of 2011**

Currently there are 397 children on the waiting list.

<b>Date Added</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
February 2009	28
March 2009	12
April 2009	5
May 2009	14
June 2009	17
July 2009	13
August 2009	8
September 2009	12
October 2009	44
November 2009	15
December 2009	25
January 2010	11
February 2010	6
March 2010	1
April 2010	10
May 2010	14
June 2010	52
July 2010	0
August 2010	0
September 2010	17
October 2010	46
November 2010	39
December 2010	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 119 to 126 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 121 of 2011**

The number of appointments given to school children for dental care within the GHA is:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Appointments</b>
January 2010	1,510
February 2010	1,351
March 2010	1,448
April 2010	1,256
May 2010	1,332
June 2010	1,357
July 2010	1,308
August 2010	1,227
September 2010	1,002
October 2010	1,356
November 2010	827
December 2010	801
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,775</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 119 TO 126 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

If I may go to the question relating to how many children have been placed on the dental waiting list which have been referred for dental treatment by a practitioner, the hon Lady has said that this is a small proportion.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Well, the answer I have been provided with is that the information is not available. They do not keep records of where the referrals come from but the GHA is aware that this is a very small proportion of the patients on the waiting list since the majority are self-referred.

ORAL

**NO. 127 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – COST OF MRI SCANS IN SPAIN**

What amount is the GHA charged for each patient it refers for an MRI scan in Spain?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 128 of 2011.

**NO. 128 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – PATIENTS REFERRED TO SPAIN FOR MRI SCANS**

How many patients have been referred for an MRI scan to Spain in each of the following calendar years: 2010 to date, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question No. 127 of 2011**

The charges for MRIs vary depending on the nature of the examination, whether contrast is used, and the anatomical area being examined. There are, therefore, many different prices ranging from €150 for an MRI of the knee and €323 for an MRI of the breast to €525 for an MRI of the heart with contrast.

**Answer to Question No. 128 of 2011**

The patients referred for an MRI scan to Spain are as follows:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Patients Referred</b>
2005	572
2006	614
2007	758
2008	898
2009	1,012
2010	1,288

**NO. 129 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – SPANISH AMBULANCE SERVICE**

How much has been paid to Spanish ambulance service providers in respect of transfers or other work they have done for the GHA, or the Government of Gibraltar, in each financial year since 2005?

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

The Spanish ambulance service providers in respect of transfers, which is the only thing that they have done for the GHA, is as follows:

FY2005 – 2006	£15,820.06
FY2006 – 2007	£12,300.23
FY2007 – 2008	£13,324.79
FY2008 – 2009	£46,008.22
FY2009 – 2010	£17,850.27
FY2010 – 06/01/11	£ 9,679.04

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 129 OF 2011****HON N F COSTA:**

Yes, in respect of the financial year 2008/2009, there is, I am sure the Minister will agree, quite a substantial jump from the previous year and then the following year. 2007/2008 is £13,000 and 2009/2010 is approximately £17,000 and 2008/2009 is £46,000. Could the Minister provide clarification as to the hike in that year, in the financial year 2008/2009?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, it involved the use of Helicopteros Sanitarios to transfer critically ill patients to Spain.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Does the Minister have the actual cost for every time the helicopter is used for transfer?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I have the cost of one occasion in March when it was used. I do not know whether it is always the same cost or not and that was £11,156.

**NO. 130 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS LEFT INSIDE PEOPLE’S BODIES**

How many instances of surgical instruments being left inside people's bodies after surgery have been reported in the GHA since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Mr Speaker, one which is the same one that I alluded to when the hon Member asked the question the last time. I would not want to give the House the impression that this is now becoming the norm. It is the same case that I mentioned the last time he asked.

**NO. 131 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 132 of 2011.

**NO. 132 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD**

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

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 131 of 2011**

The Medical Registration Board has met once on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 132 of 2011**

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

**NO. 133 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CATERING DEPARTMENT**

Can Government say on what date the contract for the supply of meals to the Hospital and other Government establishments expires, and confirm that it is their policy to put this out to tender whenever this happens?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 134 to 137 of 2011.

**NO. 134 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CATERING DEPARTMENT**

Can Government confirm whether there was a period of time in October 2010 when meals offered to patients at St Bernard's Hospital did not consist of a starter and a main course, and that patients were offered the main course only and, if so, on what days did this happen and for what reason?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 133 and 135 to 137 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 135 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CATERING DEPARTMENT**

On what date does the existing contract for the supply of catering services to patients of St Bernard's Hospital and other Government facilities expire and on what date did the said contract commence?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 133, 134, 136 and 137 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 136 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CATERING DEPARTMENT**

Can Government say whether they have had discussions with alternative entities, individuals or companies, who have an interest in providing the catering services to St Bernard's Hospital and other Government facilities and, if so, on what dates has this happened and with whom have the discussions been held?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 133 to 135 and 137 of 2011.

**NO. 137 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CATERING DEPARTMENT**

Do Government have any plans to set up or support large industrial kitchens in New Harbours or elsewhere for the provision of catering services to St Bernard's Hospital and other Government facilities?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question Nos. 133 and 135 of 2011**

The supply of meals to the Hospital and other Government establishments is not contracted out. It is provided by the Gibraltar Health Authority's catering department.

**Answer to Question No. 134 of 2011**

During some part of the month of October, soup was not provided due to a stock issue with the patented meal distribution system plates.

**Answer to Question No. 136 of 2011**

I am not aware of any discussions in respect of the provision of catering services.

**Answer to Question No. 137 of 2011**

No.

ORAL

**NO. 138 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DRUGS PRESCRIBED BY GHA FOR SUFFERERS OF ALZHEIMER’S**

Will Government confirm that the GHA will prescribe Aricept (Donepezil), Reminyl (Galatamine) and Exelon (Rivastigmine) to people with mild as well as moderate Alzheimer’s and the use of Ebixa (Memantine) for severe sufferers of Alzheimer’s?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 139 to 145 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 139 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

Can Government confirm on what date Glaxo Smith Kline suspended further marketing of the drug Rosiglitazone, known as Avandia, because of potential side effects, on what date were the GHA notified of this decision and on what date was action taken locally to contact affected patients?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 138 and 140 to 145 of 2011.

**NO. 140 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

Can Government say how many extra GP appointments, with a breakdown by date and GP, were made available by the GHA to deal with persons taking the drug known as Avandia (Rosiglitazone) from the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 138, 139 and 141 to 145 of 2011.

**NO. 141 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

Can Government say how many extra clinics were established to run for two weeks after the announcement made at the end of September 2010 that persons taking the drug known as Avandia (Rosiglitazone) would have to be assessed?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 138 to 140 and 142 to 145 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 142 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

Can Government say whether there were any additional persons, other than the 175 identified by the GHA, who were taking the drug known as Avandia (Rosiglitazone) and who also had to be assessed?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 138 to 141 and 143 to 145 of 2011.

**NO. 143 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

Can Government say how many patients were seen by the extra clinics set up by the Diabetic Nurse Specialist to deal with persons who had been taking the drug known as Avandia (Rosiglitazone) for two weeks from the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 138 to 142, 144 and 145 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 144 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

How many patients were advised by their GP to discontinue the use of the drug Avandia, following the appointments made for all Avandia (Rosiglitazone) users to see their GP or a Nurse Practitioner at the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 138 to 143 and 145 of 2011.

**NO. 145 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DISCONTINUANCE OF DRUG KNOWN AS AVANDIA (ROSIGLITAZONE)**

Can Government say what alternative medication has been prescribed to patients who were taking the drug known as Avandia (Rosiglitazone), following the assessment of each patient made by the GHA as from the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 138 of 2011**

The GHA prescribes Aricept (Donepezil), Reminyl (Galamantine), Exelon (Rivastigmine) and Ebixa (Memantine) through the GPMS.

**Answer to Question No. 139 of 2011**

The GHA was made aware of the situation relating to Avandia directly through Glaxo Smith Klein on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010. An emergency planning meeting was called by the GHA's Chief Executive on the same day. At that meeting, the extent of the problem and the urgency of the recall was determined, the transfer protocol was developed and the recall commenced on 25<sup>th</sup> September, that is, the following day. The transfer of patients on to new medications was initiated on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Answer to Question No. 140 of 2011**

Sixty eight patients were seen in their own pre-booked appointments by their own GP.

One hundred and twenty eight patients were seen in the special GP clinics set up on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> attended by Dr Robles.

**Answer to Question No. 141 of 2011**

Eleven extra clinics were provided as extra assessment clinics.

**Answer to Question No. 142 of 2011**

There were a total of 246 patients identified and recalled which included 94 who were taking the preparation known as Avandamet.

**Answer to Question No. 143 of 2011**

A total of 50 patients were seen and advised by the Diabetes Nurse Specialist.

**Answer to Question No. 144 of 2011**

Two hundred and thirty six patients were advised by their GP to discontinue the drug Avandia.

**Answer to Question No. 145 of 2011**

All patients were individually assessed and had their anti-diabetic treatment revised in light of their long-term blood sugar control. The switching protocol called for different treatments based on the blood sugar control. Those who were stable and within normal control limits were placed on Pioglitazone (Actos).

**NO. 146 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES RECEIVING TAX FREE PAYMENT OF 25 PER CENT OF SALARY**

Can Government state whether there are any GHA employees currently on contract terms which provide a tax free payment of 25 per cent of the salary, in lieu of a right to a final salary pension and, if so, is it the policy of the Government to continue to offer such contract terms on new or renewed contracts?

**ANSWER**

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

There are term contract GHA employees who, in lieu of pension, receive a payment equivalent to a 25 per cent tax free gratuity. Should these employees be eligible for an indefinite contract term, they will be offered a new contract under the Provident Fund Pension Scheme.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 145 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So that means that new contracts that are not indefinite will continue to be given the 25 per cent. Is that the implication of the answer?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

How can the Government justify that, given that the 25 per cent is supposed to reflect the value of the final salary scheme and now new entrants are being recruited on the basis of not entering the ... Since the GHA agreement was done, all new entrants, as I understand the statement that was made at the time, no longer are able to join the final salary scheme of the Civil Service. They all go on to the Provident Fund. So, surely, if the 25 per cent is compensation for the other one and the other one is no longer there, how is it that the Government policy is to continue with the 25 per cent? Surely, people would be better off with the 25 per cent than the Provident Fund then?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I think that the way the question has been drafted has had in mind not the people that he is referring to that will now take over as permanent employees filling what was previously Civil Service posts when they become vacant. I think the drafter has been, if I am not mistaken, thinking of contract workers from abroad that come here on a specific term contract for three years, sometimes, normally three year contract. These people, according to the law, after four years, if the contract is renewed, will become entitled to an indefinite contract and these are the people I refer to when I say that they will be offered the Provident No. 2 Pension Fund. If there is any other information that the hon Member wants, he can, maybe, write to me and seek it. I do not have much more information with me at the moment than what I have just described.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, I am trying to establish a policy, not to seek information on this occasion. Other than the beginning of the question, the question initially seeks information to see whether the 25 per cent option still exists and the answer is yes, and the second part is whether the policy is to continue to offer it and the answer is yes.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

For contract workers.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

For contract workers, in some cases, for new contract people on three year contracts that come to do a specific job. For people who take up previous Civil Service vacancies when they become vacant, the 25 per cent gratuity is not available.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that. That only makes it worse, not better, because, then, if the hon Member accepts that the 25 per cent was the assumed value of a final salary pension scheme and the replacement of the final salary pension scheme, which is now on offer for local entrants, is worth less ... Otherwise, if it was costing more, the Government would not have done it. It is quite obvious. The Government have argued in the past that it was not sustainable to maintain the final salary Civil Service Pension Scheme and that that was one of the elements in wanting to move away from it and they have made offers of improved salaries in exchange for people no longer being entitled to a final salary scheme. Now, my point is, if when people came from abroad they were given a 25 per cent payment based on their salary because they did not have the final salary and now nobody has the final salary, how then can you justify still giving 25 per cent when what it was in replacement of is no longer there, for locals?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I do not know whether the actual value of the final pension, whether it is contributory or non-contributory, through the Civil Service pension, or the No. 2, is less value one than the other. What I do know and, obviously, the hon Member knows as well, is that one is now contributory and that is where the savings are coming in for Government where it can be maintained for the future. That does not really, necessarily mean that the value, at the end of the day, is going to be less than the non-contributory scheme.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It has to be less because the reason for replacing the other one is not because the Government want to produce a more expensive pension system but because the Government say that the pension system that has been in existence is too expensive. Well, if the Government ...

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Because people did not contribute towards it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well not just because people did not contribute but because if it is a final salary ... The pension we get in this House is a final salary which means, effectively, that if I retire tomorrow or the Hon Mr Britto retires tomorrow we get paid in relation to the pay of today and not to what I contributed or might not have contributed in 1972. The rationale that the Government have put, which we do not necessarily agree with but we can understand, is that it is not sustainable to keep on making people eligible to join that and the Government policy has been to try and phase it out in the Civil Service, which has not happened yet, but which they have succeeded this year in doing in the Gibraltar Health Authority.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Surely, they are doing it in the Gibraltar Health Authority on the basis that if one continues paying final salaries in the Gibraltar Health Authority it will become unsustainably, prohibitively expensive. Those are the terms that have been used.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My point is, if one is paying somebody, when one has the very expensive final salary, a cash element of 25 per cent, in lieu of the final salary, presumably to compensate him for the fact that he was not getting the final salary, and the final salary is no longer available, how can the Government explain that the policy is to continue with the arrangements of the 25 per cent when the final salary, which it compensated for, is no longer available to new entrants. That is why I am questioning whether the policy is to continue with the same system for contract workers, given that the system for non-contract workers has been changed. It has been changed for one and not for the other.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Well, I can tell the hon Member that he can write to me and explain what it is that he is after, an explanation of the policy, and I will certainly write back to him when I have the information. What I can tell him now, standing on my feet, is, as I said before, that people on contract from abroad who are covering a specific role for a three year contract, sometimes less, do get the 25 per cent. People who come in as GHA employees now, as opposed to civil servants, to fill previous Civil Service vacancies are placed on the No. 2 Pension Scheme and do not get a gratuity. It is a long-term thing. The contract officers from abroad only come in for a specific period. Maybe that is not what he is seeking but he can keep on asking and I am going to have to keep on repeating the same because I do not have the information that he is after.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am sorry. I am asking what the policy of the Government is. Now, if the answer is that I need to write to the hon Member to ask what is the policy because she does not know what the policy is ... If she is going to take my letter to somebody else who will explain to her what the policy is, then that is fine. What she cannot do is tell me that I am asking for information, when every time I stand up I have told her the information that was in the original question she has already provided, which is that there are people on 25 per cent. I then ask, is it the policy to continue giving the 25 per cent? She says, it is the policy to continue giving the 25 per cent.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

For contract workers, yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right, my supplementary, given that that is the policy, is to say, well look, how do you explain rationally a continuation of a policy which is based on the premise, on the assumption ... I can tell the hon Member that when the 25 per cent was introduced the first time in this House, which was way back in 1972, by the then Financial Secretary, it was on the basis, precisely, that contract workers should be given what was the Treasury estimate of the cost to the Government of the final salary. So the Treasury estimate, way back in 1972, was that if the Government had to fund the final salary as they fund the No. 2 Pension Scheme, it would cost 25 per cent of the wage bill. Now, given that the No. 2 Pension Fund cost 10 per cent and given that 25

per cent is bigger than 10 per cent, it is not an unreasonable conclusion that one is more expensive than the other. In any event, the Government have made, on a number of occasions, statements relating to their desire to phase out for new entrants but preserve as a right those who are already there, because obviously they are entitled to it. One cannot change peoples' conditions of work, except when they join, when you can offer different conditions. That they want to phase it out because they consider that not to do so would create an impossible financial burden in the future. Well, it must be obvious that if one is replacing something that one considers to be a very heavy burden for the future, what one is putting in its place must be less of a burden. If it is less of a burden, it is because it costs less. If it costs less, then it is worth less. So therefore, my question is how come that given the fact that they are reducing the cost to local entrants, of providing a pension fund through the No. 2 Pension Provident Fund thing, their policy is, nevertheless, to continue with the previous system which was related to the existing 25 per cent for new entrants on contract. How are the Government able to justify that, which seems to give better treatment to people we recruit from outside than people that we recruit here?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I can only offer the same explanation which I know does not satisfy his needs. What I can add and I do not know whether I have said it before, is that when we bring in contract officers from abroad to do a specific role, or because ours are studying abroad and finishing their degree, or whatever, it is for a fixed three year term contract. I can add that, after the third year, these people will no longer receive the 25 per cent gratuity. Not because it is a policy of the GHA, although it is, but because by law they can no longer be kept on contract and have to be offered an indefinite contract and that is what is happening. Once they reach the three years and they ask for a renewal for another three years, we are telling them, you are no longer entitled to the 25 per cent gratuity, you are no longer entitled to a housing subsidy. Either you stay with us indefinitely or you carry on without all these extra perks. That is what is happening. I do not know whether that sheds any extra light on what the hon Member is seeking.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is because it is the policy, then, of the Government that after three years people will not be permitted to stay on fixed-term contracts. The fact that people are entitled to move to a permanent contract is a matter for them to choose. It is not that they are ... The law does not require them. The law requires the employer to offer that option but what the hon Member is saying is that it is not being offered as an option but that it is compulsory. Is that correct?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No, the policy of the GHA at the moment is that after three years ... In the majority of cases, after three years somebody who wants to renew their contract again for another three years or for a year on the same terms is being told, no you cannot. Either you accept an indefinite contract and become part of the Pension No. 2 Fund, if that is what you want, or do not contribute at all, or you retain your salary without the 25 per cent gratuity, without the housing subsidy and without all the other perks that come along with it. It is compulsory. Maybe that has shed some light.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Good.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is the hon Member saying that at the end of that three year contract, it is the choice of the employee whether that employee continues to be engaged by the GHA but they decide to do so on a permanent basis because, as a matter of law, it is going to become an indefinite contract and they would have to lose those perks. So, does it necessarily follow that all contract workers at the end of the three years have the choice of becoming permanent employees?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

By law it would follow that somebody who has been retained after three years for a specific purpose would be entitled to an indefinite contract. I am not going to go into a debate here with the Hon Mr Licudi about employment law because he is the expert and I am not. After four years, people are entitled to an indefinite contract. The policy of the GHA as I have explained ... Am I being listened to or shall I stop speaking?

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think the hon Member ought to ... Order. I think the hon Member ought to allow the Hon Minister the courtesy of being heard. A question has been asked and it does seem a bit discourteous.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Mr Speaker, given the fact that she repeats the answers all the time, I think we can work it out.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, with respect, a question has been ...

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Well Mr Speaker, with respect, the last answer that I provided seemed to satisfy the Hon Mr Bossano.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It does indeed, yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

But the question, the supplementary that I was asking, is whether it is GHA policy that when a contract worker is engaged, that person, at the end of that temporary employment, fixed-term contract, can then decide that they want to stay on and will carry on. I am not intending to go into a debate on the law. The natural consequence is that if the contract continues it becomes an indefinite contract. But the alternative is for the Government to simply terminate that fixed-term contract and not offer a renewal. If they offer a renewal, then by law it becomes a fixed-term contract. So does it mean that contract workers then have the choice of becoming permanent contract ...?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Not automatically. It depends on the post that they are filling. As I have explained before, if we have a local Nurse Specialist studying in the UK and we have had to bring in someone on contract to replace that person whilst they study, these people are not going to be offered, after the three years, the choice of having an indefinite contract. They are going to be said bye bye to and off they go. There is the distinction. However, if for some reason that local person does not come back and the person has the contract extended to the four years then, legally, they are entitled to an indefinite contract. Am I right or am I not right? I am asking the expert in employment law.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I do not think Question Time is a matter of debate on points of law.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I was not intending to enter into a debate on employment law but simply, as a matter of policy, whether the Government still wish to retain that right to terminate the fixed-term contract before it actually becomes an indefinite contract and the Hon Minister has confirmed that that is indeed the case.

**NO. 147 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – FUNDING OF SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMMES**

Can Government confirm that it is GHA policy not to fund smoking cessation programmes?

**ANSWER**

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

The GHA is providing a nurse practitioner led programme for certain selected patients and is prescribing and funding the drug Champix where indicated. The hon Member should not be left with the impression that the drug Champix is a nicotine replacement substitute or anything like that. It is not.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 147 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

As a matter of policy, obviously, the GHA wants to encourage people to stop smoking and, therefore, if people have difficulty, does the GHA not provide support in terms of prescribing medication, or providing patches, or whatever. Is it the policy to do more than just try to persuade them?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The GHA does not fund nicotine replacement therapy which are the patches, the chewing gum and all that. The current programme, which apparently lasts from six to eight weeks, offers counselling together with this drug Champix which alleviates withdrawal symptoms such as irritability, sleeplessness, et cetera, but I am told that Champix is not a replacement for nicotine. That is the extent of the programme that we currently have.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The hon Member said that it was for selected patients. Is there a criteria that is laid down as to who is offered this and who is not?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I believe, and he should not hold me 100 per cent to it, that it is for people who have higher risks than others of maybe a stroke, heart disease and really need to stop smoking for medical reasons.

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**NO. 148 OF 2011**

**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**

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

**NO. 149 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ART CENTRE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS**

Can Government say how many paintings, which formed part of the former Art Centre collection, have been passed on to the Ministry of Culture for storage?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE, SPORTS & LEISURE**

Answered together with Question Nos. 150 and 151 of 2011.

**NO. 150 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ART CENTRE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS**

Can Government say where the Ministry for Culture intends to store the Art Centre collection of paintings that was presented to the Mayor last year and where the paintings are being kept at present?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE, SPORTS & LEISURE**

Answered together with Question Nos. 149 and 151 of 2011.

**NO. 151 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ART CENTRE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS**

Can Government say whether they have any plans to make available exhibition space for the display of the former Art Centre collection of paintings and, if so, where and in what timescale is this expected to happen?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE, SPORTS & LEISURE**

The Art Centre collection, which has now been passed on to the Ministry for Culture, consists of a total of 28 artworks.

This collection was presented to the people of Gibraltar through the Office of the Mayor. However, since the Mayor is not a legal entity capable of owning these, the paintings are owned by the Government and subject to the Government's Accounting Instructions and Stores Regulations. Government have taken custody of the said artworks and they are now included in the artwork inventory held by the Ministry of Culture.

They are stored in the art storeroom located at the Ministry of Culture's office complex and, at present, we have not yet identified where or when this art collection will be displayed to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 149 TO 151 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to other artworks that the Ministry of Culture has, are these included in the same store room or same place as all the other paintings?

**HON E J REYES:**

There are a huge amount of artworks on the inventory. Some I know are available in different Government buildings. Let us call them public buildings. In fact, at one stage, Mr Speaker may recall a very casual conversation, I think I was tempting him to take one painting for display in his office because it had a theme to do with this building. Those that are not on display in a Government building where they have been, sort of, recorded in the inventory book that they are now under the charge of

whatever senior officer belongs to that department, are all kept together in this storeroom when they are not being displayed elsewhere.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Do Government public buildings include the Mackintosh Hall?

**HON E J REYES:**

Yes.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Minister aware that some of the paintings from the Mackintosh Hall have gone missing?

**HON E J REYES:**

I am aware that one painting from the Mackintosh Hall has gone missing and the matter is being investigated.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is it being investigated internally by the Ministry of Culture or has it been taken as a criminal issue to the police?

**HON E J REYES:**

It is being investigated by the Ministry of Culture. I believe, but I cannot confirm it at this particular moment, that there has been contact with the Royal Gibraltar Police, sort of, reporting the matter. I think also the civil servants there had to report the matter to the Principal Auditor and so on. I believe that is the case.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Ministry of Culture insured for any of these paintings being lost, stolen or damaged?

**HON E J REYES:**

I am aware there is some insurance, the finer details of which I could look into. If the hon Member wishes to write, I can give him details of the small print in the insurance policy.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister give us an indication as to when all these artworks, that he has stored, will be on exhibition as promised by his Government?

**HON E J REYES:**

I cannot at this particular stage identify where or when.

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**HON E J REYES:**

I am informed by my senior officers in the Ministry that all the artworks in the Ministry of Culture's inventory are definitely insured. All artworks.

**HON S E LINARES:**

In view of the information just given to the Minister, will the Ministry of Culture be seeking to make a claim towards the picture that was stolen or taken away?

**HON E J REYES:**

Logic indicates that way. I will ask the Senior Officer there what dealings we have had with the Principal Auditor, and at what stage. Maybe they are already submitting a claim or not. I will certainly do that and the hon Member can, sort of, chase it up with me any time he wants to in the future.

**NO. 152 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE – ELECTRICITY BILL**

What is the electricity bill for the months of September 2010 to December 2010 in the King's Bastion Leisure Centre, giving a breakdown by facility which includes the bowling alley, ice-skating rink, restaurant and any other amenities available within the complex?

**ANSWER**

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

Part of the information requested is contained in a written schedule that I am now making available to the hon Member. However, it is not possible to include information regarding the consumption for the month of December, as the invoices for that particular month have still not been received.

**Answer to Question No. 152 of 2011**

**KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE – ELECTRICITY BILL**  
**AS AT END NOVEMBER 2010**

AREA	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	TOTALS
BOWLING ALLEY (PAID BY OPERATOR)	£1,918.50	£1,902.25	£1,817.25	£5,638.00
BOYD'S AND YOUTH BAR, DISCO AND LOUNGE (PAID BY OPERATOR)	£1,928.63	£1,164.63	£ 689.25	£3,782.51
CINEMA (PAID BY OPERATOR)	£ 719.75	£ 556.75	£ 529.25	£1,805.75
ROCK BASTION RESTAURANT AND STORE (PAID BY OPERATOR)	£1,583.00	£1,375.63	£1,292.01	£4,250.64
COMMON AREAS	£2,200.63	£2,090.25	£2,069.00	£6,359.88
ENTERTAINMENT AREAS	£591.13	£560.75	£528.63	£1,680.51
FITNESS GYM	£1,250.13	£ 913.88	£ 691.75	£2,855.76
ICE-SKATING RINK	£10,827.25	£ 7,076.13	£6,258.38	£24,161.76
MANAGEMENT OFFICES	£174.00	£156.13	£137.38	£467.51
RECREATION SUITES	£392.01	£91.50	£35.25	£518.76

**NO. 153 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HEAD 101 - SUBHEAD 1(i) CULTURE AND HERITAGE: FACILITIES PROJECTS  
– BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the Improvement and Development Fund expenditure of £148,000 for 2009/2010 shown at Head 101 - Subhead 1(i) Culture and Heritage: Facilities Projects, showing who the money was paid to, when and for what purpose?

**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 No. 153 of 2011**

### BREAKDOWN FOR IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND EXPENDITURE FOR 2009/2010

HEAD 101

SUBHEAD 1(i) CULTURE AND HERITAGE: FACILITIES PROJECT

#### **a) John Mackintosh Hall Plumbing**

3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2009	Freddy Plumber Ltd	£17,500.00
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2009	Freddy Plumber Ltd	£17,500.00
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2009	Freddy Plumber Ltd	£ 9,032.00
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Freddy Plumber Ltd	£ 8,590.00
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2010	Freddy Plumber Ltd	£14,500.00
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Freddy Plumber Ltd	£ 3,000.00
		<hr/> £70,122.00

The above works required replacing and repairing all plumbing at the Hall.

#### **b) John Mackintosh Hall**

12 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	M E Belilo & Partners	£560.00
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Consultation fees to establish the condition of the terraced roof, fixing of new Theatre seating and other further intrusive investigations.

17 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	J Balban Electrical Co Ltd	£505.00
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Fault findings and repairs to electrical installations in library after water ingress.

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£1,065.00

#### **c) Shrine of Our Lady of Europe**

22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2009	Trustees of the Shrine	£50,000.00
		<hr/> £50,000.00

Government funded the restoration of the original structure of the Shrine as this is considered a Heritage asset to Gibraltar.

#### **d) Gibraltar Caves Project**

27 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	Knightsfield Holdings Ltd	£5,565.00
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Subsistence allowance payable to archaeologists for the above project.

12 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	Knightsfield Holdings Ltd	£ 224.86
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Excavation equipment required for the above project.

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**Continued Answer to Question No. 153 of 2011**

28 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	Knightsfield Holdings Ltd	£ 282.07
Excavation equipment required for the above project.		
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2009	Knightsfield Holdings Ltd	£ 459.39
Excavation materials required for the above project.		
10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Beta Analytic Inc.	£1,236.27
Administrative fees in connection with standard data analysis for the above project.		
10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Knightsfield Holdings Ltd.	£ 45.00
Courier service required to send data information to Beta Analytic for the above project.		

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£7,812.59

**e) Heritage Publications**

12 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	Aquila Services Ltd	£1,589.05
Printing 300 Books of Abstracts first issued at Calpe Conference.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	Gibraltar Book Ltd	£8,000.00
Typesetting, Designing and Printing of the book, "Gibraltar, Military Fortress or Commercial Colony" by T J Finlayson.		
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Gibraltar Chronicle	£3,231.41
Printing of 400 books Shrine 'Marian Conference'		

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£12,820.46

**f) Museum Floor**

17 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	Woodcraft Construction	£4,300.00
Repairs to Museum floor.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	J. Balban Electrical Co. Ltd	£ 304.00
Emergency repairs to Museum following flooding		

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£ 4,604.00

**g) John Mackintosh Hall Roof**

9 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Southern Point Roofing	£ 873.00
Repairs required to the library roof and gutters.		

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£ 873.00

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 153 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I see from the schedule that the Minister has given me for the answer to Question No. 153 of 2011, that he has listed the John Mackintosh Hall and the survey done by M E Belilo and Partners. Does the Minister already have a conclusion as to the extent of the damage to the roof of the Mackintosh Hall and can the Minister give us an indication of when all these works to the roof will start?

**HON E J REYES:**

I hope Mr Speaker does not mind me pointing out that, whilst the hon Member opposite has asked a supplementary question, I am still waiting for the Clerk to give me, sort of, the cue that it was my turn to answer. So, for the Hansard, we will record that the information requested has been passed there.

Now, more specifically to the question, are we talking of part b?

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes.

**HON E J REYES:**

That was paid as consultation fees to establish the condition of the terraced roof, fixing of the new theatre seating and other intrusive investigations. The report indicates what, in the consultant's opinion, is the state, the condition, when they can take the seats and so on. Having done that, we are in the process of identifying different alternatives, more or less, like one tends to do at home. What are the costs of repairing, and when the repair job is done, what lifespan can be expected from that or what is the cost of doing something completely new and so on. So I am still very much at the consultation stage, trying to get in best information so that a firm decision can be taken. So, if the hon Member really wants to know when. Personally, I would like it as soon as possible but I cannot commit myself in this House. I would be misleading the House by saying, next month or even six months. It could be soon. It could be later. I think both sides of this House wish it to be sooner rather than later.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I say this because it is now ... In fact, yesterday was a year, exactly, from when the Minister got this report about the state of roof. Therefore, a whole year has gone by. Damage is increasing to the equipment and materials and things that are within the Mackintosh Hall and, therefore, if this is left longer and longer what will happen is that the repairs will be much bigger. Not only that, that the damage it causes to books, for example, I am thinking of the library, some of them are irreplaceable because these books, you cannot re-buy. They are old books. They are reference books. They are books that people would like to use and read. Therefore, should the Minister, during that last year, not have prioritised or, at least, done something to

safeguard those books that are in the library and any other equipment that might be in the Mackintosh Hall which are of value.

**HON E J REYES:**

I can concur with the hon Member's logic. The longer you leave something the greater the damage. One thing I must point out. I think it may have been brought out in notice in this House before. The building belongs to the trustees of the late John Mackintosh and, therefore, part and parcel of all this requires us sitting down and discussing, which we already have, with the trustees because if the Government are to invest substantially, then, obviously, it has to ensure that it has the best lease possible and so on. So it is not just as simple as sort of saying, this is completely mine all the time. I will invest this or the other. Government are looking forward towards putting substantial investment in there but in constant consultation with the trustees.

**HON S E LINARES:**

The Minister might say that it is the trustees but in the last questions in this House, in which I asked him, specifically, about the library, I even asked about the responsibilities of Knightsfield Holdings, who are the ones who manage the Mackintosh Hall and are currently managing the Mackintosh Hall, whether they were responsible for the maintenance of the Mackintosh Hall and the Minister answered that it was not their responsibility. What they used to do was when they identified any maintenance that was needed within the building, they would ask Government and then Government would make funds available in order to maintain the building. So, therefore, that the Minister now comes to this House and tells us that it is in conjunction with the trustees, I would hope it is in conjunction with the trustees who are the owners of the building, but, surely, it is in consultation with Knightsfield Holdings who are the people who manage the place. Therefore, by the answer that the Minister gave me last time, I would assume that it is Government that takes the initiative of saying, right okay, the roof needs fixing, here is the money, go and fix it. Can the Minister, therein, explain what the real situation is, now that he has brought the trustees into the picture?

**HON E J REYES:**

I do not think the situation changes in any shape or form. The building is managed by Knightsfield Holdings who, in normal circumstances, are the first to bring to our notice repair works that need to be undertaken. What I have said and I will repeat again is that Government are conscious that there are certain repair works that need to be carried out. Because it could require substantial investment, the trustees, who are not Knightsfield Holdings, have to be engaged and when a decision is taken then the works to be carried out ... If Knightsfield Holdings are managing the building, they will be told, this is what Government wants you to do as managers. Nothing new in it.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, can I just ask the hon Gentleman. I follow what he is saying, though I think the concern on this side of the House is in respect of the delay and I am sure it

is in both sides of the House that there is a concern about that delay, but there is at item (g) on the list that the hon Gentleman has provided, a payment to one entity in the sum of £873 in respect of repairs required to the library roof and gutters. So, are those other repairs that were required, not the repairs identified in the Belilo report?

**HON E J REYES:**

Yes, if the hon Member looks at the date, it is after that survey was conducted by Belilo & Co. In that particular case in March, what happened was that there was a particularly bad storm and some sections, very similar to the internal rooftop we have here, started to come down. So, we had to carry out an emergency. The word emergency is not written there but I can tell the hon Member it was an emergency repair to the library roof and gutters. That was just one particular section of the building, as opposed to the survey that was carried out that encompassed areas well beyond the library. So, they are related but a separate incident, yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In respect of those emergency repairs, was it also necessary to engage the trustees?

**HON E J REYES:**

We carried out the emergency repairs and then informed the trustees of what we had done.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I appreciate that that makes a lot of sense but would it not also make sense to carry out the general repairs to the roof and inform the trustees?

**HON E J REYES:**

It could, but we have chosen ... because we envisage that there could be a substantial investment required, we envisage discussing certain things of the lease with the trustees first.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What is the order of the investment that the hon Gentleman anticipates will be required?

**HON E J REYES:**

I do not have that information available with me here.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If it is so substantial that he has decided that instead of carrying out the repairs to the roof which are obviously, and we agree on both sides of the House, required and, therefore, he has to engage the trustees, is he telling us that it is in the order of a quarter of a million pounds, over that, or ... a million pounds, or ...? If something is so substantial that it requires engagement with the trustees of this Trust, how is it that the hon Member cannot remember it?

**HON E J REYES:**

I do not know. I am not going to mislead this House by just inventing a figure off the top of my head.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would the hon Gentleman at least agree to write to me and let me have that figure if he knows that he has it in his office?

**HON E J REYES:**

If the hon Member wishes some [*inaudible*] information, he can always write to me. What I suspect is that at some stage, if we decide to carry out a major, substantial investment in that, we would probably want to come out with a public press release in any case. But the Member is always welcome to write to me and I will provide the information as and when I have it.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Absolutely, and I am very grateful for that invitation but is it not the whole *raison d'être* of what the hon Gentleman has told us that he had to engage the trustees on this issue because this was such a substantial investment. Now, he is telling us that it may be that an investment of that order is going to be made and it may be that there is going to be a press release. Is it the pressing issue the fact that this library is an important resource for the community and that it needs to be saved for those who use it. Not everybody is able to buy the books that they want and some do rely and continue to rely on the library even for matters beyond simply looking at printed matter and that this is something which is becoming increasingly urgent and it has become now more and more urgent given that it has been lying on his desk for over a year?

**HON E J REYES:**

What I said in relation to talking with the trustees is in respect of the whole building and not just the library section. In other words, looking at the building as a whole, looking at what Government feel should be done. What it might possibly think could be done to improve, update facilities and so on. That is why it would be sensible to talk with the trustees, look carefully into the lease, maybe even get a better deal for the people of Gibraltar out of it. That is why the trustees would be engaged and that is forward planning of which, at this stage I do not have details, I do not have cost

and, therefore, I am not going to invent figures just to try and mention anything at all to the hon Member.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I appreciate that. So, in other words, there is no present intention to commence the repairs to the roof?

**HON E J REYES:**

That is not what I have said.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

No, the hon Gentleman said that, in fact, it may be that there may be a wholesale renegotiation and that there may be an investment into the building but that, therefore, until then, there is not going to be an engagement with the trustees, having told us a minute ago that there has to be an engagement with the trustees before the repairs to the roof can be carried out. Is this not, therefore, another example of this Government atrophying on an issue that is important to the community?

**HON E J REYES:**

No, it is not another example of the Government acting badly. Emergency repairs will be carried out so that the building continues functioning, as well as possible, and Government are being pro-active, forward thinking, looking into future plans for the library, discussing it with the trustees and when those discussions have taken place, at the appropriate moment and time it would be informed in this House. He will probably even find certain provisions being made in the Estimates book this year or next year. So everything will be disclosed at its correct time.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am very grateful for the hon Gentleman's clarification that only emergency repairs will now be carried out at the Mackintosh Hall.

**NO. 154 OF 2011**

**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 December 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 No. 154 of 2011**

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY  
AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

<b>NO</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>NATIONALITY</b>
1	Chief Executive Officer	1	Admin	Male	British
1	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	2	Admin	Male	British
1	Finance Manager	3	Admin	Male	British
1	Administration and Resources Manager	3	Admin	Female	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. 155 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GASA SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government state the date since which the air treatment system of the 25 metre pool run by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority has not been working?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 156 and 157 of 2011.

**NO. 156 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GASA SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government state which experts have been engaged to obtain and analyse technical specifications for the air treatment system of the 25 metre pool run by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority and whether such experts have now reported to the Authority or the Government?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 155 and 157 of 2011.

**NO. 157 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GASA SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government state when it expects to award the contract for the works required to the air treatment system of the 25 metre pool run by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority?

**ANSWER**

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

The 25 metre pool currently run by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority only has an air heating, not an air treatment, system which was installed in the days when that pool was run by the Gibraltar Amateur Swimming Association.

This system first started malfunctioning approximately some eighteen months ago.

The GSLA intends to replace the existing system with an air treatment system, similar to the one installed in the new pool, but catering for the needs for this larger building and also endeavouring to make as much use as possible of the infrastructure already available.

A local independent air conditioning/treatment consultant has been engaged to assess all the complex issues related to treating the air in such an atmosphere as is experienced in indoor swimming pools and the GSLA's 25 metre pool in particular. The GSLA have requested a full survey, but no specific timescale has been set in order to ensure that the consultant can reach his decisions and offer the best recommendations possible. However, efforts are being made for this to be done as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Disclosing the name of the consultant at this stage is considered to be commercially sensitive and could also prove detrimental to the consultant's work.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 155 TO 157 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The first part of the answer seems a little surprising which is a suggestion or a revelation that this particular pool does not have an air treatment system in place. It has an air heating system. In answer to Question No. 1183 of 2010, the same Hon Minister had this to say, the overhaul and upgrade to the 25 metre pool air treatment system has not yet been completed. That necessarily implies and suggests that

there is an upgrade to an existing system and, it has not yet been completed, necessarily means that something has started to an existing system. How is it that the system has changed overnight?

**HON E J REYES:**

The system has not changed overnight. The hon Member is correct. When I answered at the time, I gave my answer based on information that I had. I personally thought it was an air treatment system like the one next door. I have subsequently found out, and this is obviously the first opportunity I have been able to point it out even better to the hon Member. It is not the same system as the other one. It was explained to me by these experts that it is not air treatment like the one installed for the new pool but rather this was just an air heating system. There is a difference, not the major one perhaps for lay people, non-experts, but technically it is different and I am not going to mislead this House now that I am aware that this is an air heating and not an air treatment system, I should answer correctly according to information I have with me at the precise moment in time. This was installed a long time ago, as I was saying in the answer, when the pool was run by the Gibraltar Amateur Swimming Association and neither I nor any of my Colleagues on this side of the House were involved in the administration at the time.

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**NO. 158 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Since the previous Heritage Action Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010, one further meeting has taken place and that was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

**NO. 159 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GORHAM'S CAVE – NOMINATION AS WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

Can Government confirm that it has now put forward Gorham's Cave for inclusion in the United Kingdom's tentative list for potential nomination as a World Heritage Site and have Government identified any other sites in Gibraltar to put forward?

**ANSWER**

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

I can confirm that Government have put forward the Gorham's Cave complex for inclusion in the United Kingdom's tentative list for potential nomination.

The complex includes Gorham's, Vanguard, Bennett's and Hyaena Caves.

No other site has been identified at present.

**NO. 160 OF 2011**

**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. 1185 of 2010, the revenue raised in admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum on a monthly basis is as follows:

September 2010	£1132.02
October 2010	£1133.45
November 2010	£4560.92
December 2010	£ 416.40

**NO. 161 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**IAU – ULTRAMARATHON**

What has been the cost to the Government of the 100km endurance race?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 162 to 164 of 2011.

**NO. 162 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IAU – ULTRAMARATHON**

How many athletes and other guests stayed on board the cruise liner that was hired to provide accommodation and catering services in relation to the staging of the IAU Ultramarathon that took place in Gibraltar in November 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 161, 163 and 164 of 2011.

**NO. 163 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IAU – ULTRAMARATHON**

Can Government say whether local hotels were offered the opportunity to host all or some of the athletes and other guests who were here in relation to the staging of the IAU Ultramarathon that took place in Gibraltar in November 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 161, 162 and 164 of 2011.

**NO. 164 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IAU – ULTRAMARATHON**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of hiring a cruise liner to accommodate athletes and others in relation to the staging of the IAU Ultramarathon that took place in Gibraltar in November 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

The net cost to Government of organising and staging the World and European IAU Ultramarathon Championships in November 2010 is estimated at approximately £180,000.

The actual cost of hiring the cruise liner, with all related expenses included, was 180,000 Euros. There is no breakdown of expenses as the hire of the liner was only available on a pre-agreed all services included basis.

A total of 340 athletes, coaches and officials were accommodated in the cruise liner. This facility was only made available for IAU approved athletes and officials and was not open to other persons travelling with them.

Additionally, information in respect of all hotels in Gibraltar, including contact details, was made available to all the participating countries, through the required competition General Information Sheet, some six months before the event and three months before their need to submit the Preliminary Registration Form. In fact, a number of teams decided to arrange their accommodation in some local hotels, particularly for accompanying members of their delegations, but some even for a number of their participating athletes. The Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority also used local accommodation to provide for the needs of some teams which were either arriving earlier or leaving later than the days during which the cruise liner was actually available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 161 TO 164 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The hon Member has mentioned that there was a net cost to Government of £180,000. That suggests that the gross cost was greater and that there has been some recovery of the cost. Can the Government state what the gross cost was and the basis upon which that has been recovered and from whom?

**HON E J REYES:**

I am sorry I have not been provided with information of the gross cost and so on. It may help the hon Member to know ... I will give him an example in that net cost when I then spoke about the hire of the cruise liner. One of the conditions that the host country has to meet is to provide accommodation and meals for three ... let me make sure I get this right ... for three male and three female athletes from each participating country. All the athletes that that country brings over and above that, have to pay for that and they were being charged ... my note here says an average of £70 per person per night and that included full on board contracted services. Yes. So that is why I gave him the figure of net because the gross figure was much bigger. We have received these monies from the participants and we paid off from there. So the figure I was able to provide him was the net. I suppose that this is part of the expenses of this on-going financial year. As the financial year comes to an end and more details are, sort of, provided to the Financial Secretary and so on, then the hon Member will eventually be able to get more detailed information in that respect. Unfortunately, I do not have any indication at this moment in time and I am not going to invent a number.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Can the hon Member say why a decision was taken to hire that cruise liner? Is it that it was cheaper than accommodating the athletes in local hotels or there was non-availability of sufficient beds? What was the reason for that decision being taken?

**HON E J REYES:**

The International Association of Ultra Runners initially told us that we had to ensure that there was accommodation available for some 700 people all told. That included accommodation for non-official team members. The registration forms and so on only need to be submitted by the participants up to three months before the event. So that was giving us problems in getting local hotels to guarantee to meet that figure of close to 700 possible beds, saying we will have this available or not available and so on. So a decision was taken to ensure that we met our commitments to have this cruise liner which has a total maximum capacity of 640 persons in 288 cabins. We knew that that, plus whatever the hotels had available, would ensure that we had the accommodation available and then it also came to light that the IAU was telling us this floating hotel, the cruise liner, was deemed as the athlete's village and therefore not everyone could have access to live there. So the local hotels were not losing out because you had all accompanying people going there and I know some teams in particular said, well since part of our supporters are going to be hosted in this hotel or that hotel, instead of paying you the 70 Euros for going on board the ship, I will pay and negotiate with this hotel or the other. I believe some of them then entered into, sort of, private negotiations, you know, they were getting a big handful of rooms. The hotel was probably able to offer them a better rate. But we had to ensure that we met the demands that were being placed upon us by the IAU and the local available hotel beds could not guarantee that. So the decision was taken.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Did the Government consult every hotel in Gibraltar? At what point did that happen?

**HON E J REYES:**

I know the Government consulted hotels in Gibraltar. I suspect it was probably every one of them. I know information about every single hotel was certainly provided to these people. It is a pity Minister Holliday is not here because his Ministry certainly assisted me in providing this information as did the Ministry for Tourism also when I asked for some notes and so on. I did mention before that the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority had to engage some local accommodation providers because some athletes, for example, were arriving, especially those coming from big distances, were arriving on the Monday and the ship may not have been available I think until the Wednesday or Thursday. So, we acted as their agents and contracted and the list is more than one local hotel. So there was a range of hotels offered and I think the athletes just chose according to the price range which they could afford or what they considered to be best value for money.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

But at what point did the hon Member or his Department consult the hotels? Was it at the three months point or at the six months point?

**HON E J REYES:**

At the beginning. At the six months point. At the beginning.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The hon Member mentioned that the requirement of the Government was to guarantee 700 places. How many of those places were actually taken up in that the Government had to pay for that number?

**HON E J REYES:**

The requirement ... I did not use the word Government ... Gibraltar was required, this event, the members of the IAU are the Gibraltar Amateur Athletic Association who did this in partnership with Government. It may sound a small technicality but the membership, that is, the Gibraltar Amateur Athletic Association. A total of 340 athletes occupied 200 cabins in the liner, 15 other cabins were not given out for accommodation as they had to be assigned for IAU's, officials' offices. They deem some cabins to be small meeting areas and we even had to set up doping test stations and physiotherapy support areas.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the Government aware that that weekend there were 600 free hotel beds in Gibraltar?

**HON E J REYES:**

I am not normally aware how many hotel beds are available on a particular night. What the Government was aware was six months before. Can hotels guarantee to me that they will have this number of beds available and we could not have a firm commitment that would have allowed us to meet the figure that we were asked to by the IAU.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Of course, the hotel beds would have been available if the Government had actually booked those when the requirement arose. Do the Government know whether that would have been a more cost effective option, having regard to the numbers that were required and the numbers that actually turned up?

**HON E J REYES:**

One of the things that was taken into consideration and, of course, with a lot of consultation with the IAU as well at the time. The IAU was asking us to please make available facilities that were very close together. Their preference was to have everything in one venue as this would greatly reduce transport costs, food services, special dietary requirements that these athletes have. In a normal hotel one has a very nice menu to choose from but these participants, sort of, have certain things and it did become far more cost effective, more so since we are able to enter into an agreement with the ship of an all services inclusive to have that type of meal provided. It made everything far better to manage logistically. The race was due to start very early in the morning and there was no hiccup in having to transfer huge numbers of athletes from hotels to the start point. The start point was set by the IAU to be right close to the games village, or the athletes' village. So, all those factors did play a big influence.

**NO. 165 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on maintenance in schools from September 2010 to December 2010, giving a breakdown by school and amount spent respectively?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 166 to 169 of 2011.

**NO. 166 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MINOR WORKS EXPENDITURE IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on minor works in schools from September 2010 to December 2010, giving a breakdown by school and amount respectively?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 165, 167 to 169 of 2011.

**NO. 167 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MAJOR WORKS EXPENDITURE IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on major works in schools from September 2010 to December 2010, giving a breakdown by school and amount respectively?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 165, 166, 168 and 169 of 2011.

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**NO. 168 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE, MINOR AND MAJOR WORKS EXPENDITURE IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government say in respect of the amounts paid for maintenance, minor works and major works in schools from September to December 2010, how much was paid with a breakdown by the contractor or the entity that each amount was paid to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 165 to 167 and 169 of 2011.

**NO. 169 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The information requested is set out in the schedules which have been handed over to the hon Members.

**Answer to Question 169 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 165**

The amount of £187,581.94 has been spent on maintenance in schools from September 2010 to December 2010. The following is the breakdown showing the amount spent per school:

School	Amount £
Gibraltar College	11,429.92
Bayside	12,616.16
Westside	54,427.63
St Martin's Special	4,607.40
St Anne's Middle	34,295.35
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle	10,733.56
St Joseph's Middle	1,764.51
Sacred Heart Middle	16,023.77
Hebrew Primary	7,332.17
St Mary's First	3,439.83
Governor's Meadow First	7,747.32
St Bernard's First	5,555.84
St Joseph's First	3,219.31
St Paul's First	7,234.80
Notre Dame First	7,154.37
Total September 2010 to December 2010	<b>£187,581.94</b>

**Answer to Question 166**

The amount of £181,473.64 has been spent on minor works in schools from September 2010 to December 2010. The following is the breakdown showing the amount spent per school:

School	Amount £
Bayside	10,011.60
St Anne's Middle	66,332.00
St Joseph's Middle	9,785.00
Sacred Heart Middle	2,904.60
St Bernard's First	5,971.94
Notre Dame First	52,530.00
Governor's Meadow First	25,441.00
Hebrew Primary	8,497.50
Total September 2010 to December 2010	<b>£181,473.64</b>

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**Contd Answer to Question 169 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 167**

The amount of £99,514.93 has been spent on major works in schools from September 2010 to December 2010. The following is the breakdown showing the amount spent per school:

School	Amount £
Westside	99,514.93
Total September 2010 to December 2010	<b>£99,514.93</b>

**Answer to Question 168**

The following is the breakdown stating to whom the payments in respect of maintenance, minor works and major works were paid from September 2010 to December 2010.

Payment made to	Amount £	Date	Purpose
GJBS	32,551.66	3/9/10	Maintenance
GJBS	73,927.05	13/9/10	Major Works
Fire Security	5,971.94	13/9/10	Minor Works
GJBS	4,557.40	22/9/10	Maintenance
GTR Technical Systems	891.00	29/9/10	Maintenance
Cold Air Engineering	379.30	5/10/10	Maintenance
Fire Security	993.00	5/10/10	Maintenance
GJBS	26,063.57	8/10/10	Maintenance
GJBS	5,430.61	21/10/10	Maintenance
Cold Air Engineering	805.50	22/10/10	Maintenance
GJBS	22,966.35	12/11/10	Maintenance
GJBS	20,885.90	17/11/10	Maintenance
GJBS	18,510.95	19/11/10	Major Works
GTR Technical Systems	97.20	24/11/10	Maintenance
A A Sheriff	156.00	24/11/10	Maintenance
GJBS	21,317.02	24/11/10	Maintenance
GJBS	31,840.08	7/12/10	Maintenance
GJBS	7,076.93	9/12/10	Major Works
GJBS	18,467.35	10/12/10	Maintenance
GJBS	175,501.70	14/12/10	Minor Works
Rock Cool	180.00	15/12/10	Maintenance

Total September 2010 to December 2010    -        £468,570.51

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**Contd Answer to Question 169 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 169**

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	
	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	

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**Contd Answer to Question 169**

<b>Payment made to</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
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	
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	

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**Contd Answer to Question 169**

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	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. 165 TO 169 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I notice that in answer to Question No. 166 of 2011 on minor works, there is a substantial amount of money spent on Notre Dame First. Can the Minister explain if it is minor works, why this amount is so substantial?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

It is relative, really, £52,000 is certainly no mean amount but it is simply the way that the Department has, for many years, as far as I can remember, certainly for the last thirty odd, forty years, described different types of works. They described it as maintenance, minor works and major works. Minor works include the kind of works that that sum refers to and I understand that in the case of Notre Dame they were to do with external refurbishment, external works to part of the school. Not the whole school.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In answer to Question No. 168 of 2011, the hon Member has provided a breakdown of maintenance, minor works and major works. Towards the end, there is a payment of £175,500 in respect of minor works.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Where is that?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Towards the end of the list in answer to Question No. 168 of 2011. There is £175,500 in respect of minor works and a few days earlier a payment to the same company of £7,000 for major works. There seems to be something wrong there?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Why does he think there is something wrong? I do not follow.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Major works costing £7,000 and minor works £175,000?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Because this is possibly a part payment of a bigger sum, the smaller sum in that case.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does the hon Member have details of the minor works which cost £175,000?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

It could be ... This is not just a minor work. This could be a payment in respect of a number of pieces of work that are described as minor works.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Minor works?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes, but a number of different jobs, as it were, and this is when the invoices have been received at that time and it is conglomerated into one sum.

**NO. 170 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – PUPILS ENROLLED IN FIRST AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Can Government provide the breakdown by age and gender of the pupils enrolled in First and Middle schools, excluding service pupils, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question No. 171 of 2011.

**NO. 171 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – PUPILS ENROLLED IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Can Government provide the breakdown by age and gender of the pupils enrolled in Secondary schools, including service pupils, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

**Answer to Question No. 171 of 2011****Answer to Question No. 170 of 2011****FIRST SCHOOLS**

AGE	GENDER		TOTALS (Boys + Girls)
	Boys	Girls	
Year R (Age 4-5)	169	164	333
Year 1 (Age 5-6)	197	197	394
Year 2 (Age 6-7)	178	186	364
Year 3 (Age 7-8)	182	152	334
TOTALS	726	699	1425

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

AGE	GENDER		TOTALS (Boys + Girls)
	Boys	Girls	
Year 4 (8-9)	172	177	349
Year 5 (9-10)	207	193	400
Year 6 (10-11)	202	166	368
Year 7 (11-12)	206	157	363
TOTALS	787	693	1480

**Answer to Question No. 171 of 2011****SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

AGE	GENDER		TOTALS
	Boys (Bayside)	Girls (Westside)	
Year 8 (12-13)	225	213	438
Year 9 (13-14)	221	221	442
Year 10 (14-15)	235	177	412
Year 11 (15+)	201	182	383
Year 12 (16+)	112	149	261
Year 13 (17+)	84	123	207
TOTALS	1078	1065	2143

**NO. 172 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**JUDICIAL SERVICES – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Can Government state what additional resources it proposes to engage for the Judicial Services and whether this is dependent on the works, currently being undertaken on the court buildings, being completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

The Government intend to fund an additional Puisne Judge (that is a fourth Supreme Court judge) for a limited period to help with the current backlog of criminal cases.

That appointment is expected to be made after phase one of the Law Courts project is completed in March 2011. Of course, when that particular Judge actually starts serving is a matter for the Judicial Services Commission.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 172 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Have the Government started the process of recruitment and for how long does the hon Member believe that that appointment will be in place?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Yes. Candidates have actually been identified and have been recommended. I say recommended because, of course, the appointment for a Supreme Court Judge as the hon Gentleman knows, that is, the advice, comes from the Judicial Services Commission, the advice to the Governor. Obviously, there is then consultation between the Governor and also the Minister for Justice but we are involved at an early stage in the actual process. There have been candidates that have actually been identified. There is one candidate, in particular, that has been identified and it is likely that that is going to be the candidate that the Judicial Services Commission is going to advise that he be appointed as the fourth additional judge. There are a number of issues that need to be resolved before that actually takes place. I expect that the appointment is going to be made quite soon after the completion of the first phase. At that stage, we are going to have court No. 1 which is going to be a full-time criminal court. The one above will be a full-time civil court and the library will be used, until the completion of phase III which is the other side of the Supreme Court,

as a full-time family court. We need two at that stage because, of course, the idea is to have two criminal courts in tandem. There is no point having just one criminal court. That is not going to deal with the actual backlogs. We need two. At that stage, we need to make a decision in conjunction with the Judicial Services Commission. Do we look at alternative sites where we can have a jury court outside the court complex or do we wait until the completion of phase II, which is the Town Range site, which is the Magistrates' Court. There, there will be three Magistrates' Courts, one of which is a jury facility at the very top and that is the decision that we have not made at present but the appointment is going to be made very shortly after phase I is completed in March of this year.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

So, on the second part of the supplementary, which I am not sure the hon Member answered, does the hon Member have an indication or an estimate of how long it will take to clear that backlog? In other words, how long we will need this fourth Puisne Judge and does it follow, necessarily, that once that backlog is cleared or brought to manageable levels, do we return to three Puisne Judges or is it being considered that we should have a permanent complement of four judges in Gibraltar.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

At present, the idea is to have a temporary appointment. So, effectively, as and when we do not need that fourth judge, we will then go back to three judges. Obviously, there is spare capacity within the courts to appoint a fourth judge on a permanent basis if and when a future Government decides that that is necessary, but at the present moment, the idea is for a temporary period of time and then we return to three judges. It is very difficult to tell the hon Gentleman exactly how long that period of appointment is likely to be because it may well be that we are not talking about, for instance, an appointment permanently over two years. In other words, have somebody sitting in Gibraltar permanently for one or two years. It may well be that the person, ... and we are talking about an experienced criminal judge from the United Kingdom, that is what we are talking about, that can come over and sit for a period of three months and go back to the UK. Then sit again for a period of three months. We are talking about one or two years at most.

**NO. 173 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN A DEFENDANT BEING CHARGED AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY TRIED BY A JURY**

Can Government state what the average time is between a defendant being charged with an offence and that defendant being tried by a jury and whether this changes depending on whether the defendant is remanded in custody or not?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

It is not possible to give an accurate average time from the point of a defendant being charged to the point where they are tried by a jury. This is due to the complexity of the investigation process and consideration of the case by Crown Counsel and the defence, following the initial point of charge.

However, the position is clearer once the case reaches the point where it is committed to the Supreme Court. At the next arraignment hearing on 21<sup>st</sup> January, the Supreme Court will be looking to list trials up to the end of December 2011. At that hearing, there are likely to be cases that will be held back for consideration to the next arraignment hearing, meaning that they will not be listed until 2012. Our best estimate is that there is a 15 month period between committal to the Supreme Court and the trial date.

I can confirm that cases where a defendant is remanded in custody are prioritised during arraignment hearings, giving them the earliest possible trial date.

It should also be noted that there are far more criminal cases now being dealt with by the Supreme Court than in the past. In 1984, 28 defendants were committed for trial or sentence. In 2009 this total had risen to 51.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 173 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

First of all, can I take this opportunity, as I am on my feet asking supplementary of the hon Member, to welcome him back and to say that it is, and I am sure the whole House agrees, that it is great to have him amongst us, whatever our political differences may be. However great they may be, it is great that he is back.

Mr Speaker, is it that in intending to bring a specialist in criminal matters, it is intended to or there is a target waiting period for trials in the Supreme Court?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

What does the hon Member mean by target waiting period?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Do the Government, in bringing a fourth Puisne Judge who will be an expert in criminal matters, wish to bring down the waiting time that people will have to wait before trial to a specific period. Say, for example, six to twelve months rather than twelve to twenty four months. Is there a specific target?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

No. At present there is no specific target because we are talking about a substantial backlog. I would be very disappointed indeed if, after we appoint a second criminal judge to deal with that backlog, that we are not talking about waiting periods that are comparable with best practices in the United Kingdom, certainly. Now, at present, there is no target period of time in terms of committal to actual trial.

**NO. 174 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VESSELS ARRESTED IN PORT OF GIBRALTAR**

Can Government state how many vessels have been arrested in the port of Gibraltar since the answer to Question No. 830 of 2009 and, in respect of each, what costs have been incurred on a weekly basis, during the period of their arrests?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

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

May I also, because I am [*inaudible*] in not thanking the hon Gentleman Mr Picardo for his very kind words. I would like to thank him across the House today for his very kind card that he sent me when I was in hospital and also for his letter to my wife, which was very kind indeed. I would also thank Mr Licudi and also, indeed, Mr Costa for visiting me in the hospital, which again I appreciate, as indeed the words of my friend Dr Garcia, during the last meeting of the House.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 174**

NAME OF SHIP	Oct-09 £	Nov-09 £	Dec-09 £	Jan-10 £	Feb-10 £	Mar-10 £	Apr-10 £	May-10 £
MV WESTERMUHLEN			75.00	35,352.11		2,572.09		
MV AVENUE PRIDE				1,962.48				
MV WEST EXPRESS					278.26			
MY MARIU					75.00			
MV ALKISTIS							701.71	
MV AGIA THEODORA								
MV MONTECARMELO								
MV LUNA/MANHATTAN LADY								
MV PRINCE OF OCEAN								
MV ZOU ZOU								
MV EMERALD STAR								
MV SAINT MARY								

**Contd.:**

**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 174**

NAME OF SHIP	Jun-10 £	Jul-10 £	Aug-10 £	Sep-10 £	Sep-10 \$	Oct-10 £	Nov-10 £	Dec-10 £
MV WESTERMUHLEN								
MV AVENUE PRIDE								
MV WEST EXPRESS						756.00		
MY MARIU								
MV ALKISTIS	68,982.29							
MV AGIA THEODORA				260,567.49	203,800.91			
MV MONTECARMELO			97,700.31			7,574.00		
MV LUNA/MANHATTAN LADY						4,375.80	75.00	
MV PRINCE OF OCEAN				235.58				
MV ZOU ZOU						1,743.20		
MV EMERALD STAR								
MV SAINT MARY								

**NO. 175 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL – LEGISLATION**

Can Government state when it expects to introduce legislation following the review it has carried out into the Industrial Tribunal?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Yes, in the first half of this year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 175 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

There has been, as I understand it, a consultation process which has been carried out in respect of this matter. Can the Government give any indication, although we know that arrangements must be quite advanced if they do intend to bring legislation during the first half of this year? Can the Government give indications of the consultation and some details as to what has come out of that consultation and what policy initiatives will be introduced which changes the system which we currently have?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

What we intend to do is, effectively, to completely revamp all the procedures that are currently in existence in relation to the Industrial Tribunal. The drafting has already, in fact, been completed and I did mention this during the course of my budget speech last year. The issue, the reason why there has been delay in terms of implementation of that legislation which is substantial is because it is predicated on the basis that there will be a permanent chairman of the Industrial Tribunal. That is the issue that the Government have got to get to grips with now because without the appointment of a permanent chairman of the Industrial Tribunal, backed up by the current system of your temporary ad hoc appointments when there are issues, for instance, of conflict or during other periods when, in fact, the permanent chairman cannot sit ... Unless we deal with that, of course, we cannot introduce the actual legislation. There is another issue as well that we have got to sort out and that is, of course, where we are going to be locating the Industrial Tribunal because at present it is very, very unsatisfactory to have a situation where it is located in the same room as you have the Job Centre in the Employment Ministry. Those are the issues that

we are grappling with at the present moment. We expect to deal with them quite shortly and, as I say, I expect that we will be introducing the legislation and also be announcing the appointment of a permanent chairman plus the relocation of the Industrial Tribunal, in the first half of this year.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Is the hon Member satisfied with the appointment of one permanent chairman to expedite the work of the court?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

For a party that chastises the Government constantly on the spending of money, the hon Member is now suggesting that we fund two permanent chairmen of the Industrial Tribunal.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Not at all, Mr Speaker, not at all.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

We think that, in fact, yes, one permanent chairman of the Industrial Tribunal will be sufficient. There have been those that have expressed the view ... I had a meeting this week with the Chief Justice, for instance, who has asked, well, will there be, in fact, enough work for a permanent chairman of the Industrial Tribunal and should we not, for instance, be thinking about combining the role of the permanent chairman of Industrial Tribunal with an additional Stipendiary Magistrate and splitting the work 50:50. Those are the kinds of issues that we are, again, grappling with. We do not envisage that there will be a need to appoint more than one permanent chairman of the Industrial Tribunal.

ORAL

**NO. 176 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE (INTERNATIONAL) ACT 2005 – REQUESTS  
RECEIVED FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

Can Government state how many requests were received in Gibraltar in 2010 for legal assistance under the Mutual Legal Assistance (International) Act 2005, giving details of the assistance requested and whether such assistance was provided?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question Nos. 177 and 178 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 177 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE (EUROPEAN UNION) ACT 2005 – REQUESTS  
RECEIVED FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

Can Government state how many requests were received in Gibraltar in 2010 for legal assistance under the Mutual Legal Assistance (European Union) Act 2005, giving details of the requesting state, the assistance requested and whether such assistance was provided?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 and 178 of 2011.

**NO. 178 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE (INTERNATIONAL) ACT 2005 / MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE (EUROPEAN UNION) ACT 2005 – REQUESTS MADE BY GIBRALTAR COURTS**

Can Government state how many requests were made in 2010 by the Gibraltar courts or other authority in Gibraltar for legal assistance from another country under the Mutual Legal Assistance (European Union) Act 2005, the Mutual Legal Assistance (International) Act 2005 or any other provision of Gibraltar law, giving details of the country involved, the assistance requested and whether such assistance was provided?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

**Answer to Question Nos. 176 and 177 of 2011**

In 2010 there were a total of 33 requests for legal assistance under the Mutual Legal Assistance (International) Act and the Mutual Legal Assistance (European Union) Act. Of these 33, ten were made under the MLA (International) Act and 23 were made under the MLA (European Union) Act.

A total of ten requests have been executed and the others are either pending or have been rejected for non-compliance with the legislation or the Attorney General has sought further information or clarification. Six were executed under the MLA (International) Act and four under the MLA (European Union) Act.

It is not appropriate to provide details of the assistance requested in what are ongoing investigations. I can, however, inform the hon Gentleman that of the ten requests made under the MLA (International) Act, one was a request to execute a search warrant, which was executed, and the remaining nine were requests for written depositions and production of documents. Of the 23 requests received under the MLA (European Union) Act, three that have been executed related to written depositions and the production of documents and the other executed request related to a request for a search warrant. The other pending 19 were requests for written depositions and production of documents except for two which relate to the service of documents and a request for the execution of a search warrant.

Details of the requesting states are provided to the hon Gentleman in a schedule that I now hand over to him.

**Answer to Question No. 178 of 2011**

In 2010 there were only two requests made by the authorities in Gibraltar, one to Spain and one to the UK, respectively. These relate to ongoing investigations and it is not appropriate to provide details of the assistance requested.

**Answer to Question Nos. 176 to 178 of 2011**

**Answer to Question Nos. 176 and 177 of 2011**

MLA (European Union) Act 2005

2 – Italy

5 – Portugal

6 – Spain

4 – Germany

1 – Switzerland

2 – Belgium

1 – The Netherlands

1 – The Czech Republic

2 – Sweden

**MLA (International) Act 2005**

9 – United Kingdom

1 – Jersey

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 176 TO 178 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Whilst I wait for the information on the other two questions, on the last answer, one request to Spain and one to the United Kingdom, can the hon Member or does he have information under which provision, which legislation those requests were made?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

I do not have the information with me in relation to that, the exact legislation under which the request was actually made.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In relation to the questions on which I have been given written answers, there is an issue which arises from one of these answers which I would like to check before asking a supplementary, so perhaps, with your leave, I may come back to this later. It is in relation to the list of countries.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Is this the United Kingdom point?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Yes.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Does the hon Member really ... The hon Member has also asked another question which the Chief Minister is answering which is, why have there not been regulations introduced pursuant to section 23 of the Mutual Legal Assistance (European) Act. Is that the point that the hon Gentleman has in mind?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

No. I am aware that there is another question in the Order Paper in relation to arrangements with the United Kingdom but that relates to the European Union Act. I am, in fact, surprised to see the United Kingdom listed under the International Act, which raises a number of interesting issues. The last time I checked the legislation, the only country that had been listed, certainly in what I have under Schedule 2 of the International Act was the United States and, therefore, before asking and certainly I did not want to ask what other countries there are because it is something that I can check but given that this answer has been given in the way it has been given, I wanted to check the position myself to see that it was different to the last point that I had received. Unless the hon Member can assist on that and give details as to when

the United Kingdom and Jersey were added. Certainly, the last time I checked, which was last week, it did not appear to have been the case.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

That is the point that I thought that the hon Gentleman was going to be making. The reason why requests made by the United Kingdom are actually dealt with under the International Act is because there is another Act called the Transnational Organised Crime Act. Now, if the hon Member looks at the Transnational Organised Crime Act and looks at, I think it is section 8 of that Act, it actually says that when the case falls on the Transnational Organised Crime Act, under section 8 it unlocks jurisdiction automatically under the Mutual Legal Assistance (International) Act. That is how requests actually fall under the International Act which for all intents and purposes is identical to the European Union Act. Now, the European Union Act, as the hon Gentleman knows, only applies to Schengen countries unless it is extended in relation to the United Kingdom by virtue of section 23. So, that is how these requests come to fall under the International Act. The hon Gentleman also knows that under the Transnational Organised Crime Act that, of course, it only applies if there is a transnational element and if the crime, if it had occurred in Gibraltar, is punishable by more than four years imprisonment. Now, the cases that do not actually fall within that particular Act and, therefore, cannot be dealt with under the International Act are then also dealt with via other gateways. For instance, the Evidence Act. That is also used in Gibraltar. There have been a number of requests that have been made that have actually been satisfied under the Evidence Act. There is also another gateway. In fact, I am trying to think exactly what the name of the Act is but at the moment it escapes me, but there are a number of other gateways. So, the reality of the situation is that, in fact, as far as requests from the United Kingdom are concerned, they are being dealt with under various statutory provisions. The issue which of course, is the subject matter of another question the hon Gentleman has is, would it not be more convenient to have regulations under section 23 and just deal with them under the European Union Act.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I am very grateful for that explanation. It is obviously true that the Transnational Organised Crime Act allows a gateway in respect of the countries that are part of that. That comes from a United Nations Convention and the countries that are parties to that Convention do have a gateway through the International Act but it applies to very specific cases. Does the hon Member know, apart from the gateway of the Transnational Organised Crime Act which acts in very specific cases, apart from that, the position as I understand it is still that the general application of the MLA (International) Act is to the United States? Does the hon Member know whether there are any plans to extend that to any other country? Anything being done at this stage whereby the provisions of that Act will have more general application because we have the European Union Act applying to the Schengen area, not the United Kingdom. We have the International Act applying to the United States and transnational countries, UN countries that are part of that Convention where that applies, but that is a limited number of countries in respect of which there is Mutual Legal Assistance. Are there any plans to expand on that?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Not that I am aware of. It may well be that that is a matter that the hon Member wishes to ask later on. That I am aware of, no, I have not seen any application for an extension of the Schedule in the International Act to any other country. The hon Member will see that one of the requests is actually being made by Jersey. In fact, in relation to Jersey, the response is does the Transnational Organised Crime Act apply to them, effectively. Otherwise, there are difficulties.

**NO. 179 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TRANSPORT ROAD – RESURFACING AND IMPROVEMENT**

Can Government state whether it has any plans to resurface and improve Transport Road and, if so, when this will occur?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The resurfacing of Transport Road is planned to be undertaken as part of the current financial year's road maintenance programme.

**NO. 180 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE**

Can Government state whether it has recovered any of the costs of repairs to Smith Dorrien Bridge following the damage caused in 2010 when lorries became stuck under the bridge?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

No costs have been recovered to date. As explained in my reply to supplementary to Question No. 1305 of 2010, the administrative process to do so is on-going.

**NO. 181 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY**

When do Government expect to be in a position to publish the results of the epidemiological study that was due to be completed by the end of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The epidemiological study will be published later today.

ORAL

**NO. 182 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

When do Government expect to be in a position to finally publish an Environmental Action and Management Plan?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Government intend to release the plan to the public before the end of January this year.

**NO. 183 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**ASBESTOS REMOVAL**

How many contractors in Gibraltar have, since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008, been authorised to remove asbestos and can Government provide a list of these?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question No. 184 of 2011.

**NO. 184 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**ASBESTOS DUMPING SITES**

In what sites, if any, in Gibraltar can asbestos be dumped?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

**Answer to Question No. 183 of 2011**

Contractors do not need to be authorised for the removal of asbestos containing materials.

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations requires that, prior to the removal of asbestos-containing materials, contractors must identify the type of asbestos, carry out a suitable and sufficient risk assessment, prepare a plan of works and implement the control measures.

Under these regulations, contractors are also bound to notify, in writing, the Health & Safety Inspectorate providing the following particulars:

- the location;
- the maximum quantity to be removed;
- the number of workers involved;
- the measures taken to limit the exposure of employees; and
- the commencement date and its expected duration.

The Health and Safety Inspectorate ensures that the established procedure for the asbestos removal is followed.

**Answer to Question No. 184 of 2011**

There are no sites in Gibraltar approved for the legal disposal of asbestos. Licences for the temporary storage of asbestos waste, pending final disposal to approved disposal sites in Spain, are granted under Part VA of the Public Health Act by the Environmental Agency. Records of these licences are held by the Agency and readily available for inspection at their offices.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 183 AND 184 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Gentleman tell us, if he has the information to provide the House as a supplementary, how many notifications the Health and Safety Inspectorate received of the type that he has referred to in answer to Question No. 183 of 2011?

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

Yes. Indeed I can. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008, eight contractors have notified in writing to the Health and Safety Inspectorate in respect of removal of asbestos containing materials. These are HSE Consulting Limited, Skybridge Limited, Safety Solutions Limited, Home Emergency Repairs Services, Haymills (Gibraltar) Limited, AKIS Enterprises Limited, Monteverde and Sons Limited and finally, last but not least, SERCO Limited.

**NO. 185 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**RUBBISH BIN STORE AT CASTLE STEPS**

When are Government going to re-provide, in a more hygienic manner than is presently the case in its currently dilapidated state, the bin store facility that was previously in place at the bottom of Castle Steps?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The refuse holding facility at the bottom of Castle Steps was demolished last year and, therefore, no longer exists in any state, dilapidated or otherwise.

The new refuse holding facility provided at the site behind the Plater Youth Club was intended to service the residents who had made use of the facility at the bottom of Castle Steps. This has not worked out to the satisfaction of the service and hence a temporary arrangement has been adopted.

There are difficulties in providing a proper facility at the bottom of Castle Steps and a technical assessment is being carried out to determine what, if any, possibilities are available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 185 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am very grateful to the hon Gentleman for that answer. Of course, I think I owe it to the House to interpret for the House and for those listening what “demolished last year” means. “Demolished last year” means that somebody took a hammer or any such implement and demolished the thing, left the rubble where it is and now the rubbish is piled up on top of the rubble. In fact, could the hon Gentleman tell us what, in his interpretation, the temporary facilities are and whether that just involves that people continue to dump rubbish where the bin store used to be?

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

Sorry Mr Speaker, I missed something there. Could I tell the hon Member what is my interpretation?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes. A temporary facility is ... Is it just that people are allowed to continue dumping where they used to dump?

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

It would appear to me that the hon Member has either not visited the site or is relying on third party information. I will pass over to the hon Member photographs of the site as it currently exists.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I am not sure Hansard will be able to record that. I think the Minister will have to describe those photographs for the benefit of Hansard.

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

Okay. I am quite willing to describe them and then pass them on to him subsequently.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If it is any assistance to the hon Gentleman, on previous occasions when I have attempted to pass a photograph, Mr Speaker has said similar things and you have allowed me to pass them as long as I described them. So, I am happy to receive them whilst the hon Gentleman gives an audible description for the rest of those who may be listening.

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

Essentially, I am at your discretion.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think a description will be more helpful because there is no facility for recording photographs in Hansard.

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

Fine, I will still make them available to the hon Member, subsequently, but the situation fundamentally is as follows. The bricks and mortar, as the hon Member said, facility that had existed was demolished with a sledge hammer or whatever and now no longer exists. It is not true to say that the rubble is still there, as the photographs show, and for a period of time it was intended that as a test, and I said this in previous answers in the House, that the members of the public who had been using this facility were encouraged by letter to use the new facility behind the Plater Youth Club. Unfortunately, this did not happen. A number of people did, but a

number of people did not and this may be the pile of refuse that the hon Member refers to when he says that it was there on the ground. Because people were not, for two reasons, one because people were not reacting to the urging of the Department of the Environment and the refuse collection service to take the refuse to the Plater Youth Club and, secondly, because the Government are engaged in a much wider exercise looking at all existing refuse holding facilities in order to improve these. Because of that, what I did was to ask the Department to put in a temporary facility at the bottom of Castle Steps and this is what the photographs show. Six bins, one on either side of the steps, at which people are now depositing their refuse and the bins were, although I do not see the labels now, yes I see it on one of them, clearly labelled, 'Temporary Refuse Holding Area' on the bins themselves. That is in the spirit of what I have just described. That is exactly what was intended. A temporary facility until the study, the technical study which has been carried out, not just at Castle Steps but at all refuse holding facilities throughout Gibraltar and until the Castle Steps one is completed and we see whether difficulties like, the narrowness of the road, the difficulties with neighbours, difficulties with parking facilities. Until we weigh up the situation and decide what further action to take, that is the situation in a nutshell.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the hon Gentleman have any idea how long it is going to take to finalise the study that he refers to because that, I think, will give us a clue of how temporary, temporary will be?

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

It is difficult to answer that in one word. I cannot give him a date but suffice it to say that the study is ongoing in phases and the first phase is already at the design stage, but what we are doing is staging a series of sites and assessing them. For example, if the first phase consisted of twenty sites, we may have decided to proceed with fifteen which were less problematical and kept five pending and started on the second phase. So, it is a roll over situation. It all depends ... I cannot give him a date for the full programme and neither can I give him a date for Castle Steps, but I can say that Castle Steps is already being looked at.

**NO. 186 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TRANSMISSION TO EU OF LISTS OF SITES DESIGNATED AS BEING OF  
COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE UNDER NATURE PROTECTION ACT**

How many lists of sites designated as being of "Community importance" under the provisions of section 17B(1) have been transmitted to the Secretary of State since 30<sup>th</sup> May 1996 for sending to the Commission under the provisions of section 17B(3) of the Nature Protection Act 1991?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Two sites of community importance have been designated under the provisions of section 17B(1) of the Nature Protection Act 1991 and this information was transmitted to the UK Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for onward transmission to the European Commission.

**NO. 187 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF HABITATS DIRECTIVE IN GIBRALTAR WATERS**

What action are the Government taking to monitor implementation of the Habitats Directive in Gibraltar waters?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

At present, activity is limited to certain monitoring, and industry specific regulation, such as, for example, the bunkering Code. But Government will very shortly be announcing further measures.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 187 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am obliged to the hon Gentleman for that answer and for the discussion that we had earlier.

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

I indeed am also obliged to the hon Member for his positive attitude to my answers.

ORAL

**NO. 188 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – REVENUE FROM UPPER ROCK ADMISSION FEES**

Can Government confirm how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis in admission fees to the Upper Rock in June, July and August 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question No. 189 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 189 OF 2011**

**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**

**Answer to Question No. 188 and 189 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question Nos. 188 and 189 of 2011**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>UPPER ROCK REVENUE RAISED</b>
JUNE	£323,835.84
JULY	£400,891.98
AUGUST	£451,619.63
SEPTEMBER	£425,005.14
OCTOBER	£367,277.82
NOVEMBER	£169,010.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,137,640.67</b>

ORAL

**NO. 190 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**UPPER ROCK AND ITS TOURIST SITES – DISCUSSIONS WITH BLAND GROUP**

Are Government in discussions with the Bland Group of companies in relation to the changes which they are considering, or looking into, for the Upper Rock and its tourist sites?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 191 to 193 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 191 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**UPPER ROCK AND ITS TOURIST SITES – APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE / BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Can Government confirm whether they are considering, or looking into, appointing a Chief Executive for the Upper Rock and its tourist sites and a board of directors?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 190, 192 and 193 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 192 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**UPPER ROCK AND ITS TOURIST SITES – PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT**

Can Government say whether the changes they are considering, or looking into, for the Upper Rock and its tourist sites include private sector involvement and, if so, what form will this take?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONEMNT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 190, 191 and 193 of 2011.

**NO. 193 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**UPPER ROCK AND ITS TOURIST SITES – CHANGES IN THE WAY THEY ARE MANAGED**

Can Government confirm whether they are considering, or looking into, making a change to the way in which the Upper Rock and/or its tourist sites are managed and, if so, what is it?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The Government are not in discussions with the Bland Group of companies in relation to any changes which it is considering, or looking into, for the Upper Rock and its tourist sites.

The change that the Government are considering, in respect of the Upper Rock, is to create an Upper Rock Holistic Management Plan and an Upper Rock Authority to execute and manage this plan.

The main issues affecting the Upper Rock are:

- (a) Operation and Management
- (b) Flora and Fauna
- (c) Geological Structures (including Caves)
- (d) Historical Buildings and Structures
- (e) Roads, Utilities and other Infrastructures
- (f) Tourist Sites and Visitor Experience
- (g) Traffic and Transport
- (h) Capital Investments/Works Programme
- (i) Maintenance Programme
- (j) Legislative issues

A Consultation Paper is being prepared in order to give stakeholders, interested parties and the public in general as much opportunity as possible to contribute towards the policy making decisions leading to the preparation and planning of the Upper Rock Holistic Management Plan.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 190 TO 193 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member say why the Government think these issues can be best handled by an Authority as opposed to by the present arrangements?

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

I am sorry Mr Speaker. Can the Government say what instead of what?

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Why does the Government believe that these issues can be best handled by an Authority as opposed to by the present arrangements?

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

Precisely, because of the long list of issues labelled (a) to (j) which I have just read out. Currently ... Well, let us put it this way. In the last term, the Upper Rock came under two Ministers, the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for the Environment. Since the election and since some time subsequent to the election, since I took over tourism, there is only one Minister involved, but as the hon Member will see from the long list of issues, there are, in fact, more than one, more than two Ministers with a more than passing interest in the Upper Rock. So, that is why we are considering the creation of a Holistic Management Plan which will look at all issues, which will have mechanisms for bringing all issues up and to the fore and for the decisions to be taken.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In what timescale do the Government expect to have this Consultation Paper available?

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

Shortly.

**NO. 194 OF 2011**

**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. 195 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURISM MINISTER’S TRAVELS ABROAD ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

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**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT/FUNCTION</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	World Travel Market and meeting of the UKGTA	Excel Exhibition Centre and Gibraltar House	London	UK

**NO. 196 OF 2011**

**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 has just been handed to him.

Answer to Question 196

Answer to Question 196 of 2011

a) Stayed at Hotel:-

	Total No. of Interviews	Stayed at Hotel	Airport Interviews	Average length of Stay	Frontier Interviews	Average length of Stay	Elsewhere Interviews	Average length of Stay
Aug 2010	1886	56	54	4.6	2	5.0	-	-
Sept 2010	1407	20	17	5.1	3	4.0	-	-

b) Not stayed at Hotel

	Total Interviews Not Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coach Park
Aug 2010	1830	119	164	1504	-	1	42
Sept 2010	1387	33	14	1281	-	-	59

ORAL

**NO. 197 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**WATER – DOMESTIC PRIMARY UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the number of domestic primary units of water invoiced in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 198 to 202 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 198 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**WATER – DOMESTIC PRIMARY UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the value of domestic primary units of water invoiced in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 197 and 199 to 202 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 199 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**WATER – AMOUNTS BILLED AND COLLECTED**

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 197, 198 and 200 to 202 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 200 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**WATER – DOMESTIC SECONDARY UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the value of domestic secondary units of water invoiced for the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 197 to 199, 201 and 202 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 201 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**WATER – DOMESTIC SECONDARY UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for domestic secondary units of water in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 197 to 200 and 202 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 202 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**WATER – STANDING CHARGES INVOICED**

Can Government state the value of water standing charges invoiced to domestic customers in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

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

### **Answer to Question Nos. 197 to 202 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 197 of 2011**

The number of domestic primary units of water invoiced in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as set out below:

September 2010	413,659
October 2010	398,032
November 2010	418,472
December 2010	398,154

#### **Answer to Question No. 198 of 2011**

The value of domestic primary units of water invoiced in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is:

September 2010	£103,001
October 2010	£ 99,110
November 2010	£104,199
December 2010	£ 99,140

#### **Answer to Question No. 199 of 2011**

The amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 are as follows:

	Amounts Collected	Amounts Billed
September 2010	£555,747	£587,135
October 2010	£504,474	£529,570
November 2010	£546,138	£946,237
December 2010	£528,922	£514,758

#### **Answer to Question No. 200 of 2011**

Value of the domestic secondary units of water invoiced for the months of September 2010 to December 2010:

September 2010	£155,443
October 2010	£118,949
November 2010	£108,281
December 2010	£104,108

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 197 to 202 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 201 of 2011**

The number of customers that were invoiced for domestic secondary units of water in the months of September 2010 to December 2010:

September 2010	5,974
October 2010	5,309
November 2010	5,220
December 2010	5,110

**Answer to Question No. 202 of 2011**

The value of water standing charges invoiced to domestic customers in the months of September 2010 to December 2010:

September 2010	£39,852
October 2010	£39,597
November 2010	£40,239
December 2010	£42,135

ORAL

**NO. 203 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS COLLECTED**

Can Government state what were the amounts collected in respect of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 204 to 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 204 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – DOMESTIC SECONDARY UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the number of domestic secondary units in respect of electricity invoiced in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 and 205 to 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 205 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED**

Can Government state what were the amounts billed in respect of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203, 204 and 206 to 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 206 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to domestic customers in respect of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 to 205 and 207 to 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 207 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – STANDING CHARGES**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to domestic customers in respect of electricity standing charges in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 to 206 and 208 to 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 208 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – T3 (DOMESTIC) UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to customers in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 to 207, 209 and 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 209 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – T3 (DOMESTIC CONSUMERS) UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the number of T3 (Domestic Consumers) units of electricity invoiced to customers in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 to 208 and 210 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 210 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – T3 (DOMESTIC) UNITS INVOICED**

Can Government state the number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

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

### **Answer to Question Nos. 203 to 210 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 203 of 2011**

The amount collected in respect of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

Month	Amount Collected
September 2010	£1,976,394.17
October 2010	£1,845,198.75
November 2010	£1,847,820.28
December 2010	£1,575,290.54

#### **Answer to Question No. 204 of 2011**

There is only one single domestic tariff.

#### **Answer to Question No. 205 of 2011**

The amounts billed in respect of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	September 2010	October 2010	November 2010	December 2010
Invoiced	£2,137,569.10	£1,789,543.89	£1,718,743.56	£1,761,847.14

#### **Answer to Question No. 206 of 2011**

The total value invoiced to domestic customers in respect of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	September 2010	October 2010	November 2010	December 2010
Invoiced	£183,357	£164,841	£173,307	£198,244

#### **Answer to Question No. 207 of 2011**

The total value invoiced to domestic customers in respect of electricity standing charges in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

Month	Total Value Invoiced re Electricity Standing Charges to Domestic Customers
September 2010	£54,848
October 2010	£55,504
November 2010	£55,778
December 2010	£55,516

### **Continued Answer to Question Nos. 203 to 210 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 208 of 2011**

The total value invoiced to customers in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>December 2010</b>
<b>Invoiced</b>	£641,585	£582,994	£610,359	£689,905

#### **Answer to Question No. 209 of 2011**

The number of T3 (Domestic Consumers) units of electricity invoiced to customers in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>December 2010</b>
<b>Units Invoiced</b>	4,583,868	4,121,020	4,332,666	4,956,194

#### **Answer to Question No. 210 of 2011**

The number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>December 2010</b>
<b>Consumers</b>	13,911	13,892	13,897	13,907

ORAL

**NO. 211 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**ELECTRICITY – PURCHASED FROM OESCO**

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from OESCO in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 212 to 214 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 212 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**GEA – UNITS AND VALUE OF ELECTRICITY PURCHASED FROM MOD**

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from the MOD in the months of September 2010 to December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 211, 213 and 214 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 213 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED BY MOD - HOW PAID FOR**

Can Government state what was the amount of electricity supplied by MOD in 2009/2010 and how much of it was repaid by electricity supplied by the Gibraltar Electricity Authority and how much was paid for in cash and at what cost?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 211, 212 and 214 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 214 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – PRICE COMPARISON OF ELECTRICITY PURCHASED FROM MOD AND OESCO**

Can Government confirm whether electricity is purchased from MOD at the same price as is purchased from OESCO and, if not, what is the price differential?

**ANSWER**

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

The information requested by the hon Members is set out in this schedule which I now hand to them.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 211 to 214 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 211 of 2011**

The number of units and the value of electricity purchased from OESCO in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>December 2010</b>
<b>Units (kWh)</b>	8,139,690	8,335,460	8,707,960	9,244,060
<b>Value</b>	£1,249,105.70	£1,281,711.70	£1,290,856.77	£1,448,623.61

#### **Answer to Question No. 212 of 2011**

The number of units and the value of electricity purchased from the MOD in the months of September 2010 to December 2010 is as follows:

	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>October 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>December 2010</b>
<b>Units (kWh)</b>	351,045	306,665	321,661	364,581
<b>Value</b>	£44,395.25	£38,974.16	£40,477.35	£46,328.17

#### **Answer to Question No. 213 of 2011**

The MOD supplied 4,910,958 units during 2009/2010 at a cost of £554,078 directly to GEA consumers.

#### **Answer to Question No. 214 of 2011**

The price of electricity purchased from the MOD varies to the price of electricity bought from OESCO.

This differential fluctuates given the purchase price includes the Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) which is a variable amount.

At December there was a price differential of 1.048 pence in favour of OESCO.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 211 TO 214 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In answer to Question No. 213 of 2011 where the hon Member is giving me the figure of the units supplied by the MOD and the cost, does it mean that none of it was repaid. This is the whole of the units supplied because I asked whether any of it was repaid by using the interconnector the other way or whether the whole ... Is it that the whole of it was paid for?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. This is the whole of the purchase which is supplied ... the Gibraltar Electrical Authority, consumers are actually supplied by the MOD because of their network arrangements.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. This is the MOD supplying consumers who are then billed by the Electricity Authority and the Electricity Authority pays the MOD?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, in fact, there has not been any use of the interconnector, then, because my question was drafted on the basis that there has always been an arrangement where, when there is a problem of supply, the MOD uses the interconnector to supply electricity to the Gibraltar Government which, frequently, is then paid for, as it were, by returning the favour when they need electricity. Has that not happened?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. If the hon Member looks to the answer in Question No. 212 of 2011, he will see that there are various quantities of electricity that have been purchased, for example, in September, October, November and December, from the MOD, and we have specified the number of units and the value of that. So, that has been happening in parallel to the number of units that have been supplied by the MOD to GEA consumers.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see, but the answer to Question No. 212 of 2011 is for September to December 2010 and the answer to Question No. 213 of 2011 is up to March 2010. So I cannot very well relate the figures from one to the figures of the other. They are from different financial years.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The hon Member is correct. That information has not been supplied and has been overlooked in the answer but I can supply him with the information because it is readily available. Would the hon Member like me to write to him with the information?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is just that I am not sure ...

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I may be able to have the information later on in this sitting which will complete the picture.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is just that I am not sure how to interpret the answer in the absence of whether there has been, as well as cash, an exchange of units of electricity.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. Correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In relation to Question No. 214 of 2011, I asked whether the electricity purchased is at the same price as that, and I am told that there is a price differential in favour of OESCO. Given that it is not supplied to OESCO, it is supplied to the Government, does that mean that in December it was cheaper than OESCO? Is that what, in favour of OESCO, means or the other way round?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. It means that OESCO was actually cheaper by 1.048p in the month of December.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is given to him as an example but does not necessarily follow all the time. It depends on the Fuel Cost Adjustment which is variable.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do the Government, in deciding whether to source electricity from one or the other, take into account, at any given time, what the price is or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes it does and, obviously, it also depends on the availability of the actual electricity. In other words, it is not common for the MOD to have a surplus of electricity for sale but OESCO obviously does, but when there is an option, obviously, it goes for the most cost effective.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the Minister able to say whether the new arrangements, which are due to come in, in the next financial year on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, where there will be a Government company running the station, will alter in any way the backup that the station provides to the Gibraltar Government, given that they will be the operator?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am unable to provide the hon Member with that information. I am not conscious of the details of that.

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**NO. 215 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**POWER CUTS**

Can Government state how many power cuts there have been during the months of September 2010 to December 2010, stating where these occurred and their duration?

**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 to him.

**Answer to Question No. 215 of 2011**

There have been a total of eleven power cuts affecting one or more districts as detailed below:

Date	Duration	District
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	7 minutes	Three Districts from WPS: 13, 14 & 18.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	7 – 9 minutes	Two districts from WPS: 13 & 18.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2010	15 m – 1 hr 25 minutes	Five districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 & 23. Three districts from OBDC: 3, 7 & 9.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	3 – 9 minutes	Four Districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 and Bedlam Court.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	2 – 16 minutes	Two Districts from WPS: S65 & S59
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	5 – 11 minutes	Four Districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 and Bedlam Court
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2010	4 – 7 minutes	Four Districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 and Bedlam Court
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	3 – 13 minutes	Four Districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 and Bedlam Court
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	27 – 28 minutes	One district from WPS: S65. One district from OBDC: S14. One district from JBDC: S41.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	2 – 7 minutes	Four Districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 and Bedlam Court.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	4 – 7 minutes	Four Districts from WPS: 13, 14, 15, 18 and Bedlam Court

ORAL

**NO. 216 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**HEAD 101 - SUBHEAD 1(g) GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY –  
BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the Improvement and Development Fund expenditure of £386,000 for 2009/2010 shown at Head 101 - Subhead 1(g) Gibraltar Electricity Authority, showing who the money was paid to, when and for what purpose?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 217 of 2011.

**NO. 217 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**HEAD 101 - SUBHEAD 2(c) GOVERNMENT COMPUTERISATION PROGRAMME  
– BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the Improvement and Development Fund expenditure of £620,000 for 2009/2010 shown at Head 101 - Subhead 2(c) Government Computerisation Programme, showing who the money was paid to, when and for what purpose?

**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.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 217**  
**Answer to Question 216/2011**

The Improvement and Development Fund expenditure for 2009/2010 was £485,680.43 and the details of the payments are shown below:

Date	Payee	Purpose	£
6/05/09	Government General Account	Repairs to Engine No.3	3,058.75
6/05/09	Eastgate	Scada System Development	349.44
19/05/09	Eastgate	Scada System Development	238.35
10/07/09	Government General Account	Scada System Development	998.30
07/09/09	Parking Facilities Limited	Plant & Machinery	1,804.00
07/09/09	Hire U Shop	Tools	23.57
22/09/09	PAT Services Ltd	Test Equipment	3,163.00
23/09/09	Beacon Press	Furniture & Filing Systems	139.00
23/09/09	Schneider Electric Ltd	Scada System Development	12,251.00
23/09/09	E.J Hammond Ltd	Tools	34.70
23/09/09	Hire U Shop	Tools	131.94
28/09/09	Redwood	Scada System Development	25.00
28/09/09	Headset Services Ltd	Tools	939.00
30/09/09	Mifsud Electrofreeze Ltd	Plant & Machinery	1,397.00
30/09/09	A Bassadone Motors	Transport-New Vehicles	19,995.00
12/10/09	Rock Domestic Appliances	Tools	21.00
12/10/09	E.D.G. Gib (Ltd)	Tools	284.51
12/10/09	Hire U Shop Ltd	Tools	23.00
12/10/09	Man Diesel Ltd	Repairs to Engine No.3	178.80
12/10/09	Rock Cool	Plant & Machinery	3,920.00
12/10/09	E.J. Hammond	Tools	97.90
12/10/09	Beacon Press	Furniture & Filing Systems	189.00
12/10/09	Redwood (Int) Ltd	Repairs to Engine No.3	31.46
21/10/09	G.T.R.	Tools	560.00
21/10/09	Khubchands Ltd	Tools	374.00
23/10/09	Electrica Chaves	Tools	116.41
23/10/09	E.J. Hammonds Ltd	Tools	44.25
26/10/09	T.I. Thermal Imaging Ltd	Test Equipment	12,700.00
27/10/09	Hire U Shop Ltd	Tools	2,950.79
28/10/09	G.T.R.	Tools	31.50
10/11/09	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Tools	7.90

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## CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 217

### Continued answer to Question 216

Date	Payee	Purpose	£
10/11/09	E.D.G.(Gib) Ltd	Tools	396.22
10/11/09	J.J. Tool Hire	Tools	3,014.02
10/11/09	Hire U Shop	Tools	1,672.50
20/11/09	M. Marquez & Co. Ltd	Tools	420.00
20/11/09	Hire U Shop Ltd	Tools	865.91
20/11/09	Interbuild	Tools	43.90
20/11/09	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Street Lighting	347.40
20/11/09	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Tools	75.97
20/11/09	Hire U Shop	Tools	459.14
20/11/09	E.J. Hammond	Tools	7.95
20/11/09	New Found Energy Ltd	Test Equipment	2,354.00
20/11/09	Marwood Electrical Co. Ltd	Street Lighting	2,509.24
23/11/09	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Tools	240.00
23/11/09	Interbuild	Tools	66.95
23/11/09	E.J. Hammond	Tools	33.50
23/11/09	Rock Cool	Plant & Machinery	10,840.00
27/11/09	Redwood (In t) Ltd	Test Equipment	15.00
27/11/09	Hire U Shop	Tools	7.14
01/12/09	Rock Cool	Plant & Machinery	1,780.00
01/12/09	Carlin	Furniture & Filing Systems	225.00
01/12/09	C.I.A.P Ltd	Repairs to buildings	3,829.00
01/12/09	various suppliers	I.T. Hardware	5,866.49
01/12/09	Europa Enterprises Ltd	Transport New Vehicles	7,700.00
08/12/09	Hire U Shop	Tools	21.54
08/12/09	Suregrave Ltd	Plant & Machinery	5,866.57
08/12/09	Government General Account	Test Equipment	664.68
08/12/09	Redwood (In t) Ltd	Test Equipment	30.00
17/12/09	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Tools	5,569.99
17/12/09	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Test Equipment	2,393.08
17/12/09	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Tools	31.00
17/12/09	Beacon Press	Furniture & Filing Systems	567.00
18/01/10	Eastgate	Test Equipment	10.00
18/01/10	G.T.R.	Floodlights Rock Face	45,604.00
18/01/10	E.D.G.(Gib) Ltd	Tools	463.73
18/01/10	Hire U Shop	Tools	43.13

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**Continued answer to Question 216**

Date	Payee	Purpose	£
18/01/10	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Street Lighting	866.66
23/01/10	Various Suppliers	Repairs to Engine No.3	106,371.12
22/01/10	Hire U Shop Ltd	Tools	50.25
22/01/10	High Voltage Instruments Ltd	Tools	517.50
22/01/10	Rock Domestic Appliances	Furniture & Filing Systems	399.00
22/01/10	Wilkie Ltd	Building Works Substation	4,705.76
22/01/10	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Street Lighting	1,309.10
22/01/10	Popay Ltd	Tools	6,700.00
27/01/10	Leed Transport	ISGS GEA 2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERCONNECTOR-JUMPERS TO ISGS	19,950.00
27/01/10	Popay Ltd	Tools	2,985.00
28/01/09	Government General Account	Scada System Development	368.22
28/01/09	Government General Account	Scada System Development	222.18
28/01/09	Government General Account	Repairs to Engine No.3	275.82
29/01/10	Schneider Electric	Plant & Machinery	7,784.00
29/01/10	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Repairs to Engine No.3	641.36
01/02/10	Hire U Shop	Tools	2,229.48
01/02/10	G.T.R.	Tools	57.00
01/02/10	Interbuild	Tools	153.90
01/02/10	Portman Ltd	ISGS GEA 2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERCONNECTOR-JUMPERS TO ISGS	568.90
05/02/10	E.J. Hammond	Tools	34.80
08/02/10	Image Graphics (Gib) Ltd	Office Equipment	19,500.00
08/02/10	Marwood Electrical Co. Ltd	Street Lighting	9,654.44

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**CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 217**

**Continued answer to Question 216**

08/02/10	Omicron	Test Equipment	40,806.29
08/02/10	Government General Account	Test Equipment	4,448.33
10/02/10	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Meter Testing Station	4,486.70
11/02/10	Hire U Shop	Tools	233.88
11/02/10	Rock Domestic Appliances	Plant & Machinery	89.00
15/02/10	Cemats Ltd	Tools	13.04
15/02/10	E.D.G (Gib) Ltd	Tools	114.35
16/02/10	Government General Account	Plant & Machinery	713.35

Date	Payee	Purpose	£
16/02/10	Eastgate	Tools	127.68
16/02/10	Eastgate	Plant & Machinery	10.00
16/02/10	Eastgate	Test Equipment	10.00
17/02/10	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Street Lighting	1,470.50
17/02/10	Trident Freight Services Ltd	Plant & Machinery	31.26
25/02/10	Europa Enterprises Ltd	Transport New Vehicles	8,300.00
25/02/10	Schneider Electric Ltd	ISGS GEA 2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERCONNECTOR-JUMPERS TO ISGS	8,690.00
25/02/10	Beacon Press	Furniture & Filing Systems	113.18
25/02/10	E.J. Hammond	Tools	124.20
10/03/10	Afora S.A.	Tools	2,870.08
12/03/10	Rock Domestic Appliances	Furniture & Filing Systems	394.00
12/03/10	Beacon Press	Furniture & Filing Systems	404.00
12/03/10	Hire U Shop	Tools	762.23
19/03/10	Schenider Electric Ltd	Scada System Development	22,311.00
19/03/10	Parody & Barcio	Office Equipment	333.00
19/03/10	Galaxy	Tools	199.00
22/03/10	E.J. Hammond	Tools	48.65
22/03/10	Westex (Gib) Ltd	Tools	32.25
23/03/10	Digital Corner	I.T. Hardware	1,090.00
23/03/10	Hire U Shop	Tools	847.34
29/03/10	E.D.I. Engineering Ltd	Meter Testing Station	31,150.01

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## CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 217

### Answer to Question 217

The breakdown of the Improvement and Development Fund expenditure for 2009/2010 shown at Head 101 Sub-Head 2(c) Government Computerisation Programme, showing who the money was paid to, when and for what purpose is shown in the Schedule that I now hand to the Hon Member.

Head 101 Sub-Head 2(c) Government Computerisation Programme 2009-2010	
Date	Description
01-Apr-09	Mr A Crawford , Mr J Rodriguez & Mr A Perera subsistence allowance from 06-04-09 to 08-04-09 official visit Geneva icw New Customs System
02-Jul-09	Digital Corner - Portable External Hard Disk
02-Jul-09	Netgear - Toshiba 1 TB Ext Drive
02-Jul-09	Liberty Electronic Ltd - Sumsung TV / Monitor
02-Jul-09	Mediterranean Computer Services Ltd - Computer Services
03-Jul-09	Music Corner - Hard disk
03-Jul-09	E.J. Hammond and Sons Ltd - Torx Bits Set & Screwdriver
03-Jul-09	Automated Training Systems Ltd - Computer services and equipment
06-Jul-09	Spook Limited - Computer Maintenance
07-Aug-09	TQS Ltd - Travel Expenses in respect of M oyarzabal's visit, 28/06 - 01/07/09 and works in connection with budget & Tax year end changes
05-Aug-09	Icon Business Systems Ltd - Asus Monitor
05-Aug-09	Mediterranean Computer Services Ltd - Cable
05-Aug-09	Netgear - Computer Equipment
06-Aug-09	Building ConsultancyServices Ltd - Fibre Optic Panels & Cable Connection

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# CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 217

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06-Aug-09	TQS Ltd - Works for DSS, Tax, Salaries, Wages, Pension June and Travel & Accommodation Expenses iro M Oyarzabal's visit, 10/03-20/03/09
06-Aug-09	Near Technologies - Consultation Fees
14-Sep-09	TQS Ltd - Works undertaken by Mike Oyarzabal IRO tax year end changes and budget changes
30-Sep-09	Adj IRO misallocation of TPV Sep-11 IRO TQS inv 4036 ICW Income Tax
01-Oct-09	Building Consultancy Services Ltd - (DSS & No 6) to supply and instal computer equipment
01-Oct-09	Icon Business Systems Ltd - Asus PC's, keyboard & mouse
01-Oct-09	Netgear - point switch
02-Oct-09	MCS Ltd - computer equipment & corporate labour
20-Oct-09	EDG Ltd - cables
20-Oct-09	Netgear - laptop, deynamode switch & computer equipment
20-Oct-09	MCS Ltd - computer equipment
20-Oct-09	Micro Business Systems - configure Imis software & installation on Server GDB1 & migrate data
22-Oct-09	ATS Ltd - computer equipment
22-Oct-09	Trident Freight Services Ltd - freight payment
29-Oct-09	Adj IRO misallocation of TPV Jul-2912
02-Nov-09	TQS - works undertaken icw Wages, Salaries & Pensions Dept
02-Nov-09	Near Technologies - Consultation Fees
04-Nov-09	Elite Travel Ltd - Hotel & air passages (Portugal) - H.Orfila & A. Crawford re: Interreg Disaster Recovery 09 to 11-Sept-09
17-Nov-09	Netgear - DVD Box, Switch & Router ADSL
18-Nov-09	ATS Ltd - Computer equipment, hardware transport costs and travel expenses for Mr J Cooper & Mr J Wake
01-Dec-09	Mediterranean Computer Service Limited - Computer Equipment
01-Dec-09	TQS Ltd - Works undertaken by Mike Oyarzabal IRO Tax
01-Dec-09	TQS - Professional services rendered in relation to DSS/TAX Intergration
03-Dec-09	O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel - Hotel accommodation on behalf of Mr J Cooper and Mr J Wake for the period 06/11/09-10/11/09
04-Dec-09	Near Technologies - Consultation fees

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04-Dec-09	MCS Ltd - network card - (M Llamas) - Laptop - (S Ramagge) - printer - (Technical Services) - Adobe Acrobat professional
04-Dec-09	E J Hammond & Sons Ltd - Electric Extensions -
04-Dec-09	Netgear - 2 GB Rom -
04-Dec-09	Saverland - adaptors
04-Dec-09	TQS Ltd - works undertaken icw DSS, Income Tax & access to GDC Salaries
04-Dec-09	Piranha Designs - Graphic design for Govt website
12-Jan-10	TQS Ltd - Air Fare & Accommodation re visit made by Mike Oyarzabal iro Tax Office -
12-Jan-10	Building Consultancy Services Ltd - cabling icw works carried out in Social Services Dept, Consumer Dept & Customs House
12-Jan-10	MCS Ltd - computer equipment & corporate labour
12-Jan-10	Netgear - computer equipment
12-Jan-10	Near Technologies - Consultation Fees
29-Jan-10	Adj regarding payment of \$668,745.00 to UNCTAD in respect of the Customs Asycuda
01-Mar-10	Near Technologies - Consultation Fees
01-Mar-10	TQS Ltd - works undertaken by Mike Oyarzabal icw Tax Office from 30-11 to 04-12-09
01-Mar-10	MCS Ltd - Netgear 24 Port Switch
11-Mar-10	MCS Ltd - Colour Laser Jet
23-Mar-10	M H Bland & Co Ltd - Calypso Tours Coach Transfer icw Disaster Recovery Project
23-Mar-10	Waterfront - Mr Crawford icw Disaster Recovery Project
23-Mar-10	MCS Ltd - Computer equipment
23-Mar-10	O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel - Conference room hire & refreshments ICW Disaster Recovery Project meeting on 04/02/10
23-Mar-10	Gatsby's - lunch on 04/02/10
23-Mar-10	TQS Ltd - Computer programming works undertaken ICW Salaries & DSS

**NO. 218 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**WILLIS'S ROAD CAR PARK – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

Can Government state in what way the fire alarm system initially installed at the Willis's Road car park was inadequate?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 219 of 2011.

**NO. 219 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**WILLIS'S ROAD CAR PARK – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

Can Government state what was the cost of the replacement in July 2010 of the fire alarm system at Willis's Road car park and who has met this cost?

**ANSWER**

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

The fire alarm system initially installed at the Willis's Road car park experienced problems with a number of detector heads and sections of cabling, which were replaced by the contractor at their cost.

The fire alarm system itself has not been replaced.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 218 AND 219 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In answer to Question No. 1427 of 2010, the hon Member said, the fire alarm system that was initially installed by the contractor was found to be inadequate and this was replaced in July 2010. Is the position right then, or is the position right now?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. At the time and when preparing answers to questions going back to our last Question Time in the House, the information that I was given was that the fire alarm had been replaced. When preparing answers to questions this time round, I actually went deeper into the subject and wanted to know exactly what the issues were and then it all transpired that even though ... Obviously, the detector heads and sections of cabling are part of the alarm system as such. The actual alarm system itself was not being replaced but actual cabling and detector heads, which were the faulty part of the overall system, and therefore, strictly speaking, both questions are correct. Although the questions have been answered, the way that we have answered the questions today gives us additional information as to what the issues were.

ORAL

**NO. 220 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**FLAT BASTION ROAD – REMOVAL OF STREET PARKING**

Can Government state when it decided to remove the street parking which was available on Flat Bastion Road?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government removed three street parking bays at Flat Bastion Road in September when the final trials for the use of the new buses that were serving the Upper Town area were carried out.

**NO. 221 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DIGITAL TACHOGRAPH CARD**

When do Government expect to be in a position to introduce the Digital Tachograph Card for Gibraltar which will identify the driver and record and store the driving activities whilst engaged in the carriage by road of goods or passengers?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government are in the process of putting into place the necessary mechanism to enable it to issue Digital Tachograph Cards for Gibraltar.

The Gibraltar Digital Tachograph Cards will be available during the course of this year.

**NO. 222 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**THIRD EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE ON DRIVING LICENCES**

When do Government expect to start issuing driving licences which are in keeping with the requirements of the Third European Directive on Driving Licences?

**ANSWER**

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

The Third European Directive on Driving Licences comes into force on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

The Government will issue driving licences compliant with this Directive prior to the effective date.

**NO. 223 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**CHILDREN'S PARK AT CATALAN BAY**

In answer to Question No. 1179 of 2010, the Government stated that the children's park at Catalan Bay is contractually required to be reprovided by the developers of the Little Genoa project. Can Government state whether that contract required the reprovision of the children's park by a particular date and, if so, what is the date?

**ANSWER**

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

The Supplemental Planning Permit No. 5135C stipulated that the children's playground had to be completed by the expiring date of that permit which was on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

The developers have had meetings with me and members of the Town Planning Department in respect of this and other matters of the project and they say that the children's playground should be completed by the end of this financial year, as confirmed by my colleague the Hon Edwin Reyes in Question No. 1179 of 2010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 223 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

As I understand it, the developer of that project is Little Genoa Limited. Are the Government aware that there was published a notice in the Gazette on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 relating to a petition to wind up that particular company which was due to be heard on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and can the Government say whether that petition to wind up that particular company, the developer, makes any difference to the question that the hon Member has answered?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not sure whether other members of the Town Planning Department are aware that there was such a notice. I am not aware of it. However, we continue to be in contact with the developers of Little Genoa as there are a number of issues that they have outstanding in respect of their obligations as a developer, which they have not yet delivered on, and one of them is the children's playground. They know that that,

together with the public amenities and toilets and showers, et cetera, at Catalan Bay, are two of the priority issues that need to be addressed within this specific timescale.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I do not propose to go into, at this stage, what the consequences of this notice might be in respect of those issues that the hon Member has mentioned.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Unless the hon Member wishes to give me the free legal advice?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

No. It is not a question of free legal advice. I have just seen a notice in the Gazette. I do not know what has happened but given that the hon Member was not aware of this, I will give him time to look at this and then we might correspond on this issue but I give notice that it is a matter that I will raise at a later stage. Not at this sitting but ...

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Could the hon Member confirm again the date of the notice in the Gazette? The 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2010 he said?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It appeared in the Gibraltar Gazette of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 and it was a notice for a petition for the winding up of Little Genoa Limited. The petition was due to be heard on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010. I am happy to give the hon Member a copy of the notice.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am obliged, thank you.

**NO. 224 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010 to December 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 by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited and the value of fares from these passengers, in the months of September 2010 to December 2010, is as follows:

	<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
September	178,623	£71,820
October	179,282	£69,745
November	159,943	£60,790
December	161,294	£61,572

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 224 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I am not sure whether the hon Member will have this information. Does the hon Member know whether those numbers and that revenue, in fact, for Bus Route No. 2 where the new buses have been introduced, whether there has been an increase in the use of that service and, therefore, an increase reflected in the numbers which the hon Member has given for that particular route? In other words, we have seen the improved buses. Does it have a corresponding take-up by the passengers?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do have the information. I have not read the report yet. I get regular reports on use of different routes, et cetera, but judging by the way that the buses are being used, I think that there has been an increase but that is just purely speculation on my part. I can let the hon Member have information on that, if he so wishes, but I have not got the information here with me.

ORAL

**NO. 225 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GIBRALTAR CAR PARKS LIMITED – REVENUE**

Can Government state the total revenue received by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited for each month in 2010, giving a breakdown for each car park?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 226 and 227 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 226 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD CAR PARK – USAGE**

Can Government state the average number of cars per day using the Devil's Tower Road car park since the date on which the car park opened to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 225 and 227 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 227 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD CAR PARK – RENTAL OF PARKING SPACES**

Can Government state what the take-up has been for the rental of parking spaces at the Devil's Tower Road car park?

**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 to him.

## **SCHEDULE TO QUESTION NO. 227 OF 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 225 of 2011**

Below please find the revenue received by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited for January to October 2010. Figures for November and December are still not available.

	<b>Sandpits</b>	<b>Willis's</b>	<b>New Harbours</b>	<b>Naval Ground</b>	<b>Europiazza</b>	<b>DTR</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Jan</b>	3,157	6,802	7,019	12,083			29,061
<b>Feb</b>	4,510	8,410	10,230	10,468			33,618
<b>Mar</b>	4,510	8,410	10,230	11,939	1,207		36,296
<b>Apr</b>	4,730	8,410	10,285	10,538	344		34,307
<b>May</b>	4,554	8,357	10,170	11,143	748		34,972
<b>Jun</b>	3,960	8,190	8,085	11,217	1,284		32,736
<b>Jul</b>	4,455	8,300	9,735	11,229			33,719
<b>Aug</b>	4,422	8,127	9,438	12,314	1,035		35,336
<b>Sep</b>	4,059	7,230	9,064	11,063	685		32,101
<b>Oct</b>	4,381	8,611	7,920	11,405	1,948	441	34,706
<b>Nov</b>	4,325	8,320	8,550	11,125	1,960	11,887	46,167
<b>Dec</b>	4,360	8,295	8,430	11,095	1,995	12,310	46,485
<b>Total:</b>	51,423	97,462	109,156	135,620	11,206	24,638	429,505

The figures for November and December are still subject to internal audit.

### **Answer to Question No. 226 of 2011**

Since the car park at Devil's Tower Road opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, the daily average number of cars (excluding the monthly rentals) using the facility is as follows:

Daily average for October: 54

Daily average for November: 63

Daily average for December: 83

Daily average for the three months is 67.

### **Answer to Question No. 227 of 2011**

A total of 166 car parking spaces were offered for monthly rentals and all have been taken up. This comprises the parking spaces on floors, 2, 3 and 4 of the first phase of the car park at Devil's Tower Road. Currently, we have ten people on the waiting list.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 225 TO 227 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In relation to the number of cars using the car park, we have a daily average for three months, October, November and December of 67. Given the size of the car park, are the Government satisfied that appropriate use is being made of that particular car park and, if not, have the Government identified why it is that people do not appear to be using that car park. I say that because I pass by the car park every day and it always appears to be almost empty.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The Government would like to see more use of the short-term parking spaces that have been allocated within the car parking but I think we need to understand that the car park has a first floor, second floor, third floor, fourth floor and fifth floor and it is only the ground floor and the first floor that have been allocated for short-term parking. The second, third and fourth floor, these floors are on monthly rentals and these have all been taken up. So, whether they are being used at any specific moment in time or not, they are people using the car park on a monthly fee basis and so, therefore, ... Then the fifth floor is currently not in use but it is being offered as free parking to residents of the area as part of the residence permit holder parking scheme and that will shortly be used as well and I assume that that will be a very popular use of that fifth floor. So, really, your question is mainly targeted at the ground floor and the first floor and, in fact, if there is a particular issue it is in respect of the ground floor where there are 33 parking spaces of which 15 are marked as disabled and I think the Government feel that there has been an excessive number of disabled bays. So, if one actually looks at the ground floor, there are very, very few. There are probably about another 15/16 free spaces available for anybody who wants to go in the short-term car park. Most people tend to use the first floor because if there are 15 cars in the ground floor ..., roughly 18 parking, people tend to park in the first floor and, therefore, if you are a passer by, like I am, and I look inside as well to see the use, I think you will find that it is quite empty. Those disabled bays are now going to be changed to normal parking. Not in its totality. We are going to be leaving, possibly, four or five of these parkings for the disabled which we feel is more than ample, considering what our experience has been in the use of these in the last three months.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I am grateful for that. The hon Member mentioned the fifth floor which is going to be made available for free use by residents of the area, can he give some further details as to what he means by resident of which area? Which is the catchment area and is there any reason why this is being delayed, because the car park has now been operational for a number of months?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

As part of our transport policy, there is such an initiative as the resident permit holders parking scheme for people who live in a specific area. Gibraltar has been segregated into different areas. Therefore you live in that area, you are entitled to a

permit which will allow you to park in the area in which you live on a free of charge basis. Obviously, the number of these permits will be well in excess of the parkings that are available. It does not mean that every resident will have a free parking but at least if you live in the area, you will find that you have a better chance of getting a parking within the area you live in, apart from the fact that each area will also have a "pay and display" facility for people who visit areas where they do not necessarily live. As part of the area of, I think it is Laguna and part of Devil's Tower Road, et cetera, there is an area which is area No. 1 which is actually going to be the first pilot scheme that we are going to be launching under this scheme. This is one of the facilities that will be available for those that have that particular residence permit to be able to park there on a free of charge basis.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The second part of the supplementary was, is there any particular reason why that cannot be implemented straight away because the car park has been open for a number of months?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, there is not. Apart from the fact that, obviously, we have got to get the holistic scheme ready before we allow people to be able to make use of that facility but, as I say, this will be the first pilot scheme that is going to be launched and, therefore, use of this particular facility, well actually, it is now quite imminent.

**NO. 228 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**SURVEY INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF LAND RECLAMATION NORTH OF RUNWAY BY WESTERN BEACH**

What were the conclusions of the survey and concept design work conducted for the Government by DHV Environment and Transport relating to the possibility of reclaiming land north of the runway by Western Beach for which the company was paid £19,575 on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

DHV were appointed to carry out the full design for a reclamation scheme to create a land mass from the sea of approximately 120,000m<sup>2</sup> adjoining the northern revetment of the Gibraltar Airport runway.

DHV produced a detailed design and tender specifications designing the following scope of works:

- A full design of the reclamation with a design life of 100 years including protection of the marine structures against wind and wave damage from a 1:100 year return period and in accordance with locally applied seismic criteria;
- The reclamation would require approximately 840,000m<sup>3</sup> of sand-fill and 60,000 of rock armouring for the revetment structures;
- The extension of the drainage culvert that collects all discharges of surface water run-off from the runway into the open sea;
- The hoisting dock (l x w x d): 19 x 6.1 x 3.5 m at low water spring and concrete hard standing;
- A small boat berthing area: 80 berths of 6.0m length and 2.0m width;  
80 berths of 8.0m length and 3.0m width;  
40 berths of 9.5m length and 3.5m width;

Many technical issues that impact on the project have arisen since the production of the DHV report. The design has been revised on a number of occasions to take account of these issues.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 228 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member say when was the last revision made?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

In fact, as we speak, there is currently a revision being made. I think prior to that it must be eight or ten months ago or a year ago, but there is a current adjustment being considered at the moment for that scheme.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the revisions being done by the same company or are they being done by somebody else?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

DHV was a company that did the full design. There have been a number of reports that have had to be done by other companies in respect of, for example, the effect on the airfield, the wind variation on the runway, bird migration and the effect that will have on the runway. It is quite a complex project because of its proximity to the runway and, therefore, that has meant that we have had to vary the specifications of the heights of buildings, the use of the land itself, et cetera, in order to try and see what represents best value for money, in terms of allowing a development to go through, and what the return this would have for the Government.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

So, as opposed to the £19,500, what has been the total cost of all these other studies and revisions? Does the hon Minister have that information?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Off the top of my head, I would not know, but I think the figure would be in excess of £400,000, as we speak today.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the Government now at a stage where they can proceed with this development or are more studies still needed to confirm why they cannot?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

As I have just said, we are in the middle of another adjustment to make it possible and, if that delivers what is required, then the Government would be in a position to

do so. If it does not produce the results that we want, then we may have to consider an alternative way forward. Let me say that there is a company in the private sector that has an interest in this particular piece of land because its use is quite limited because of height restrictions, et cetera. So, there is one particular car, importer/exporter that has had an interest in this and has actually played a role with the Government in trying to develop the scheme and, in fact, they have contributed financially towards this as well. So, it has not just been a Government stand alone project. It is a project with a specific way forward which will hopefully deliver at some point in the future.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, in fact, the £400,000 then is not all Government funded. Part of it is funded by the private sector partners.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, I do not have ... I would need notice to be able to give the hon Member ... I have given you a figure, off the top of my head, of what I envisage, trying to be helpful, in giving you an idea. I think the vast majority of it has been paid for by the private sector.

**NO. 229 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES ARCADE COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say how many applications they have received for each of the three vacant units at the Arcade in Casemates, which were put out to tender in September 2010 with a closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 230 of 2011.

**NO. 230 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES ARCADE COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say whether the tenders for the three vacant units at the Arcade in the Casemates development, which closed on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010, have now been awarded and, if so, to whom, for what purpose and for what premium, if applicable?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 229 of 2011**

Fifteen applications were received in total for all three units. There were nine applications for any of the three units, three with no preference, and another three for unit 6F.

**Answer to Question No. 230 of 2011**

Tenders have been awarded as follows:

- Unit 1/6E to Mrs C Zammitt trading as “Celebrations by Carol” for use as Retailers for Handcrafted Party Favours and Gift Baskets;
- Unit 1/6F to Mr G Rodriguez and Miss A Wahnnon trading as “Andreax234 Limited” for use as a Speciality Gourmet Retail Shop;
- Unit 1/7F to Mrs K Celecia trading as “En Pointe” for use as a Dance Wear and Accessories Retail Shop;
- No premiums were paid as rent were fixed at £181.25 per month in respect of Unit 1/6E and £175.50 per month in respect of Units 1/6F and 7F.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 229 AND 230 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

What criteria was then used to select the successful applicant?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, the criteria used was mainly on presentation and type of products that they were selling and, obviously, the assortment of goods that would be available within the facility in order to offer variety and better customer experience.

ORAL

**NO. 231 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TRANSCOMA FERRY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS**

Can Government say how many persons arrived at and departed from Gibraltar on the Algeciras ferry, on a monthly basis, since September 2010 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 232 of 2011.

**NO. 232 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TRANSCOMA FERRY – REGIME FOR MONITORING THE SALE AND EXPORTATION OF TOBACCO**

Can Government give details of the very strict regime that they say is in place to monitor whether the sales of tobacco to and exportation of tobacco from Gibraltar by the ferry to Algeciras are for on-board sales to passengers?

**ANSWER**

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

The following numbers of persons have arrived and departed on the Transcoma Algeciras ferry, on a monthly basis, since September 2010:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Arrivals</b>	<b>Departures</b>
September	1,401	1,389
October	664	590
November	206	214
December	104	91

Export declarations for the supply of tobacco to the Algeciras ferry are produced for authorisation at the Customs Outfield Station which is located next to the ferry berth. These declarations are endorsed and the delivery of the tobacco on board is supervised by the officers on duty.

The tobacco is sealed on board and the ferry company have strict instructions that no sales are to take place until the vessel departs. The tobacco is spot checked and, to date, no irregularities have been recorded.

Exports are continuously monitored and have been verified to be reasonable.

**NO. 233 OF 2011**

**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**

My Ministry has not sponsored or co-sponsored, in Gibraltar or elsewhere, any conference since the last Question Time in this Parliament.

**NO. 234 OF 2011**

**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 the Parliament, the Port Advisory Council met on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010, the Business and Commerce Advisory Council and the E-Business Advisory Council have both met on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**NO. 235 OF 2011**

**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 which I now hand to him.

**SCHEDULE TO QUESTION NO. 235/2011**

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>ERDF</b>	<b>GOG</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>
31	Pick-A-Bite	Active	£18,696-61p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£43,625-43p (70%)	Equipment, Creation of website and Signage and Rent Subsidy Scheme.
32	MIM Limited	Active	£19,802-19p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£46,205-14p (70%)	Building works, furniture and equipment.
33	21 Fifty Limited	Active	£8,704-53p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£20,310-58p (70%)	IT equipment, furniture and Rent Subsidy Scheme.
34	John J Ocaña Limited	Active	£18,273-21p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£42,637-50p (70%)	Buildings works, furniture and equipment.
35	Best Nurseries Limited	Active	£19,718-10p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£46,008-90p (70%)	Building works, equipment, Signage and Rent Subsidy Scheme.
36	C & J Holdings Limited	Active	£48,629-41p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£113,468-64p (70%)	Building works, equipment, furniture, advertising, Import Duty 12% and Rent Subsidy Scheme.
37	The Little Rock Café Limited	Active	£19,879-60p (30%)	£0-00p (0%)	£46,385-75p (70%)	Building works, furniture and fittings and IT equipment.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 235 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can I ask for clarification in relation to Question No. 235 of 2011? The column relating to the status of the project shows all the projects are active. Does that mean it is successful, or unsuccessful, or pending? That was the question.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. That they are active means that they are successful but they are going through the process at the moment. In other words, they have been approved, but money is not just given out the moment they are approved. They need to prove the expenditure and get verification, et cetera, and then they get paid as they go along and, therefore, all these projects, as we speak, are in that process at the moment, and are approved.

ORAL

**NO. 236 OF 2011**

**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 at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER**

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

Since the last Question Time in Parliament, the Development Aid Advisory Council met on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

ORAL

**NO. 237 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

How many meetings of the DPC 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY  
AND TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 238 and 239 of 2011.

**NO. 238 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 237 and 239 of 2011.

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**NO. 239 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT PLANNING PERMISSION APPLICATIONS**

Can Government confirm whether it is the policy to notify persons who make representations about applications for planning permission as to whether that application has been successful or not?

**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 to him.

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTION NOS. 237 TO 239 OF 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 237 of 2011**

Since 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 there have been four meetings of the Development and Planning Commission the dates of which were:

- 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010
- 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Schedule to Question 238/2011**

***APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN: 29/9/10 AND 7/1/11***

<b><i>App No</i></b>	<b><i>ApplicantName</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Decision</i></b>	<b><i>SiteAddress</i></b>
11548	Metropolitan Properties Ltd	change of use, alterations/extensions.	Approved	59/61 Irish Town
11549	Bridge Consultants	Proposed shopfront replacement and internal alterations.	Approved	111 Main Street
11550	Xenda Properties Ltd.	Proposed internal alterations, glass roof to light well and new windows to rear.	Approved	92 Irish Town
11551	Donna Montegriffo	Proposed alterations.	Approved	23B Casemates Square
11552	European Financial Planning Group	Proposed office refurbishment.	Approved	15 Irish Town
11553	Mr Rodney Perera	Conversion and refurbishment of bed-sitter, addition of bathroom and associated works.	Pending	Flat 4 Benoliel's Passage
11554	Mr Rodney Perera	Proposed extension to apartment and refurbishment of premises.	Approved	25/1 Hospital Ramp
11555	Mr M Gadd	Proposed enclosure of part of balcony.	Approved	115/116 Arcadia Both Worlds
11556	Mr Ashok Rupani	New insurance broker retail office at existing ground floor commercial premises.	Approved	Grand Ocean Plaza Ocean Village
11557	BWIN	Proposed refurbishment of offices.	Approved	Suite 641 Europort Road Europort
11558	Clifton Mews Leaseholders	Proposed roof level extensions and emergency staircase to west façade.	Approved	1-3 Clifton Mews Europa Road
11559	Ms J Baldachino & G Pincho	Carry out an attic conversion to the above residential premises		Approved 15 Rosia Court
11560	Mr C Licudi	Proposed extension to kitchen.	Approved	The Boardwalk Trade Winds
11561	GFI Limited	Proposed conversion of existing warehouse into storage warehouse and offices on a mezzanine level.	Approved	Ex-Postal Service Building North Mole Road
11562	Mr & Mrs O'Reilly	Proposed internal alterations and enclosure of east balcony.	Approved	206 Rosia Plaza Rosia Parade

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<b>App No</b>	<b>ApplicantName</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>SiteAddress</b>
11563	Edery Holdings Ltd	Proposed internal refurbishment and change of use of first flatApproved to office use.	Approved	Flat 1, 3 Hospital Steps
11564	Mr A Hunter Lord Nelson Ltd	Proposed change of use from shop unit into a bar, restaurant, cafeteria (Class A3) and associated works.	Government Project	255/257 Main Street
11565	J J De La Paz	Proposed demolition of 2 single storey structures.	Approved	Public Market Fish Market Road
11566	Mr & Mrs J Ramagge	Proposed internal access stairs to existing loft space.	Approved	Admiral's Place
11567	Mr Marek Ratajczak	Proposed new floor over living room to create new bedroom.	Approved	Europiazza
11568	Christopher Yeats	To fit out a permanent cafeteria.	Withdrawn	Crown Daisy House Waterport Terraces
11569	Flamenco Holdings	Proposed conversion into restaurant and internal alterations.	Pending	Casemates House
11570	Ms V Serra	Proposed unblocking of opening to install new window.	Approved	34/6 Castle Ramp
11571	Pearlree Limited	Proposed new development of a data centre and office units over 11 floors.	Pending	Waterport Road
11572	Alan Pereira	Proposed glass curtains for balcony.	Approved	1001 Block 2 Europiazza
11573	Napoleon Limited	Proposed partial refurbishment of shop premises including shopfront.	Approved	44 Main Street
11574	Mr R Perera	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	5,3 Serfaty's Passage
11575	TSE Gibraltar LP	Proposed office fit-out.	Approved	Waterport Place Waterport Road
11576	Mr & Mrs Kripalani	Proposed enclosing of balcony using glass curtains.	Approved	Europiazza
11577	Bland Group Ltd.	Proposed internal alterations and general fit-out of existing unit (class A1).	Approved	Cloister Building Irish Town
11578	Rock 3D (Gibraltar) Ltd	Proposed Rock 3D in Morrison's Car Park	Withdrawn	Morrison's Car Park
11579	Cloud 9 Mobile (Gibraltar) Ltd.	Proposed installation of dish and cell antenna.	Approved	5 Sunnyside House Naval Hospital Road
11580	Katrina Diaz	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	Nelson's View

<i>App No</i>	<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Site Address</i>
11581	Lester Hotels Management Services	Proposed mixed use development comprising hotel and office accommodation and associated car parking.		Approved Redroofs Devils Tower Road
11582	Darren Cassano Esq	Proposed construction of a two-storey house inclusive of basement, swimming-pool and new boundary walls.	Approved	6A & B North Pavilion Road
11583	Mr Michael Russo	Proposed minor internal alterations.	Approved	403 Nelson's View Rosia Road
11584	Aylsham Ltd	Proposed replacement of window and door frame to entrance.	Approved	4A Ark Royal House Devils Tower Road
11585	Mr & Mrs Arora	Proposed enclosure to the outside balcony	Approved	402 Europa Plaza
11586	Cloud 9 Mobile (Gibraltar) Limited	Proposed installation of dish & cell antennae on rooftop.	Pending	Watergardens
11587	Gibtelecom LTD	Proposed telecom exchange to facility to a house a new telecoms equipment room, and an emergency backup generator room.	Pending	Sir Herbert Miles Road
11588	Montagu Crescent Management Co. Ltd	Timber trusses at 6th & 7th storeys spanning between masonry block of flats.	Approved	Queensway Montagu Crescent
11589	Cloud 9 Mobile (Gibraltar) Ltd	Installation of dish and cell antennae.	Pending	North Mole Road Waterport
11590	Cloud 9 Mobile (Gibraltar) Ltd	Installation of dish and cell antennae.	Approved	Signal Station Road Upper Rock
11591	Bland Limited	Refurbishment of premises and relocation of entrance.	Approved	104/106 Irish Town
11592	Baker Tilly (Gibraltar) Ltd	Proposed minor alterations and expansion of office premises (refurbishment)	Pending	Ground Floor Regal House
11593	Mr R Perera	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	6 Bendriel's Passage
11594	M Noguera	Proposed creation of opening and infilling with glass blocks.	Approved	Barley Hill House Prince Edward's Road
11595	Gateway Ltd	Proposed removal of garage door.	Pending	Devils Tower Road
11596	Hassans	Proposed demolition of honeycomb wall and construction of new wall with door. Installation of generator.	Pending	57/63 Natwest House Line Wall Road
11597	Norbert V Borge	Proposed glass curtains on balcony.	Approved	Europa Plaza Harbour Views Road
11598	Ocean Village Business Plaza	Proposed placement of billboard.	Pending	6 Bayside Road

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
11599	Ms J Hoare & Mr A Newnham	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	33 Almond Lodge Montagu Gardens
11600	Government of Gibraltar	Proposed conversion of existing building into nursery including internal and external alterations.		Pending Former USOC Bowling Alley Queensway
11601	J.J.B. Amar	Proposed conversion of office into shop.	Approved	3 Fountain Ramp
11602	Auto Sport (Gibraltar) Limited	Proposed new shopfront opening, new goods lift, new terrace storage deck and interior alterations.	Pending	2 Rosia Road
11603	Mr & Mrs M Alman	Proposed construction of pool in garden area.	Pending	1 South Pavillion Road
11604	Paglen Ltd.	Proposed refurbishment.	Pending	Watergardens
11605	Gib Corp Limited	Proposed ramp.	Pending	57/63 Natwest House Line Wall Road
11606	32 Red	Alterations to office layout.	Pending	Europoint Building
11607	Inverrigan Ltd	Proposed alterations to façade	Pending	17a Devils Tower Road
11608	Inverrigan Ltd	Proposed alterations to shopfront.	Pending	Bakewell House Devils Tower Road
11609	Mr R Sacarello	Proposed repairs and alterations to existing warehouse	Pending	North Mole Road
11610	The Finance & Guarantee Co Ltd	Proposed new feature balconies & roof terrace balustrade.	Pending	234 Main Street
11611	Line Ltd	Proposed replacement of roof terrace slab with timber joisted deck.	Pending	13/1 Line Wall Road
11612	Mr & Mrs M Ellul	Proposed internal refurbishment including new mezzanine floors.	Pending	3 Admiral's Close
11613	Paul Bacarese	Proposed pergola.	Pending	No 1 Collingwood Tower Brympton
11614	Ms R Azzopardi	Proposed erection of a new gabion retaining wall in garden area by Europa Road.	Pending	Beaulieu House
11615	Alexis Almeda	Proposed minor alterations to internal layout of premises.	Pending	Watergardens
11616	Churiana Ltd.	Proposed extension and loft conversion to building.	Pending	77 Main Street
11617	AKS Architects & Engineers Ltd.	Proposed construction of 43 dwellings and associated infrastructure.	Pending	40 Europa Road Buena Vista Barracks

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<i><b>App No</b></i>	<i><b>ApplicantName</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Decision</b></i>	<i><b>SiteAddress</b></i>
11618	K.I.T. (Gib) Limited	Proposed construction of 2 detached houses.	Pending	Ordinance Wharf Queensway Quay
11619	K.I.T (Gib) Ltd.	Proposed demolition of existing building and construction of new boutique hotel.	Pending	Queensway Queensway Quay
11620	Mr R Kumar Kochhar and Mrs K Kochhar	Proposed balcony enclosure.	Pending	Europa
11621	Partygaming PLC	Proposed new offices.	Pending	Atlantic Suites Europort Avenue
11622	BDO Limited	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	Regal House Reclamation Road
11623	Mr William Parody	Proposed re-development of existing building and construction of new building.	Pending	Pending 2 Camp Bay
11624	William Hill Organisation	Proposed internal alterations of existing suites.	Pending	Waterport Place
11625	William Hill Organisation	Proposed internal alterations of existing suite.	Pending	Waterport Place

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 237 to 239 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 239 of 2011**

Under section 19 of the Town Planning Act, it is not legally required to notify persons who make representations about applications for planning permission as to whether that application has been successful or not.

Under section 18 of the Town Planning Act, it is legally required to notify owners who make representations about applications for planning permission as to whether that application has been successful or not.

ORAL

**NO. 240 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CHATHAM COUNTERGUARD VAULTS**

Can Government say whether the tender for five vacant vaults at Chatham Counter guard, which closed on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010, have now been awarded and, if so, in each case to whom, for what purpose and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

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

The tender for the five vacant units at Chatham Counter guard, which closed on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010, has not yet been awarded.

ORAL

**NO. 241 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDERS RECEIVED FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT OF BUENA VISTA BARRACKS**

Can Government now say how many tenders have been received for the re-development of Buena Vista Barracks which was advertised on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 with a closing date of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010, has this now been awarded and, if so, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 242 to 243 of 2011.

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**NO. 242 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**BUENA VISTA BARRACKS – PREMIUM/DEVELOPER/SURFACE AREA**

Can Government say what was the premium agreed for the Buena Vista Barracks site, who are the developers of that site and what is its surface area in square metres?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 241 and 243 of 2011.

**NO. 243 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY DPC – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON SITE OF BUENA VISTA BARRACKS**

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of the application for planning permission by AKS Architects and Engineers Limited to develop houses on the site known as Buena Vista Barracks, and how many houses do they propose to construct on this site?

**ANSWER**

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

Four tenders were received for the re-development of Buena Vista Barracks.

When the answers to questions for this session of Parliament were being prepared, the tender had not yet been awarded.

No representations have been received to date. The expiry date of the public notice is the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

The scheme consists of 43 new dwellings as proposed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 241 TO 243 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The area of the site in square metres, did the hon Member give that information? I did not catch it.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

My apologies, I have not ... When grouping the questions together, I have omitted that particular part. I am happy to write to him to make it available.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the hon Member could write to me or, perhaps, he has the information available during this session of the House and just give me the information.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I may be able to find this out during this session of the House.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The hon Member said, the tender which has been submitted by the AKS Architects was to construct 43 houses. Is that correct?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Correct.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is that for 43 houses on the whole of the sites?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are they semi-detached, or villas, or what type of houses are they?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think it is a variety of different types. There are some semi-detached. There are some apartments and there are some villas, if you can call them that.

**NO. 244 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY DPC – DETACHED HOUSES AND  
BOUTIQUE HOTEL AT QUEENSWAY QUAY**

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of the applications for planning permission by KIT (Gibraltar) Limited:

- (a) to construct two detached houses at Queensway Quay;
- (b) to construct a boutique hotel spa/gymnasium and restaurant at Queensway Quay?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 245 and 246 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 245 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY DPC – CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL PREMISES AT EX-RIALTO CINEMA**

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of the application dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 from AKS Architects and Engineers Limited to construct commercial premises with retail units at ground floor at ex-Rialto Cinema, 12-26 Turnbull's Lane?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 244 and 246 of 2011.

**NO. 246 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY DPC – DATA CENTRE AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENT AT EUROPORT ROAD**

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of the application dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 from E & M Consulting Engineers Limited to construct a data centre and office development at Europort Road?

**ANSWER**

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

The Development and Planning Commission has received 20 representations in respect of the Building Application to construct two detached houses at Queensway Quay. It has also received another 20 representations regarding the application to construct a boutique hotel spa/gymnasium and restaurant at Queensway Quay.

Two representations have been received in respect of the application dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 from AKS Architects and Engineers Limited to construct commercial premises with retail units at ground floor at ex-Rialto Cinema, 12-26 Turnbull's Lane.

Eight representations have been received from the public in respect of the application dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 from E&M Consulting Engineers Limited to construct a data centre and office development at Europort Road. One of the representations is a petition on behalf of 289 members of the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 244 TO 246 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to, first of all, the projects at Queensway Quay, the one for the two detached houses and for the hotel. The Government are the owners of part of the land, I believe, in relation to where the Bedenham Commemoration Memorial is. Have the Government met the developers beforehand to signal their consent as landlord in this case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I and members of the Planning Department have met the proposed developers. The land is private land. It does not belong to the Government, either where the

detached houses are going to be built or proposed to be built or where they propose to build the boutique hotel. So therefore, the Government have not signalled anything one way or the other. Obviously, we will address the matter through the Development and Planning Commission. I think that there are issues but the Government ... I cannot comment on this because the application is still before the Development and Planning Commission, has not even been started to be considered and, therefore, it will be at that point, that the decision as to whether this goes forward or not ... But, as I said, there are issues that need to be taken into account when allowing this to happen.

**NO. 247 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HOTEL IN DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD – PREMIUM / SURFACE AREA**

What is the premium that the Lester Hotel Group has paid or will pay for the plot of land on which it plans to build a hotel in Devil's Tower Road and what is the surface area of the plot of land in square metres?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 248 of 2011.

**NO. 248 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY DPC – MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON  
SITE OF REDROOFS AND LADY WILLIAMS CENTRE**

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of the application dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 from Lester Hotels Management Services to demolish existing buildings and construct a new mixed use development comprising hotel and office accommodation at the site of Redroofs, 29 Devil's Tower Road and the Lady Williams Centre site?

**ANSWER**

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

That part of the plot which contains a single house and used to be known as “Red Roofs” will be purchased by the developers from Taylor Woodrow. They may have done so already, I am not sure, and therefore no premium is paid to the Government.

However, in respect of that part of the plot which contains the Lady Williams Centre, a premium of £750,000 is being paid to Government. The area of this part of the plot is approximately 433 m<sup>2</sup> and the “Red Roofs” part contains approximately 840 m<sup>2</sup>.

No public representations were received in respect of the application dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 from the Lester Hotels Management Services.

**NO. 249 OF 2011**

**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. 250 and 251 of 2011.

**NO. 250 OF 2011**

**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. 249 and 251 of 2011.

**NO. 251 OF 2011**

**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 which I now hand to him.

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTION NOS. 249 TO 251 OF 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 249 of 2011**

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since July 2010 was as follows:

	<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	Number	Value (£ thousands)	Number	Value (£ thousands)
July 2010	37	106	515	11.4
August 2010	26	82	497	8.6
September 2010	33	76	480	9.2

### **Answer to Question No. 250 of 2011**

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since July 2010 was as follows:

	<u>Goods Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Goods Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	Number	Value (£ thousands)	Number	Value (£ thousands)
July 2010	-	-	1	7.0
August 2010	-	-	3	57.7
September 2010	-	-	7	40.1

### **Answer to Question No. 251 of 2011**

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since July 2010 was as follows:

	<u>Value of Computers (£ thousands)</u>
July 2010	1,155
August 2010	969
September 2010	725

**NO. 252 OF 2011****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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 is as follows:

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>REVENUE AMOUNT</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	£3160.00
Oct-10	£8580.00
Nov-10	£3940.00
Dec-10	£2660.00
1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2011	£20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18360.00</b>

**NO. 253 OF 2011**

**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 Nos. 254 to 256 of 2011.

**NO. 254 OF 2011**

**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 Parliament?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 253, 255 and 256 of 2011.

**NO. 255 OF 2011**

**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 September 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 253, 254 and 256 of 2011.

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**NO. 256 OF 2011**

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

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTION NOS. 253 TO 256 OF 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 253 of 2011**

The number of ships that have called at Gibraltar since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament is as follows:

	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<b>Bunkers</b>	608	610	614	560
<b>Cargo</b>	10	15	11	16
<b>Repairs</b>	6	12	13	8

Bunker fuel sold since the last Question Time in this Parliament is as follows:

July 2010	389,859 tonnes
August 2010	390,414 tonnes
September 2010	393,786 tonnes
October 2010	375,052 tonnes
November 2010	391,111 tonnes
December 2010	382,425 tonnes

### **Answer to Question No. 254 of 2011**

No new bunkering licences have been issued and no applications have been received since the last Question Time in this Parliament.

### **Answer to Question No. 255 of 2011**

The following ship to ship oil/fuel transfers (not bunkering) have been carried out on a monthly basis since September 2010 and the following revenue has been raised as a result.

<b>MONTH/YEAR</b>	<b>STS MOTHERSHIPS</b>	<b>STS COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>STS TOTAL</b>	<b>REVENUE TO PORT (£)</b>
September, 2010	7	6	13	37,000
October, 2010	11	5	16	36,000
November, 2010	7	5	12	32,000
December, 2010	8	1	9	13,000

### **Answer to Question No. 256 of 2011**

The revenue generated from vessels anchoring on the East Side is as follows:

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>REVENUE EAST £</b>
SEPTEMBER	35,676.98
OCTOBER	89,577.06
NOVEMBER	23,406.66
DECEMBER	51,359.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200,020.55</b>

**NO. 257 OF 2011**

**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 September 2010, and what was the nature, date and effect of any such accident, the name of the operator and of any vessels involved?

**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 and I draw his attention, like I have done last time, in respect of the meaning of accident because, obviously, the list is quite voluminous and, obviously, the meaning of accident under the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2006 must be borne in mind when reading that.

# **ANSWER TO QUESTION 257/2011**

Date	Incident/Vessel Name	Incident Details
4.9.10	CELTIC NAVIGATOR	Hit exposed girder at extension jetty causing damage to starboard bow
6.9.10	Port Launch	Local boat reported engine problems - port launch attended
6.9.10	Port Launch	Pilot reported swimmers in water at A Head - Port launch sent to investigate - RGP in attendance - turned out to be two Moroccan nationals - illegal immigrants
15.9.10	PAMAKARISTOS	Problems with main engine - tug put on standby - repairs eventually carried out
19.9.10	Port Launch	Report of missing rib from Tarifa Traffic off Europa Point. RGP and Port launch despatched to search - rib found and towed back to Algeciras by Salvamento Marítimo
19.9.10	Port Launch	Assisted RGP Sir William Jackson which was making water
22.9.10	Yacht	Yacht near Ocean Village caught fire - attended to by Port launch and RGP - fire successfully managed - GMA informed
27.9.10	PACIFIC	Gear box high pressure repairs - tug on standby whilst repairs undertaken
6.10.10	Fishing Boat	Engine failure - launch crew despatched to assist
20.10.10	Mondo	Inspection after report of hole in ballast tank - cracks found. Vessel brought into port urgently to undergo repairs
28.10.10	ORIENT DREAM	Vessel anchored in position but lost engines – Eventually repaired
2.10.10	Oil Slick	Reported off GASA swimming club - Brightside commissioned to assist with clean up, culprit unknown.
9.11.10	AGIOS NICOLAS	AGIOS NICOLAS, engines only available at half power. Situation monitored until engines repaired in case weather picks up, in which case a tug will be instructed to stand by.
12.11.10	Port Launch	Information from RGP that a flare has been reported off Europa point, police launch and port launch proceeding out. Full search carried out but nothing found.
17.11.10	DODEKANISA	Vessel DODEKANISA instructed to proceed north of vessel at anchor off Camp Bay. Instead vessel passed south of the anchored ship causing pilot who at the time was onboard "Jin Zhou Hai" to go hard astern to avoid dangerous situation.
27.11.10	Body reported off Europa Point	Report received from RGP that a witness at Europa Point thought he had seen a body in the water. Port launch tasked to Europa Point and, assisted by RGP, searched area. Sighting appeared to be a large rubber object in the water which was recovered by the RGP.
25.11.10	Oil Spill from Algeciras	Oil spill coming from Algeciras. Oil spill response plan initiated. Culprit unknown.
30.11.10	Oil Sheen	Oil sheen reported off berths 41/42. Source investigated and found to be from the MoD generating station. Cause of leak to be repaired by QHM.
30.11.10	LYCASTE PEACE	2-3 litres of hydraulic oil from midship crane reported lost overboard from LYCASTE PEACE west of Rosia Bay near the Gibraltar/Spain median line. Due to poor weather conditions it was decided not to despatch launch or take any further action.
09/12/2010	VANDA and AMORGOS	Close quarters situation between VANDA and AMORGOS at N. Anchorage area close to the yellow buoy..

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# CONTINUED ANSWER TO QUESTION 257

10/12/2010	VARG STAR	VARG STAR dragging anchor in high winds. Re-anchored using other anchor.
10/12/2010	DA YUAN HU	DA YUAN HU advised vessel dragging anchor. Vessel instructed to heave up anchor and proceed to East side.
16/12/2010	FEDERAL MACKINAC	FEDERAL MACKINAC drifting on the eastside reported a problem with starting their engine and declared themselves a 'dead ship'. Eventually rectified.
16/12/2010	"sinking launch or boat"	RGP requested assistance to search for a "sinking launch or boat" between East Head and the oil refinery. The GENERAL ELLIOT was tasked and further information requested from RGP. Subsequently RGP reported that the vessel (a semi-rigid inflatable) had been located and appeared to be a "smuggling" vessel which was then handed over to the Spanish Guardia Civil
22/12/2010	SUMMER WIND	The yacht SUMMER WIND collided with the DOLPHIN ADVENTURE opposite the reporting berth, Ocean Village. No injuries to crew but slight damage to hull.
22/12/2010	MILTADIS JUNIOR	One MedEvac from the MILTIADIS JUNIOR III in the Bay. Walking casualty transferred to Port Launch for onward transport to hospital.
23/12/2010	PEGASUS	Super yacht PEGASUS reported as colliding with 2 other yachts in Marina Bay as it departed. Vessel did not stop after the incident and headed towards Algeciras. Port Launch and RGP boat despatched to escort PEGASUS back into Marina Bay.
23/12/2010	SAR	Following a report from the VARG STAR that they had sighted an upturned vessel close to their position 5.5nm ESE from Europa Point, the Port Launch and the RGP launch were tasked to investigate. Casualty found and identified. Owner contacted by Spanish authorities, no-one on board. Unable to retrieve boat due to very severe weather conditions.
25/12/2010	AVALO	Vessel AVALO reported engine problems and drifted on Eastside until repairs were completed.
26/12/2010	Flares	Flare reported in the area of Europa Point. Port and RGP launches tasked to the position. Port launch found 3 Spanish nationals safe onboard 6m drifting boat in position 1nm SW of Europa Point. SALVAMAR tasked by Tarifa to casualty's position and towed boat to Algeciras. VTS Manager and SPO informed.
30/12/2010	LNG ABUJA	LNG ABUJA at anchor in Western Anchorage. Problem with windlass, unable to heave up anchor. Vessel rectified problem.

**NO. 258 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**COALING ISLAND – COMMERCIAL VESSEL BERTHS**

Can Government say how many berths for commercial vessels are available in Coaling Island, how many of these berths are allocated and occupied, by whom, and what procedure is used for such allocations?

**ANSWER**

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

Coaling Island is 205m long. Commercial vessels usually moor with a 20m separation to allow an adequate distance for bow and stern lines. The number of vessels that can berth is dependent upon the length of vessel, therefore, Coaling Island can accommodate a 160m long vessel or a number of smaller vessels according to their length.

The Gibraltar Port Authority has responsibility for allocating berths to commercial vessels. The criteria used for the allocation is as follows:-

- length and draught of vessel,
- activity vessel is going to carry out – i.e.: does it require cranes, fuel oil et cetera,
- length of time required to be in the Port.

Coaling Island is often used for 'long dwell' vessels that have no particular cargo activity, quite often vessels arrested for one reason or another.

ORAL

**NO. 259 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**MV IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE**

Can Government explain why the M/V Irrational Exuberance was not sold for scrap before it sank, despite having received offers for it?

**ANSWER**

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

The Port files do not hold any information that indicates than an offer was made for the sale for scrap of the 'Irrational Exuberance' before it sank. In fact, the records show that the Captain of the Port at the time (Capt. C Brand) did everything possible to sell the vessel and recover all outstanding monies before the vessel sank.

ORAL

**NO. 260 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT RADAR AT WINDMILL HILL**

Can Government say whether the provision of a Port radar at Windmill Hill has now been completed and whether this is now operational?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 261 of 2011.

**NO. 261 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – RETENTION OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL INSURANCE  
FROM CONTRACTORS CARRYING OUT WORKS**

Were any retentions made in respect of tax and social insurance in respect of contractors not incorporated in Gibraltar carrying out works in the Port Office?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 260 of 2011**

The Port radar installation at Windmill Hill has been completed. The system is in working order, however, the project has allowed a period of time to ensure that all operating conditions are experienced, for example, weather conditions and compatibility with equipment used by the MOD at Windmill Hill. Although the system is working, it would not be classed as 'operational' until all the numerous situations have been experienced and adjustments made, as may be required.

**Answer to Question No. 261 of 2011**

There have been numerous contractors engaged in work in the Port Office both directly and indirectly employed to provide services in the past.

The question of retentions for tax and social insurance (until it can be demonstrated that the company is paying these sums within another EU country) is one currently being addressed. The Port Authority now has a policy that all new work will entail retention of monies for the above purposes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 260 TO 261 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The hon Member will, I believe, recall that we discussed last time the question of the Port windows. There was a firm carrying out work on the windows of the Port Department and it was a UK firm that was not locally established. So, the question is really aimed at that particular case. Can he say whether in that case the monies were retained or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

If that is what the hon Member was intending to ask me, maybe he should have asked it. I am not sure whether that was the situation at the time. I can tell him that that particular work that he is referring to was brought to my attention by a member of the public, if I can say that, and I obtained information as to how this work had been allocated. There had been a selecting of quotes that had come in and the works had been allocated to the lowest tenderer. Whether the retention was made or not, in this particular case, I am sorry I cannot ... I can tell him that as a result of that particular incident, I actually gave instructions to the Port in respect of that. Whether that actually happened or not in respect of that particular case, I am unable to confirm to him as I speak today. If I had been asked the question more directly, I would have been able to check the situation. In fact, a few days ago I read a small article on that in one of the weekly magazines or newspapers and I intend to take it up myself. There was a report in a weekly newspaper in which I read about this particular contract, which I intend to take up myself because it is not something that I agree with.

**NO. 262 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR SEAMAN MECHANIC**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of Seaman Mechanic with the Gibraltar Port Authority that was advertised on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010, with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, how many posts were available and how many applicants were Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 263 to 266 of 2011.

**NO. 263 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR MARINE SURVEYOR**

Can Government say how many applications have been received for the vacancy of Marine Surveyor which was advertised on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010, with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010, and what was the nationality of the applicants, showing how many are Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 262 and 264 to 266 of 2011.

**NO. 264 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR MARINE SURVEYOR**

Can Government say whether the vacancy for Marine Surveyor which was advertised on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010, with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010, has now been filled and, if so, by whom?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 262, 263, 265 and 266 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 265 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – POSITION ON SALARY SCALE FOR NEW EMPLOYEES**

Can Government say whether it is the practice that new employees of the Port Authority, since the authority commenced, start their employment at the low end of their respective salary scale or have there been cases where they start further up the scale and, if so, provide a breakdown showing for which posts this have happened, showing the position on the salary scale in each case?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 262 to 264 and 266 of 2011.

**NO. 266 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR BUNKERING SUPERINTENDENT**

Can Government say why the post of Bunkering Superintendent, which was advertised on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 with closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 and again on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011, was not filled the first time round?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 262 of 2011**

When the answers to questions for this session of Parliament were being prepared, this vacancy, referring to the Seaman Mechanic, was still open and, therefore, I am unable to supply the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 263 of 2011**

A total of 27 applications were received for the vacancy of Marine Surveyor that was advertised on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The applicants' nationalities are as follows:-

- 7 – British (1 Gibraltarian)
- 1 – Bulgarian
- 4 – Danish
- 1 – Dutch
- 1 – Greek
- 4 – Italian
- 1 – Latvian
- 1 – Lithuanian
- 1 – Norwegian
- 4 – Spanish
- 2 – Applicants did not specify their nationality in the documents received.

**Answer to Question No. 264 of 2011**

The interviews of the shortlisted candidates will take place during January and, in fact, they took place last week but I am still, therefore, unable to supply the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 265 of 2011**

It is the practice that new employees of the Port Authority start their employment at the minimum of their respective salary scale.

However, there have been three instances when this practice was not followed, that is, in the recruitment of a Personal Assistant and two administrative staff, as the calibre of the individuals concerned was believed to warrant this.

**Answer to Question No. 266 of 2011**

The vacancy for Bunkering Superintendent was not filled the first time round as the selection board did not find any of the applicants suitable and, in fact, this has been re-advertised again.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 262 TO 266 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to Question No. 263 of 2011, how many of the 27 applicants were shortlisted and interviewed?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I would not know how many were shortlisted but interviews have taken place in London over a two day period. So I assume there must have been at least ten or twelve shortlisted, but that is just a guestimate based on the fact that I know that the interviews took place on Thursday and Friday this past week.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the fact that the interviews took place in London an indication that none of the applicants were resident in Gibraltar?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. What happens is that if there are any local applicants, they are interviewed locally and then if there are over a certain number in London, then the selection board moves to London. If the numbers that are shortlisted are actually quite small, then the applicants are brought down to Gibraltar because it is more economical than having ..., I think the selection board is at least three members and a secretary that go over from the Human Resources Department and so, therefore, it is more economical to bring them over. As it happened, this time it took place in London, so therefore, that is why I am speculating that they were there for two days. I know that interviews took place on Thursday and Friday. So there must have been at least eight or ten applicants at the minimum.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Were there any applicants interviewed in Gibraltar? Surely, the Gibraltar applicants are not taken to London.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have said in my answer that there were seven British, one of whom was Gibraltarian. Whether that Gibraltar had been interviewed or not, I would not know, but I would have a guess that he would have been because, obviously, we would give some form of preference to employing a Gibraltarian rather than bringing anybody from abroad.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably, the Gibraltarian could be a resident of the UK.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, absolutely, and so could the British be also resident in Gibraltar, as any of these. There could be an Italian or a Greek or ... resident in Gibraltar as well.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But, given that the hon Member has told us that there were interviews in London on Thursday and Friday, is it that he does not know whether interviews took place at all in Gibraltar before that or that he knows that they did not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not sure whether there were interviews taking place in Gibraltar. Sometimes I suffer from the sin of not getting involved in the recruitment of personnel and, therefore, I just find out because I know that one of my senior executives was part of the selection board and he was away in London on Thursday and Friday and, therefore, I know that. But I try to keep at an arms length until the final report is presented. So, I would not know whether somebody has been interviewed in Gibraltar.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In Question No. 266 of 2011 about the Bunkering Superintendent, can the hon Member say why none of those original candidates were found suitable?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The selection board decided that none of the applicants at that time really met the criteria. May be in terms of experience, may be in terms of ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Qualifications?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

If they were interviewed, they must have met the criteria for qualifications. But maybe experience, personalities. The fact was that one possibility had industry interests, for example, and, therefore, I took the view, he was a possibility, but I took the view that one could not have a Bunkering Superintendent who had outside interests because a Bunkering Superintendent is privy to information as to customers' names, pricing, the volumes that are delivered by each individual supplier to customers and, therefore, one cannot have an individual that has outside interests being able to police that position effectively. So that person was ruled out and, therefore, we have now advertised again and I am not sure whether the closing date was Friday or today or ... It is in these few days and hopefully ... I hear that we may be getting some applications locally for it now and that is why I decided that we would advertise the second time round only in Gibraltar.

**NO. 267 OF 2011**

**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. 268 of 2011.

**NO. 268 OF 2011**

**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 the schedule that I now hand to him.

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTION NOS. 267 AND 268 OF 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 267 of 2011**

Flights delayed by more than half an hour

	<b>LHR</b>	<b>LGW</b>	<b>LTN</b>	<b>MAN</b>
<b>September</b>	4	7	4	2
<b>October</b>	3	6	4	3
<b>November</b>	5	7	1	2
<b>December</b>	2	1	2	1

### **Answer to Question No. 268 of 2011**

Flights timetabled and cancelled

	<b>LHR</b>		<b>LGW</b>		<b>LTN</b>		<b>MAN</b>	
	<b>SCH</b>	<b>CNX</b>	<b>SCH</b>	<b>CNX</b>	<b>SCH</b>	<b>CNX</b>	<b>SCH</b>	<b>CNX</b>
<b>Sept</b>	30	-	30	-	30	-	12	1
<b>Oct</b>	31	-	31	-	31	-	12	-
<b>Nov</b>	30	-	30	-	30	-	12	-
<b>Dec</b>	30	7	30	7	30	-	12	-

**NO. 269 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question No. 270 of 2011.

**NO. 270 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – PASSENGER TAX / LANDING CHARGES**

Can Government say whether the arrears of passenger tax and landing charges owed by Andalus Airlines have now been paid?

**ANSWER**

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

As stated in answers to similar questions in the past, the Government no longer considers that it is appropriate to provide details of sums due by individuals, named commercial entities or citizens. Between the three airlines that use Gibraltar Airport, £55,829 is due in respect of landing and parking fees and £131,670 in respect of departure tax.

The arrears of passenger tax and landing charges owed by Andalus Airlines have not yet been paid.

**NO. 271 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**AIRLINES INTERESTED IN FLYING TO GIBRALTAR**

Can Government say whether any of the seven airlines with which they were in active discussions in September plan to open new routes:

- (a) to the United Kingdom;
- (b) to the rest of Europe;
- (c) elsewhere?

**ANSWER**

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

Discussions are ongoing.

Any new routes will be made public when the airlines concerned have made the commercial decision to commence services to and from Gibraltar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 271 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member say whether they are still in discussion with those seven airlines or has that figure changed?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

We continue to be in contact with them.

**NO. 272 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – COBUS BUS DRIVERS**

How much has been paid for the provision of drivers for the airport Cobus buses whilst the new air terminal is being built, and to whom was payment made, with a monthly breakdown since the service commenced?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government have an agreement with Blands who are the ground handlers who provide the Cobus service. The Government are invoiced for the services as a whole and is, therefore, unable to provide a breakdown of costs, including the provision of drivers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 272 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member provide the cost of the service as a whole?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. There is a fixed monthly payment of £5,705.

**NO. 273 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – CEO OF GIBRALTAR AIR TERMINAL LIMITED**

Can Government say how many of the eleven applicants for the post of Chief Executive Officer of Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited were interviewed for the post, on what dates each of the interviews were conducted, and whether anyone has now been selected for the post?

**ANSWER**

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

Of the eleven applicants for the post of Chief Executive Officer of Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited, nine were interviewed. The interviews were conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010. To date, no one has been selected for the post.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 273 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the company have any employees at all?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. Not to date.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In fact, in the advert that the Government have put out asking people to submit proposals for ATM machines to be directed to the company, who is at the company to receive them if there is nobody there?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

These are at the moment being handled by my Ministry and personnel within my Ministry and we are dying for the Chief Executive to come in because we are being overburdened with work at the moment in respect of the air terminal.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that the air terminal company would actually own the air terminal and is that why they are involved in things like, granting tenders for services to be provided?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

**NO. 274 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION MANAGER**

Can Government say whether and, if so, when they have appointed a Deputy Accident Investigation Manager (AIM) to substitute for the Director of Civil Aviation when he is absent from Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government can confirm that, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, Mr Christopher Murray was appointed the Deputy Accident Investigation Manager to cover for the Director of Civil Aviation when he is absent from Gibraltar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 274 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is this person resident in Gibraltar or will he come over to provide a service only if needed?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

He is a resident of Gibraltar who has been living in Gibraltar for well over twenty years.

ORAL

**NO. 275 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government give the area of each of the ten commercial units at the new air terminal building which were put out to tender in November 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 276 to 283 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 276 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM OLD AIR TERMINAL**

Can Government confirm whether all the commercial entities from the old air terminal building have decided to move to new premises in the new air terminal building and say how many there are?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275 and 277 to 283 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 277 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – TENDERS RECEIVED FOR COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say how many tenders they have received for each of the ten commercial units at the new air terminal building, for which the closing date for submission of bids was 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275, 276 and 278 to 283 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 278 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – CONCESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AIR  
TERMINAL LIMITED/AIRSIDE RETAILERS LIMITED AND COMMERCIAL  
ENTITIES**

Can Government say which legal firm drafted the concession agreement for use between Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited /Airside Retailers Limited and the commercial entities at the new air terminal, referred to in the tender documents as Schedule 4B, at what cost and on what date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275 to 277 and 279 to 283 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 279 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS OF RETAIL CONCESSIONS**

Can Government give the names of each of the successful tenderers in respect of the tender to operate retail concessions within the departure lounge of the new air terminal at Gibraltar airport, showing in each case the name of the directors and beneficial owners?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275 to 278 and 280 to 283 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 280 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – TENDERERS OF RETAIL CONCESSIONS**

Can Government confirm whether the tender to operate retail concessions within the departure lounge of the new air terminal at Gibraltar airport was/will be determined by the Treasury Tender Board and, if not, why not?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275 to 279 and 281 to 283 of 2011.

**NO. 281 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say who made up the panel that determined the allocation of commercial units in respect of the tender to operate retail concessions within the departure lounge of the new air terminal at Gibraltar airport?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275 to 280, 282 and 283 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 282 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – PRODUCTS AUTHORISED FOR SALE IN COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say what products have been authorised for sale in each of the commercial units at the new air terminal building, with a breakdown by commercial unit?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 275 to 281 and 283 of 2011.

**NO. 283 OF 2011****THE HON DR J J GARCIA****NEW AIR TERMINAL – TENDERS RECEIVED FOR PROVISION OF ATMs**

How many entities have submitted a tender for the provision of Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) for the new air terminal which was advertised on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with a closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY  
AND TRANSPORT****Answer to Question No. 275 of 2011**

The area of each of the ten commercial units at the new air terminal building which were put out to tender in November 2010 is as follows:

Unit	Retail	Actual Size (m <sup>2</sup> )
F1	Shop	23.9
F2	Shop	31.6
F3	Shop	31.3
F4	Shop	31.0
F6	Shop	39.2
F8	Shop	28.0
F10	Shop	19.7
F11	Shop	57.0
F13	Shop	26.4
F14	Shop	26.5

**Answer to Question No. 276 of 2011**

All of the seven retail and two catering units currently operating from the old air terminal have decided to move to new premises in the new air terminal building.

**Answer to Question No. 277 of 2011**

A total of nine tenders were received for all ten units.

**Answer to Question No. 278 of 2011**

No draft concession agreement exists between Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited and Airside Retailers Limited because the latter company does not exist.

The draft concession agreement referred to in the tender documents as Schedule 4B is between Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited and [Airside Retailers] meaning the draft will be amended accordingly for each retailer.

The agreement was drafted by Isolac on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010. It is not possible to quantify the cost of this particular draft as it forms part of other works being carried out by Isolac in conjunction with the new air terminal project.

**Answer to Question No. 279 of 2011**

The Government are not aware of the existence of Airside Retailers Limited, as I have explained before.

The information regarding the directors and beneficial owners of the successful tenderers cannot be made available at this moment in time as, even though units have been allocated to various entities, contracts have yet to be signed. Once the relevant documents have been signed the Government will make this information available to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question No. 280 of 2011**

The tender to operate retail concessions within the departure lounge of the new air terminal at Gibraltar airport was not determined by the Treasury Tender Board. Since there was no expense involved in the contracting of services or the purchasing of goods, there was no need to involve the Treasury Tender Board.

**Answer to Question No. 281 of 2011**

The allocation of commercial units in respect of the tender to operate retail concessions within the departure lounge of the new air terminal at Gibraltar was determined by the Government so as to ensure the desired product variety and standards of retailers desired for the new air terminal. The decisions were made jointly by the Chief Minister and myself supported by our respective officials.

**Answer to Question No. 282 of 2011**

For the same reason that I cannot divulge information on the directors and beneficial owners, I am not in a position to make information available of the products authorised for sale in each of the commercial units.

**Answer to Question No. 283 of 2011**

It is not possible to know how many entities have submitted a tender for the provision of Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) for the new air terminal until the tender box is opened after the closing date and I believe that happened on Friday but at the time of drafting that was the state of play.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 275 to 283 of 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA**

The hon Member said nine tenders had been received for the ten commercial units, is that correct? Does that mean the same nine entities bid for each of the ten units?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. There were nine tenderers, each submitted tenders for different units. There were some clashes. I think there were one or two clashes in which case if they were successful they were called in and a draw was held. So there was one allocated the unit that they had chosen and the other had to opt for a second option. Let me say that out of the nine bidders, two did not meet the criteria and so there were seven units that were actually allocated out of the nine and, therefore, today as we speak, we have three unallocated units which will be going out to tender again.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to confirm the point. These ten allocations are additional to the people who have moved from the old air terminal. Is that correct?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct. Those that moved from one terminal to the other, although they have not moved physically but on paper, were given first choice. Right! There was one particular clash between those and a draw was held in front of both concerned and, basically, the seven that were in the current terminal were moved to the new terminal and those were eliminated. There were then ten units that were available and those ten units went out to tender. Nine bids were received. Two did not meet the criteria. Seven bid and seven were given the new units in the terminal. Right! Again, I think there was another clash there but that was sorted out. As we speak today, we now have three units that are empty. Have not been allocated and we intend to go out to tender again, giving ideas on the type of product that we are looking for, because what we do not want to do is to have unit after unit selling the same products and not having an experience as such, in the shopping experience for potential customers. So, we will be pointing out, this time round, specific areas we are looking for which were completely omitted either on the original lot that were moving and in the subsequent second lot that were allocated units. With the idea of being able to offer a variety in a number of areas, the product sector.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member say what is the rent in square metres, the charge per square metre in rent for these units?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not have the information in front of me. I need notice of the question but, basically, the formula ... In the current terminal, there are different people with different rates. In other words, one is paying £40 per square metre and the other one is paying £60. Others are paying 2½ per cent commission on sales. The other one is paying 5 per cent and it all depends ... So, we have done away with all that and what we did was that in terms of the rental, we have averaged more or less what the rent was. So some of them may have actually benefitted from the move, others have actually suffered an increase, but they have a standard sales commission attached to that and, therefore, we feel that that provides a level playing field. The only thing is that, obviously, the units are much bigger than they are today. Most of the units average about 30 metres in the new terminal whilst in the big one you are looking at 12 metres, 15 metres, which is half. So a lot of them are actually getting an increment in rental as such but, obviously, they are getting a much bigger unit for it. That is the basis. The actual rate as such I do not have the figures in front of me. But that is the basis of the thinking of how we have come about determining the rentals.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the sales commission the same for all the units and if so, what is it?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, which was not the case in the past. All units will now have a flat commission of 5 per cent.

**NO. 284 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – SHAREHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS OF GIBRALTAR AIR  
TERMINAL LIMITED AND AIRSIDE RETAILERS LIMITED**

Who are the shareholders and directors of Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited and Airside Retailers Limited?

**ANSWER**

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

Gibraltar Air Terminal Limited is a wholly-owned Government company, whose directors are Richard Armstrong, Dilip Dayaram-Tirathdas and Vanessa Ramos-Israel.

The Government are not aware of the existence of Airside Retailers Limited, as I have already explained to the hon Member.

ORAL

**NO. 285 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government confirm whether a Swiss company called Obrist Interiors has been selected to fit out and refurbish the commercial units at the new air terminal?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 286 to 292 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 286 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government say what procedure was used to select Obrist Interiors for the fitting out and refurbishment of the commercial units at the new air terminal, whether this went out to tender and, if so, on what date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 285 and 287 to 292 of 2011.

**NO. 287 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Are Government aware whether Obrist Interiors have any experience of fitting out and refurbishing commercial or office units in Gibraltar and can they say whether this firm has worked for the Government in the past?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 285, 286 and 288 to 292 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 288 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government say whether any locally established businesses were consulted and asked to quote before the contract to fit out and refurbish the commercial units at the new air terminal building was awarded to Obrist Interiors?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 285 to 287 and 289 to 292 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 289 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Are Government aware whether Obrist Interiors have a permanent presence in Gibraltar, or are represented here by an agent, and, if so, where are its premises or the premises of the agent located and, if applicable, who is the agent?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 285 to 288 and 290 to 292 of 2011.

**NO. 290 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

What is the estimated total cost of the refurbishment and fitting out of the commercial units at the new air terminal building and is this cost additional to the published figure for the construction of the air terminal building itself?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 285 to 289, 291 and 292 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 291 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government say how many companies with experience in serving the airport industry were contacted to supply the furniture and fittings for the commercial units in the new air terminal building and who took the decision to award the contract to the successful firm?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 285 to 290 and 292 of 2011.

**NO. 292 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHING OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government say on what date they took the policy decision that the tax payer, as opposed to the concessionaire, would pay for the fitting out and refurbishment of the commercial units in the new air terminal building?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 285 of 2011**

Obrist Interiors have been selected to fit out and refurbish the commercial units at the new air terminal.

**Answer to Question No. 286 of 2011**

The Government made a direct approach to Obrist Interiors for the fitting out and refurbishment of the commercial units at the new air terminal after considering other options.

**Answer to Question No. 287 of 2011**

Obrist Interiors have worked in Gibraltar in the field of shop-fitting and commercial refurbishment for over 20 years. They have not worked for the Government in the past.

**Answer to Question No. 288 of 2011**

No locally established businesses were consulted and asked to quote before the contract to fit out and refurbish the commercial units at the new air terminal building was awarded to Obrist Interiors.

**Answer to Question No. 289 of 2011**

Obrist Interiors do not have a permanent presence in Gibraltar, neither are they represented here by an agent.

**Answer to Question No. 290 of 2011**

Although the Government have an estimate of the total cost of the refurbishment and fitting out of the retail units at the new air terminal building, we cannot divulge a final figure as we are in the final stages of negotiation with Obrist Interiors and in consultation with the retail concessionaires in respect of their specific requirement. Once these are completed, we will know the total cost of this phase of the terminal project.

This cost is additional to the published figure for the construction of the air terminal building itself.

**Answer to Question No. 291 of 2011**

Only one company with experience in serving the airport industry was contacted to supply the furniture and fittings for the commercial units in the new air terminal building. The Government took the decision to award the contract on the basis of their experience, having worked at international airports like London Heathrow Terminal 5, Geneva Airport, Frankfurt, Zurich, Rome, et cetera, quality of their products and their reliability in adhering to strict timescales, which are of paramount contractual importance to this project.

**Answer to Question No. 292 of 2011**

The policy decision was taken on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 285 TO 292 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA**

The hon Member said the Government made a direct approach to this company after considering other options. What were the other options?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The other option was, in discussions we thought, we examined whether we felt that there was any local company that could deliver such a project and we came to the conclusion that there were no local companies with the manufacturing skills to be able to produce the quality that we were aiming for. We also considered a number of UK suppliers but the reality was that the experience that had been had by some of the people in the industry was that there was no company that would deliver the sort of quality and experience and delivery on time of this company and, therefore, we opted to contract Obrist whom we knew had the experience, who had worked in Gibraltar before, who delivered the quality product that we were hoping to achieve

and most importantly that they were able to deliver this on time. Remember that these people are going to be working within the main contract building and, therefore, timing and the compatibility to be able to work under very strict time constraints is something that was important. I think we also have to understand that Obrist is not just a manufacturer of shop fittings. They have in house designers and, therefore, they are able to assist in the design of the different shops, assist in the pre-project working, the detailed planning, the manufacturing, the product delivery. The transport and installation which I think is extremely important in order to be able to comply with the main contractor and then, most importantly the after sales service, which I think is something that has to be borne in mind when you have an outlet such as this and you have a high profile shopping experience. So we took the decision after meeting them and considering what they had to offer, that we were in safe hands in going down this particular route.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the hon Member confirming that, in the view of the Government, there is nobody in Gibraltar suitably qualified to fit out a shop?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Not of the quality that we are aiming for the new airport. Right! Apart from the fact, let me tell you, that, thankfully, most of the shop fitters in Gibraltar are extremely busy these days and to have a local outfit to be able to deliver on *[inaudible]*. This is not producing one project. This is producing ... twenty odd different units is a major project and would probably get a local company subcontracting somebody like Obrist anyway to deliver. So we went directly to the manufacturer and obtained direct contact and control over the project and not have an intermediary in something which is as important and time specific as this is.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In terms of the estimate of the costs, I understand the way this company works is that they do provide an estimate at quite an early stage. In terms of the progression of the project, that may change, but they do provide an estimate at an early stage. Have they done that on this particular occasion?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. What they have done is they have produced approximate figures depending on the type of outlet. For example, some of the jewellery outlets that are going in the shop have a different cost base to, for example, some of the confectionery shops that are going in the same type of unit. So, therefore, the pricing will vary. We have estimates per square footage of furniture and we find and have tested the market and those represent value for money, considering that this is not the cheap end of the market. We are going for quality here. We cannot have a very prestigious looking building and then have internal units that look like kiosks and Mickey Mouse outfits. These are quality units that we are making sure are in line with the rest of what we are doing and, therefore, we need to get the right people to be able to deliver on the product. So we do have estimates but let me tell you that, for example, the units, the flooring is going to be common to all and we are laying the flooring as part of the

building. What these people are doing are actually putting in place the design and the actual units that are going to be purchased for each individual outlet in order to be able to ensure that we have a unison standard across the board. The idea is not to have an outlet that looks extremely upmarket and have a unit that may be inferior in quality. We want this to complete the experience of using the terminal and I think that once the terminal is finished and you have the experience of going through it, you will realise the sort of product that the Government have been working for and I think you will be proud of the money that we have spent in this particular project.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is there a kind of figure in terms of the global cost? A general figure which the hon Member will be able to say?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not going to be able to give the hon Member any figures no matter what way he puts the question to me. At the moment we are going through a process. It is now in the third phase where each individual unit is meeting designers and is finalising the whole outfit of each individual unit. I am not prepared to give figures away because that could influence our negotiating potential with the supplier and I think that it is in our interests not to give this information away although when the final figures are concluded this will be made available to the hon Member in a very open and transparent way. But I do not think it is in anybody's interest to make this public because all that is going to happen is that we are going to get people that have been allocated units to go for more because they are not paying for it. The Government are paying for the units and, therefore, we need to keep this very much under tabs to make sure that we get what we want and that what we spend we get value for money for.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the Government have decided on the rent for the units without knowing what the unit is going to cost to produce. Is that the position?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Could you repeat the question, please?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes. Did the hon Member not say they have got a figure per square metre? I mean if they are not actually renting just empty floor space, they are renting the unit that is going to occupy that space, so they have actually already arrived at the rent without knowing what the cost of the unit is going to be to the Government.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. I think one thing is not relevant to the other.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Of course it is not because one, you have got the unit. It is 30 square metres. You determine the price per square metre and that is the rental. The actual cost of fitting it out, although it has been given to us as an estimate per square metre in order to give us a guideline of what those would be, when it actually comes to costing it, if one has three show cases that is what we will pay for. We will not pay for the square footage of the shop. We will only pay for what units are ordered for that particular unit. So, one thing is totally irrelevant to the other.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, then what is being paid for is for specific things that are going to be put in the units and not for the fitting out of the entire unit. It is not like, for example, what would be the cost of getting a void in Main Street or Casemates and having to fit it all out? That is not what is being done?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. It is not because the main contract includes the flooring of all the shops. For example, all the ceilings of the shops, electrical points and computer points and things but we will have to determine where those go. That is the only ... but the cost has already been covered under the main contract. What Obrist is supplying is, basically, shop furniture. In other words, the stand, the backdrops, the usual sort of point of sale material, et cetera and that is what they are supplying. They are not supplying the actual ... But, obviously, the whole thing is compatible with the main contractor who has to put the points in place, the electrical points, et cetera, which need to be fitted out and, therefore, this is why I said the importance of making sure that you are dealing with a contractor that has the experience of being able to work with a main contractor at this level in order to match both the fitting out contract with the main contract, in delivering certain aspects of that unit.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that this company specialises in doing this in air terminals?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Not specifically. But, obviously, when we approached them we asked, specifically, for their experience in working in air terminals. At the end of the day, that is what ... Is there much difference between fitting out a shop in Main Street or fitting out in the terminal?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not know.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, there is some difference but not a lot. In essence, they are, basically, the same thing but working within the air terminal means that they have to comply with certain security, certain health and safety issues. They are working within a construction site which is a bigger building and, therefore, we ask for their experience in this and I think in one of the answers I have specified, for example, some of the ... Zurich Airport, Rome Airport and Terminal 5. I have seen some of the works they have done at Terminal 5 because I specifically went to have a look on one of my trips to London, to just have a look at the quality and I think that they have vast experience in airports but they are not specialised airport fitters.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, what is the nature then of the work they have been doing in Gibraltar for the last twenty years then, shop fitting here?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. They have done a number of shops in the high street.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

And in these twenty years that they have been operating here, have they been operating with a trading licence or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. I presume that they come and operate as an outside contractor who has registered their labour through the Employment and Training Board but they do not have a presence in Gibraltar. I asked the question, how long have you been working in Gibraltar, and that is why I know it is in excess of twenty years. I wanted to get some background details as to how much they knew about Gibraltar and what it entails to work in Gibraltar with the logistics of transportation, for example, in bringing furniture and fittings from Switzerland, et cetera, and, obviously, I wanted to make sure that they were conversant with the logistics of all this.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, is the hon Member saying then that they do not need a trade licence to do this work in the terminal?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. I do not think they do. They will come out as an outside contractor, like in the case of the windows in the Port Authority. They come out as an external operator who comes into Gibraltar and registers the labour. I do not know exactly what the ... detached workers and they register them for a period of time. They come, they undertake the works and then they move on.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The hon Member mentions Zurich Airport, Rome and Terminal 5. Is it that these airports were done on the same basis as this one where one contractor did all the shops or have they done one shop in Terminal 5 or two? What is the situation?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I doubt whether they have been able to do all the shops in Terminal 5. I am sure they must have done a selection of shops. They must have been one of the many suppliers to Terminal 5 but they do have experience in the relevant field.

**ORAL**

**NO. 293 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL**

What consultation took place with the City Fire Brigade in respect of the re-opening of Dudley Ward Tunnel?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The closure of Dudley Ward Way Tunnel was the result of rockfall safety issue along the tunnel's northern approach road. The construction of the rockfall canopy and the other associated rockfall protection measures required no involvement by the City Fire Brigade.

ORAL

**NO. 294 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT – PRESENCE AT FOUR CORNERS COMMERCIAL GATE**

On what date did the Government remove the Customs presence at the Commercial Gate barrier at Four Corners after 5 p.m.?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 295 to 298 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 295 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT – PRESENCE AT FOUR CORNERS COMMERCIAL GATE**

Will Government state how many reports it has received from 2007 to date of concerns raised by Customs Officers about the absence of a Customs presence at the Commercial Gate barrier at Four Corners?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 294 and 296 to 298 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 296 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT – PRESENCE AT FOUR CORNERS COMMERCIAL GATE**

Will Government say what risk assessments it has carried out as to the effect of the removal of Customs Officers from the Commercial barrier at Four Corners?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 294, 295, 297 and 298 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 297 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT – OFFICERS CARRYING BATONS**

Can Government say since what date have patrol crews of Customs Officers (other than the FAST squad) been prevented, in exercise of their duties to enforce relevant legislation, from carrying batons during the daylight hours and who has given instructions that this should be the case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 294 to 296 and 298 of 2011.

**NO. 298 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT – USE OF BLUE LIGHTS ON PATROL VEHICLES**

Can Government say since what date have patrol crews of Customs Officers been prevented, in exercise of their duties to enforce relevant legislation, from using blue lights on their patrol vehicles and who has given instructions that this should be the case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 294, 295 and 296 of 2011**

The Customs presence after 5 p.m. was removed from the Commercial Gate in September 2008.

As far as I am aware and I am the Minister responsible for Customs, the Government have not received any reports from Customs Officers expressing concerns about the absence of a Customs presence at the Commercial Gate nor is it their function to do so. The operational deployment of Customs Officers is a matter for the Collector of Customs, having regard to Government policy.

Since September 2008, the Collector of Customs has carried out a number of exercises to ascertain whether there should be any operational changes at the Commercial Gate and in all instances it has not been deemed necessary, except during a period between July and September 2010, consequent upon delays on the Spanish side of the border to incoming commercial traffic, when a Customs Officer had to be deployed until 6 p.m. to clear these vehicles.

**Answer to Question No. 297 of 2011**

The carriage of truncheons by certain Customs Officers in certain circumstances was introduced by this Government in 2004 and rules of engagement regulating their use were established. They remain in place. The rules never extended to all Customs Officers in the day time and therefore no-one has, from any date, been prevented from doing what they could do before.

**Answer to Question No. 298 of 2011**

I am not aware that there has been any change of regulation or practice relating to the use by Customs patrol crews of blue lights.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 294 TO 298 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In respect of the last answer the hon Gentleman has given which is the answer that relates to Question No. 298 of 2011, he says he is not aware of any change. Can he tell us any change from what? From the date that he first assumed the position of Minister responsible for Customs?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is not what the question asked. The question was, can Government say since what date Customs patrol crews have been prevented, in the exercise of their duties, from using blue lights? The answer is that I am not aware that there has been any change, at any time.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

At any time since the hon Gentleman ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. At any time. I do not want the hon Member, since he is not the asker of the original question, to be misled by that answer which is not to suggest that they are allowed to do so.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The answer is that there has been no change.

ORAL

**NO. 299 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT – TOILET FACILITIES AT FOUR CORNERS  
COMMERCIAL GATE**

What toilet facilities are made available for Immigration officials at the Commercial Gate at Four Corners?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There are no toilet facilities in that vicinity specifically for Security and Immigration Officers.

**NO. 300 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**On behalf of the Hon S E Linares**

**INSTITUTO CERVANTES**

On what date did Government allow the Director for Gibraltar of the Instituto Cervantes the use of a Government property (or part thereof) at Casemates, what property is it that has been used for this purpose, is the use allowed on the basis of a licence or a lease and what licence fee or rent is payable to the Government for the said use?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There appears to be no record of the date upon which I authorised the temporary use, on licence, of Unit 25, 1 Casemates Square, Casemates House by the Instituto Cervantes for the internal use of its Director here while their own premises are refurbished.

No fee is payable for such use.

ORAL

**NO. 301 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – SALE OF 50 PER CENT SHARE OF CO-OWNERSHIP HOMES**

Can Government state if there has been any sale of the Government 50 per cent share of co-ownership homes since the answer to Question No. 1430 of 2010, providing a breakdown by month and estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Members a statement giving the information that the hon Member has requested.

Sales of Government – Co-Ownership Share of Properties

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	West View Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	Brympton	Totals
Sep-10	Monies Received	£0.00	£9,134.26	£0.00	£39,303.93	£0.00	£48,438.19
Oct-10	Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Nov-10	Monies Received	£6,361.29	£47,010.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£53,371.55
Dec-10	Monies Received	£0.00	£31,533.14	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£31,533.14
Totals		£6,361.29	£87,677.66	£0.00	£39,303.93	£0.00	£133,342.88

**NO. 302 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – COST OF WORKS CARRIED OUT BY GJBS LIMITED IN SOUTH DISTRICT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES AND MID HARBOUR RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government now state 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:

- (a) Waterport Terraces (including Albert Risso House);
- (b) Nelson's View;
- (c) Bayview Terraces;
- (d) Cumberland Terraces;
- (e) Mid Harbour Rental Scheme,

giving a breakdown by project and per item?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position remains as explained in answer to Question No. 1429 of 2010. All the contracts remain live, even though construction of Cumberland Terraces and Waterport Terraces has been completed. It is still too soon to provide final project cost figures.

As explained during the previous Question Time, the Government will make a statement of the final cost of these projects, including the additional costs that may have resulted from having to change contractors, when these projects are completed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 302 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

The Chief Minister does appreciate, I am sure, that I put the question in again because he suggested that I should. I suppose it is a matter of timing, maybe. There has been enough time to provide the answer.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The answer is simply intended to remind the hon Member of the difference between the works being finished on site and the end of the contractual project. In other words, there is always a period of time after a job is finished, in terms of on the site, when there are defects remediation periods. There is time for the contractor to put in claims for exceeded costs, et cetera, et cetera. So, it is on the practical completion date. In other words, on the date that the contractor hands the building over to the employer, for example, as has happened, I think this week, in relation to the two other developments in the south district. On that date, that does not mean that there is already a tally done of all the costs and expenditure. That normally takes several months longer.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

To the extent that there are increased costs incurred by the Government in having taken over these projects from previous contractors or developers, do the Government envisage that it is going to be able to recover those costs from anyone?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

All the other parties involved in all of these projects are in liquidation and, therefore, fundless but certainly in the case of the three south district developers, the Government expect that all costs, including additional costs, will be covered by the proceeds of sale. So, because we have taken over the development, we get both the costs, including extra costs, and indeed we get also the proceeds which would have gone to the developer, the original developer. So, there is only a loss situation if the proceeds are exceeded by ... In other words, in that respect we stand in the shoes of the original developer and we do not think there will be a loss on these projects.

**NO. 303 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - WATER INGRESS**

What are Government doing about the water ingress and damp at Cumberland Terraces reported during the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There are systems in place to deal with issues that may arise, including those raised by the residents themselves. Furthermore, there is a team of individuals, representatives of the Government's project managers, the employer's agents, the architects and indeed the Government's contractor GJBS, permanently based at the site dealing with all such issues and supervising their rectification, as necessary, which is how responsible developers always deal with the inevitable teething problems that would arise with any new development. The problem in the past has been that there has not been a responsible developer to stay around and, therefore, buyers have had to fend for themselves, but these sorts of relatively minor problems that have occurred are entirely usual in new buildings of this sort. That is why there is a defects liability period attached to the back of any contract where ... I am very happy to give the hon Member way to avoid him having to speak from a sedentary position but that ... there is a very well resourced facility and all these minor complaints that arise when they are justified, they are dealt with as is usual now.

ORAL

**NO. 304 OF 2011**

**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 both of these home ownership schemes?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 305 to 311 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 305 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT DOORS**

Can Government confirm that the water test that took place on the replacement front doors for Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View, which the door failed, took place with the doors fully installed on-site at one of these three mentioned buildings and, if so, on what date did this happen and in what building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 304 and 306 to 311 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 306 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT DOORS**

Can Government say how many front doors have been replaced to date at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View and how many remain to be replaced, with a breakdown by each of the three mentioned buildings?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 304, 305 and 307 to 311 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 307 OF 2011**

**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. 304 to 306 and 308 to 311 of 201.

**NO. 308 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - REPLACEMENT DOORS**

Why will all the front doors of flats at Cumberland Terraces now not be replaced, despite earlier indications that these would be replaced? The question reads as “the” and I have read it as “all”. I will explain why when I have the opportunity to make supplementaries. The question at 308 reads “Why will the front doors”, I have read it as “Why will all the front doors at Cumberland Terraces now not be replaced”. I think it will make more sense in that way.

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 304 to 307 and 309 to 311 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 309 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

Can Government say what is the cost to date and the estimated total cost of the replacement programme to make windows inward opening at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 304 to 308, 310 and 311 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 310 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

Can Government say how many windows will have to be replaced to make them inward opening thus eliminating the need for restrictors at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View, with a breakdown by each of the three mentioned buildings?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 304 to 309 and 311 of 2011.

**NO. 311 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES AND NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

Can Government say how many windows have been replaced to make them inward opening and eliminate the need for restrictors at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View, with a breakdown by each of the three mentioned buildings?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 304 of 2011**

Construction of both Bayview Terraces and Nelson's View is complete and the Certificates of Fitness have been issued earlier this month. Both developments are due to be handed over by the contractor later this month and, indeed, I believe that purchasers have already snagged their flats.

**Answer to Question No. 305 of 2011**

As explained to the hon Member in answer to Question Nos. 1435 to 1446 of 2010, no door failed any proper or meaningful water test. No door failed the test conducted on a fully-installed door.

**Answer to Question Nos. 306 and 307 of 2011**

A total of 138 front doors in Nelson's View and 88 at Bayview Terraces, being all of them, have been replaced. The replacement programme, and that is because they were replaced before completion and before being handed over to their buyers, the replacement programme in Cumberland Terraces commenced earlier this week and that is, obviously, now a more laborious thing because it requires the owner of the flat to agree to have what is now his door on his flat changed because completions have taken place. A total of 11 front doors have been replaced up to close of business yesterday, since that process began. Basically, the developer, the Government's company wrote to all of the buyers at Cumberland asking them, telling them about this and they have been responding ...

**Answer to Question No. 308 of 2011**

The front doors to all flats at Cumberland Terraces which are exposed to the elements will be replaced. This is because the Government are concerned, even though they comply with all regulations and standards, nevertheless the Government are concerned that they may deteriorate too quickly if exposed to the elements and, as I explained last Question Time, leave the owners with premature maintenance burdens. This does not apply to the 62 flats in the two independent towers at the rear of the main building, given that their front doors are internal to the building and, therefore, the concerns relating to deterioration, in weather exposure, does not apply to them.

**Answer to Question No. 309 of 2011**

The cost to date of the windows replacement programme is £210,162.02. The total estimated cost will be the aforementioned sum plus the cost of additional windows replaced at Cumberland Terraces, which is not yet known in full since it depends on the level of take up by residents. In other words, the Government have offered to change the windows but it is the choice of the flat owners, given that it is now their flat, whether they want their windows changed or not.

**Answer to Question Nos. 310 and 311 of 2011**

A total of 498 windows in Nelson's View and 314 windows in Bayview Terraces were replaced. 37 windows have so far been replaced in Cumberland Terraces, with a further possible maximum of 727, assuming every flat owner opts to have them changed in respect of all their rooms.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 304 TO 311 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

All their rooms, the Hon Chief Minister has said?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, of all the rooms with the relevant windows because it does not apply, for example, to the bay window, to the balcony.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful to the hon Member for his answer to Question No. 308 of 2011. He will see that on the Order Paper the question lies with the question about "the" front doors at Cumberland Terraces and I asked it in respect of "all" the front doors at Cumberland Terraces and I said that this would be clear when I ask my supplementaries whether that was the case. Now, in giving his answer, the hon Gentleman has told us that the reason why not all the front doors will be replaced is that not all of them are exposed to the elements and, therefore, the fear that they may deteriorate on exposure to the elements is not relevant to all of the front doors.

But will the hon Gentleman accept that purchasers at this residential development were told, regardless of where their flat was, that their front door would be changed because of the Government's concerns and that the Government did not limit its concerns to front doors which were exposed to the elements, although it has subsequently changed position in that respect?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I cannot recall the terms of the very first letter that went out to the tenants but there is certainly ... Presumably, no one is suggesting that we should change perfectly good front doors, that are up to standard and that comply with regulations, completely unnecessarily, at least not for this reason. Now, in the defects liability period, if any defect arises in any of these doors, just as it arises in some other part of the building and it is a reckonable defect under the usual construction project defect liability principles, they will be changed but only because they are a defect not because of this reason which no longer applies. It will be completely ... It is barely even a question of money. It would just be nonsense. It would just be like digging a hole to fill it up again. There is no reason to change the doors and no reason ..., at least this reason does not exist for wanting to change the doors. If there were others, it would have to be considered separately, but the reason for the Government's decision to change front doors at all, namely that we are concerned that because the front doors on most of the flats are, as is not uncommon in areas of Gibraltar, in an exposed corridor ... In other words, a corridor that is open to the elements, that those front doors may suffer weather deterioration, but that consideration simply does not apply to the flats to which the hon Member is referring which are in a part of the development in which there is a lobby door and then the front door is in an inside hall just like ... and, therefore, the reason for the concern just does not arise. So, I do not know if the hon Member has there the text of the letter and it suggests that this distinction was not drawn in the first instance, that may or may not be true, but even if it were true, it does not necessarily follow that, therefore, one changes the door unnecessarily, unless there is another good reason for doing so, which I am not aware whether there is or there is not.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful to the hon Member for that answer. The letter which went out to, I believe everyone that was a purchaser at Cumberland Terraces, as recently as the 12<sup>th</sup> May of 2010, which is less than a year ago, said this: "the front door of your flat complies fully with buildings regulations and British standards", which is what the hon Member has told us today. It went on to say this: "however, despite this fact, we are not satisfied with its quality and we have a concern about it, a concern that it may deteriorate too quickly leaving you with a maintenance expense in the future". The "we" in this, just for those who are listening, I know the hon Gentleman will know who it is, the "we" is Gibraltar Residential Properties Limited, the vendor as far as the purchasers is concerned. The letter went on, "in order to avoid this and again to ensure the high standards that the Government seeks even in affordable housing, we will change your front door and install in its place a better one". That is what all the purchasers at Cumberland Terraces were told. They were specifically told by GRP, the company which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, that each of their doors would be changed because the developer, the GRP, was not satisfied with its quality and it had a concern that it may deteriorate too quickly leaving the purchasers with a maintenance expense in the future. Having received this letter in May of 2010, purchasers received on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 another letter and I assume this is

the letter that the hon Gentleman was referring us to, which said this, and I assume this letter went only to a number of the purchasers namely those in the towers, "in earlier letters you were advised that we were concerned that the front doors may deteriorate too quickly if exposed to the elements. This does not apply to your flat given that your front door is internal to the building and the concerns relating to deterioration, therefore, do not apply". As I think the whole House will appreciate, the earlier letter did not, in fact, refer purchasers to the concerns about deterioration being about exposure to the elements. That question of exposure to the elements was only raised in the letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> December of 2010 and in the hon Gentleman's answer today. So can the hon Gentleman appreciate why it is that, having received the first letter that did not refer to the concerns about deterioration being relevant to exposure to the elements, some of those purchasers, who are the recipients of the second letter that does make that distinction, are concerned that the quality of their doors and the concerns that GRP had about the quality of their doors, being such that they might deteriorate in the future, did not really relate to exposure to the elements, and they now would like GRP to simply do what it said in its first letter which is ensure that they have a door that does not create any concerns about deterioration?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is possible to agree with almost everything that the hon Member has said except the conclusion to which it leads him. Look, it is obvious from what I said myself and indeed from what he has read now that there has been not one but two failures of communication. The first was in the first letter not to specify the reason for the concern being external weather exposure. The second failure in the communication process was not to send a different text of letter to those flat owners that had external doors and those that had internal front doors. So, a standard letter was drafted and it was sent to everybody, regardless of whether it was relevant to them in every particular respect. All that is true, but the error is not so grave that anybody needs to, sort of, be shot at dawn for it, but it is clearly a mistake, regrettable, and it would have been much better that it had not happened. But, surely, the hon Member is not suggesting that because there has been that mistake of communications, perfectly good front doors, that do not need changing, should be changed. One changes front doors when there is a problem with them, not when one has made a mistake in a letter to a tenant who has, therefore, received information that was not intended for him. So, everything that the hon Member has said, including the very gentle, critical, implied criticism of it, is entirely correct and justified but the conclusion that, therefore, the logical thing is to do as promised or to do as said, even though it is not necessary, ignoring the fact that it is a mistake of communication and not a mistake in door quality, therefore the door should be changed, is just not rational. There would have to be some rational reason related to the doors for the tax payers' money to be used in changing the doors, not the fact that somebody made a mistake in drafting a letter. If there is a problem with the doors, of course, they will be changed. If there is not a problem with the doors, they will not be changed just because there was a mistake in a letter, which I am very happy to acknowledge.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am very grateful to the hon Gentleman for that answer. He knows, of course, that not everybody has the privilege of coming to this House to hear his answers. People do not just turn up because they do not like the looks of our faces but people are working and sometimes people at work are not able to hear the debates in this

House. He will agree with me, no doubt, that the very clear position of the Government, that he has put today, is not what was set out even in the second communication. The second communication did not say, we are perfectly satisfied that those doors that are not exposed to the elements will not deteriorate. It simply said, you were told that the concern was exposure and, therefore, your door is not exposed, so it does not apply and, as he can see when he looks at these letters again, and I am sure that nobody needs to be taken out and shot at dawn, because the writer, I have no doubt, is the person sitting opposite me that ... and shooting him at dawn would be a political issue.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Exactly! Can I commend to the hon Gentleman that perhaps the position that he has put in the House today, about the quality of those doors which are not exposed to the elements, should at least be put directly to those who are not going to have the doors changed, so that they have that security about the quality of their door because at the moment the position that they have, which is not the Government's answer today, is simply that one day they were told that their doors were going to be changed and next they were told it was not going to be changed because it was not exposed to the elements.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am not the person that communicates with the individual purchasers but I doubt that purchasers rely, welcome as discussion of all issues in this place is, this is not the forum upon which they rely to hear the Government's position. I believe that there are staff in No. 6 and in GRP that are in close communications with those buyers about that and I would hope to be sure that they have put that position, albeit in different terms, that basic position to them which is the one that I have put to you, is that this is a project to change doors for deterioration due to weathering. For that reason, and as part of that project, there is no justification for changing them but, of course, the doors are still part of the building. So, if there is some, which I am not aware of, some defect with the doors which is not the reason why the Government are changing them, then it will be looked at as any other defect would be looked at in their flats. So, I will certainly check to see that the message that I have given in this House today is the same, or not inconsistent with, whatever message has been given to buyers if they have made queries about this issue. I think they have because I have heard it generally discussed around the corridors.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

But some are still concerned.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Some are still concerned. Well, we shall do all that we can to put their minds at rest. If their front doors and their unnecessary replacement is the biggest of their concerns, that is a monument to the huge improvement that there has been in how affordable housing projects are built in Gibraltar.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am afraid, unfortunately, it is not, as the other sets of questions that the hon Gentleman has had to field today have show, but so be it.

ORAL

**NO. 312 OF 2011**

**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. 313 to 315 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 313 OF 2011**

**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. 312, 314 and 315 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 314 OF 2011**

**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 list for the purchase of a flat at each of Nelson's View, Cumberland Terraces and Bayview Terraces?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 312, 313 and 315 of 2011.

**NO. 315 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – TENDERS RECEIVED FOR FLATS AT WATERPORT TERRACES**

Can Government say how many tenders were received for each of the flats in Waterport Terraces which were advertised on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 with a closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010, have these now been allocated and, if so, to whom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 312 of 2011**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information that he requested about the breakdown of current sales details.

**Answer to Question No. 313 of 2011**

There are still 20 unallocated flats at Cumberland Terraces.

**Answer to Question No. 314 of 2011**

The reserve list has been exhausted.

**Answer to Question No. 315 of 2011**

A total of 499 valid applications were received for the properties at Waterport Terraces. The available flats are in the process of being allocated, with preference being given to applicants who are surrendering a Government flat.

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 312 to 315 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 312 of 2011**

Development						Purchaser share						
	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	78%	80%	85%	88%	100%	Total
<b>Nelson's View</b>	27	2	15	0	21	3	1	5	1	0	43	<b>118</b>
<b>Bayview Terraces</b>	8	1	11	2	19	1	0	2	0	0	32	<b>76</b>
<b>Cumberland Terraces</b>	56	3	27	1	30	4	0	5	1	1	35	<b>163</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>357</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 312 TO 315 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

So, the Chief Minister confirms that no preference is being given to those who are paying a higher proportion of the ..., the 100 per cent of the value of the property?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh yes. All of these flats at Waterport Terraces that are left, are being sold to people who have bid 100 per cent. Amongst those, there are some who, in addition to paying 100 per cent of the price, are offering to return their existing Government flat when they move into Waterport Terraces and the Government are minded to accept those bids, because it allows us then to solve the housing needs of an additional 20 families. In addition to them getting the flat that they want to buy.

ORAL

**NO. 316 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**OLD ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS OR AMOSITE**

Can Government confirm whether brown asbestos or amosite was present during the removal of the red ceiling tiles to the main car park area outside the porter's lodge in the old St Bernard's Hospital building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 317 to 319 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 317 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**OLD ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS OR AMOSITE**

Can Government list the different types of asbestos that were present and where these were located during the works at the old St Bernard's Hospital building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 316, 318 and 319 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 318 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**OLD ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS OR AMOSITE**

Can Government say which company undertook the work involving the removal of items which contained brown asbestos or amosite at the old St Bernard's Hospital building and can they say what training the operatives and supervisors that carried out this work have received in order to be able to carry out this kind of work?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 316, 317 and 319 of 2011.

**NO. 319 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**OLD ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS OR AMOSITE**

Can Government confirm what specialist equipment was used, if any, and what procedures were followed in the removal of any brown asbestos or amosite from the old St Bernard's Hospital building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 316 of 2011**

An initial Type 3 Asbestos survey report indicated that the red tiles contained brown or amosite asbestos. Subsequent laboratory tests indicated that the red tiles actually contained chrysotile or white asbestos. The actual removal was carried out as though the tiles contained brown asbestos.

**Answer to Question 317 of 2011**

Type 3 Asbestos surveys have been carried out and these and subsequent discoveries in the course of the works have indicated the presence, as I have said, of amosite in the case of the red tiles but mostly chrysotile which has been present in all of the buildings demolished and to be demolished.

**Answer to Question No. 318 of 2011**

The works have and are being carried out by HSE Consulting on behalf of and as a sub-contractor of Gibraltar Joinery and Building Services Limited.

Supervisors are fully trained in compliance with the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) and the operatives have received practical training in the removal of asbestos contaminated materials.

**Answer to Question No. 319 of 2011**

The equipment used included “H” type vacuum cleaners known as (Hepa Filters) and surfactant spraying equipment and procedures were adopted in compliance with prescribed working practices for the dealing with asbestos. The hon Member knows that there are rules and laws in Gibraltar about how asbestos has to be removed when it is being removed.

**Continued Answer to Question No. 319 of 2011**

In the specific instance questioned, the workplace was enclosed with a three-stage air lock formed with two layers of 1000g visqueen sheeting and all working surfaces were covered with 1000g visqueen. I hope the hon Member is not going to ask me what that is. The tiles, which have previously been painted, were sprayed with surfactant and removed intact to pallets which were wrapped with 2,000g visqueen for subsequent removal in accordance with the regulations.

**ORAL**

**NO. 320 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GIBRALTAR AMBULANCE SERVICE – MOD SERVICE TRANSFER**

What effect will the fact the Gibraltar Ambulance Service will be taking over the MOD Ambulance Service have on:

- (a) the number of emergency ambulances available in Gibraltar to cover at any one time;
- (b) the major incident cover available in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 321 to 323 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 321 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GIBRALTAR AMBULANCE SERVICE – MOD SERVICE TRANSFER**

What provision is being made for Gibraltar ambulances to have emergency security access to MOD areas after the take over of the MOD Ambulance Service?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 320, 322 and 323 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 322 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GIBRALTAR AMBULANCE SERVICE – MOD SERVICE TRANSFER**

What training is being given to Gibraltar ambulance personnel to enable them to identify addresses within the MOD estate when they are called out to emergencies to MOD areas after the take over of the MOD Ambulance Service?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 320, 321 and 323 of 2011.

**NO. 323 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GIBRALTAR AMBULANCE SERVICE – MOD SERVICE TRANSFER**

What training is being provided to Gibraltar ambulance personnel in respect of the take over of the MOD Ambulance service to enable them to provide CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) services if called to an incident in the MOD estate requiring such services?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This MOD service transfer remains under negotiation and no agreement has been signed yet. It is thus not appropriate to comment at this stage on those aspects.

However, it is not envisaged that the transfer of the service would result in any reduction in the quality or sufficiency of ambulance cover available in Gibraltar. Obviously, GHA ambulance staff and their vehicles would need to have normal access to the MOD Estate. It is not envisaged that any special training will be required. I am advised that GHA ambulance crews are already trained to a higher standard than current MOD ambulance crews. However, any training needs that may be identified will, obviously, be given.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 323 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I note that the hon Member says that it is currently under negotiation. Is it the case that the Gibraltar Ambulance Service is already providing some of the service that was previously being carried out by the MOD Ambulance Service? In other words, has that, in practice, already been put in place, even though there might be negotiations about contractual arrangements?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not think so but I would ask the hon Member just to give me an opportunity to check that. At one time, just before Christmas, it was mooted that that might happen, but I do not think it did and I am almost certain it has not, but I just ... the chronology in my memory is not sufficient to allow me ... I am almost certain that it is not. It is not so much a question of taking over the MOD Ambulance Service as extending emergency ambulance coverage to the MOD.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does by extending emergency ambulance coverage to the MOD mean that all those instances where we now will have, or have already if that is the case, GHA ambulances attending, then those patients, instead of being taken to an MOD facility which was previously the case, are now being taken and will be taken to St Bernard's Hospital?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The emergency ambulance negotiation are in parallel with a similar negotiation to provide accident and emergency facilities at the hospital. These incidents are very few in number in any year but, yes, it is ambulance and accident and emergency as separate contracts, separate negotiation but in parallel. So, it is not a case of taking them to ... emergency ambulance means emergency ambulance. Emergency ambulances take emergency patients and they take them to accident and emergency departments.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is the hon Member confirming that whenever a GHA ambulance attends to an MOD estate and picks up a patient, that patient will now be taken to St Bernard's Hospital?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am saying more than that. We are not only negotiating an emergency ambulance transfer service agreement, we are also negotiating, separately and in parallel, an accident and emergency services equivalent. So, in the future, the GHA will extend its coverage of accident and emergency services in Gibraltar to the MOD which has hitherto not been the case. Not as a consequence of the emergency ambulance but as a separate transfer service agreement and, therefore, the MOD will not operate an accident and emergency department of their own and all accident and emergency cases will be dealt with by the GHA. Obviously, on a paying basis.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

So it would follow from that, that the resources which are available in the GHA will now be extended to all MOD personnel. Does the hon Member have any concerns about the extension of those resources and whether those resources will be stretched, will be sufficient? Will there be extra resources engaged in order to deal now with all MOD personnel?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

There is no need for extra resources. We are talking about accident and emergency facilities which are, by the way, provided to the seven or eight million visitors that are in Gibraltar during the course of the year at any one time. The Gibraltar Health Authority's accident and emergency resource capabilities are not quantified by reference to the population of 30,000 Gibraltarians and Gibraltar residents I have already indicated to the hon Member that the number of cases arising in the MOD of

accident and emergencies, for either treatment in the emergency department or for ambulance quantity of work purposes, are almost negligible.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is it the case that we are only talking about accident and emergency services, or is it the case that the GHA facilities, generally, are now being extended to all of the MOD personnel in Gibraltar? In other words, when somebody becomes ill in the MOD estate, in an MOD flat and now, as part of these new arrangements, the GHA ambulance attends, not necessarily an accident and emergency, just a normal somebody who becomes ill and a doctor advises that that person should be taken to hospital, where is that patient going to be taken?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That aspect of secondary health care is not included and the MOD will continue to provide that themselves, in their own facilities.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I just come back to the hon Member on the question of the ambulance? He has told us that, of course, the calculation of the number of ambulances available does not relate to the head of population, or rather it does not change per head of population simply because of the larger numbers that would be covered when the MOD personnel are covered, because those larger numbers are negligible in respect of the calculation, but is it not actually, would the hon Member not agree with me that a calculation has to be done from another focus, from another angle, namely, that there is presently an MOD ambulance which is available should it be necessary, for example, in the case of a civil contingency in an emergency, to the GHA covered population? In other words, to all of Gibraltar, and that that ambulance will be lost and that, therefore, the whole population will be one ambulance down in a very severe emergency, if the MOD ambulance is lost?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

There are no shortages of ambulance vehicles in Gibraltar and the MOD's single remaining ambulance is not one that the GHA or anybody else would particularly wish to deploy to anything. It is well beyond its sell by date, and, as to service level issues, hon Members may be aware that the MOD still operate the so-called "scoop and run" system of ambulance service as we used to operate when the RGP used to man. People forget that amongst the developments that have taken place is that Gibraltar now has a specialist and dedicated ambulance service manned by trained operatives. It is not ... and they forget that this used to be manned by shift policemen in what is called a "scoop and run" system. In other words, ambulance crews do not deliver any treatment. They just pick you up, hopefully not do any more damage to you than you have, and take you as quickly as possible to the hospital, which actually is a system that is not as silly in Gibraltar as it is elsewhere because the hospital is so close by. So, this is why I said earlier that the GHA's ambulance crews are all ready better trained than their MOD counterparts who are basically just drivers. So, there is no issue of a reduction in the amount of equipment, or vehicles, or things of that sort, because what is available today, in the hands of the MOD in

that area, is next to nothing. It is one vehicle which would not be ... if they offered to give it to us, we might not accept it.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful to the hon Gentleman. Heaven forbid that we would ever be in a situation where we need actually to consider emergency cover of this sort, but it is the sort of contingency for which we have, of course, to be ready, and “scoop and run”, throw or put on a stretcher aside, they are available in any particular moment, apart from the ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Not they, it. One.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It. It does not drive itself. They, meaning the two guys who would be on board and the vehicle, are available today, in the event of an emergency, together with our marvellous and better trained Ambulance Service, such number of them as there may be on duty at any one time. So, we have got that Gibraltar Ambulance Service and two guys and one vehicle, even if the hon Gentleman says that they may not be of the same high standard as the Gibraltar Ambulance Service, available at any one time should there be a civil contingency requiring them. The position is that once that vehicle and two guys, however low its standard may be, is not there, and I am not talking about the vehicle, I am talking about the service, we will have one less ambulance able to turn up “scoop and run” or otherwise, to a civil contingency. Are the Government envisaging providing that extra ambulance in the event of it being possible to agree with the MOD, eventually, that we should cover for that present ambulance?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The nature, extent and sufficiency, adequacy, sufficiency buffer, he can use whatever expression he likes, of the Ambulance service availability in Gibraltar does not factor in or rely on MOD resources any more. It is many years since the Government of Gibraltar have counted or relied on MOD resources in this area to provide coverage for Gibraltar for eventualities that might happen. So, the hon Member will have seen a programme of ambulance fleet expansion and of ambulance standard upgrading and of staff training. The days when Gibraltar used to look to the MOD for a pooling of resources in civil contingencies of this sort and ambulances are left behind at least fifteen years ago. The hon Member ... well, I am not going to argue whether it is fifteen or twelve or ten or twenty ... it has just been left behind in our history, and honestly, I would urge the hon Members to share with me the view that the MOD's existing ambulance capacity is such and is so practically non-existent, that it is not worth this House's time that we are devoting to it. What the Government are doing and what the hon Member is right to ask the Government whether it is satisfied that it has enough of, is, do we think that Gibraltar has enough ambulance capacity for the sort of civil contingencies that are envisageable, and the answer is that our civil contingency planners, who now exist, are indeed satisfied. The GHA ambulances, the St John's Ambulance fleet, which the Government have recently contributed to

renewing, precisely because we view them as reserve capacity. This is not just a Government ... The Government fund them and supports their equipment procurement, precisely, because they are a reserve recourse asset for circumstances such as the hon Member was envisaging in his question. It would be easy for us to have answered the question, look, yes, we have told the MOD that they have got to transfer the ambulance to us, and, of course, the MOD would happily transfer the ambulance to us, but the number of vehicles is not the issue, it is their standard, their quality, how they are equipped, whether they are road worthy, whether they can be manned, and in the event of a major disaster, or a disaster that could not be coped with by the duty shift of GHA ambulance crews, the recourse is not to call the MOD, the recourse is to recall off duty crews, as the Police do and the Fire Brigade do, to come and man additional vehicles available to the GHA. So, we do not rely either on their dilapidated vehicle or on their untrained driver. [*Inaudible*].

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful. Having understood the hon Gentleman's question, of course, the MOD ambulance, such as it may be, provides an element of headroom. Is the hon Gentleman telling us, in order so that we may fully comprehend the extent of his answer, that the Civil Contingency Committee, and I do not know whether these things are secret and he would have to kill me if he tells me however much he would like to, writes down the potential contribution of the MOD Ambulance Service as zero, in the event of a civil contingency in Gibraltar, and that, therefore, it is for that reason that there is no need to change the sort of resources available for that reason to the Gibraltar Ambulance Service? Is that the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. I am telling the hon Member, that is what I thought I had said to the hon Member, that the Government do not factor in the MOD's ambulance, and has not for many, many years, factored in the MOD's ambulance resources when it has decided on the sufficiency of this facility available, or the need to expand it, or invest more in it, or develop it further. We just have not relied on that. As is not the case yet, for example, in other areas like the Fire Brigade and that sort of thing, where there is still an element of cross cover that has historically been provided.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes. In fact I was going to come back now on that issue because in his earlier example, the hon Gentleman had said, that that was the position also in respect of fire cover, but is it not, in fact, the case that the MOD Fire Service still provides, overnight, some element of cross cover in a moment where it might be necessary, known as the third pump, and that that continues to be the case today?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is known as the fourth pump, not the third pump, and there is another question on the Order Paper precisely about this subject.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

When the hon Member refers or explains the service that the Gibraltar Ambulance Service will provide to the MOD, does the hon Member include the ambulance which is currently being operated by the City Fire Brigade? In other words, is it envisaged that the Fire Brigade will also be required to provide ambulance service in the MOD estate?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Gibraltar Government, without distinction of which branch of it or through which of its Departments, Agencies or Authorities it acts, is including the MOD's estate and the MOD personnel in the coverage within Gibraltar of emergency ambulance cover, and, therefore, all of Gibraltar's emergency ambulance services will simply extend its coverage, as it does today to visiting ships and the passengers of visiting cruise ships and tourists and visiting workers and everybody else that might find themselves in Gibraltar. It is important that the hon Members do not lose sight of why the Government is doing all of this. This is not in isolation. This is part of a deal through which the Government of Gibraltar have been able to procure unprecedented degrees of job security for MOD employees across the whole Ministry of Defence in Gibraltar, even in these times of stringent, deep and far reaching budgetary cuts in the United Kingdom. Yes, but the hon Members talk about one dilapidated ambulance as if we were discussing the ambulance service in isolation. I think it is perfectly germane and apposite to remind the hon Members to just take half a step back and see the bigger picture and, perhaps, be a little bit less obsessive about the less important details.

ORAL

**NO. 324 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SEWAGE IN WATERS OFF WESTERN BEACH – COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE EU**

Can Government provide details of all and any communications it has had with the EU Commission, or any other, relevant EU institutions, in relation to notifications by Gibraltar in respect of the sewage washed up on Western Beach?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 325 of 2011.

**NO. 325 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**HABITATS DIRECTIVE – COMMUNICATIONS WITH EU**

Can Government provide details of all and any communications it has had with the EU Commission, or any other relevant EU institutions, in relation to notifications by Gibraltar in respect of the Habitats Directives?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government do not consider it appropriate to provide “details of all and any communications” it has with third parties on any issue, whilst that issue remains ongoing.

However, in relation to Western Beach, I can tell the hon Member that there has not yet been any communication, or any formal communication, by the Government to the EU Commission.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 324 AND 325 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

As a result of a conversation I had with my hon Friend for the Environment in respect of a subject similar to the question at No. 325 of 2011, I am not going to at all press the hon Gentleman across the floor of the House on that issue, but on this issue, which is an important issue for bathers at Western Beach, why have the Government not yet taken steps to communicate with the Commission?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Such importance does the Government, in general, and, I in particular, attach to it, that it featured prominently in my New Year address that appears to have gone down so badly with the hon Members opposite. It is an important issue but the hon Member knows the answer to the question. First of all, because an answer was given in that respect previously in the House and, secondly, that I have alluded to it in the aforementioned public address. Namely, that the ... whilst we in Gibraltar have always suspected that the source was the storm water drain in the corner there on the La Linea Beach, there was a time, firstly, when other sources could not be ruled out, and the Government's Chief Technical Officer and his staff have been working on preparing and doing the necessary tests to establish, in a way that would stand up

to scrutiny in Europe, that this is indeed the source. The Government cannot just go to Europe and make a formal complaint about this, on the basis that it is folklore in Gibraltar that this is where it must be. There has to be a technical study report that demonstrates it. That is now in hand and the Government will, before making a formal complaint, unlike what other nearby politicians do, which is just go to Brussels and complain to the Petitions Committee, or to hand in a letter to the MEP's which is ... That is not what we mean. When we decide to complain, we mean make a formal complaint of violation of a European Union obligation by the neighbouring Member State and, before taking that step, we are engaging with the Junta de Andalucia to see whether they will agree, in an acceptable period of time, to remedy the defect on the basis that, given that what interests us most is that the source of the pollution should be removed so that the necessary interruption to the usability of that beach should be kept to a minimum period of time, any outcome to that effect, which is brought about voluntarily by the Spanish [*inaudible*] is going to happen in much quicker order and in much quicker time than anything that is the result of following the European Union legal process which necessarily will take, as the hon Member knows, its time. So, before engaging in that step, we are engaging at a political level to see whether they will accept that this is a problem. That it is a problem that has to be resolved, and to see if they will resolve it. Now, they may not agree to it, and they may not do it, in which case we will have to have recourse and we will unquestionably have recourse to the formal EU legal sanction, but you cannot do both at the same time. We can hardly initiate a formal EU legal complaint and then at the same time say, look, politically, will you accept that this is a problem and deal with it. So, necessarily they have got to be in series and not in parallel. Of course, that approach risks that if they do not do it through political persuasion, you have wasted a bit of time on the legal front, so that there is a question of risk and reward assessment to be carried out and we have discussed this with interested parties in the ESG and, I think, they understand the logical sense of the Government's intended approach.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful to the hon Gentleman for that answer. What he said in a public statement in his New Year message, or he did not say, is not a matter of record in this House, but what he said in answer to questions on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in this House, the last time the House met for questions, is a matter of record. He told the House then, in answer to a supplementary from the Hon Mr Bossano, that, and these are his words, that 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. Can I take it from the hon Gentleman's answer today, that they have not yet inched all the way to the source of this and that it is still unclear whether the source is in Spain, or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

He can draw the opposite conclusion from my answer, which is that they have now completed ... they have now stopped inching. They have reached the destination. They have completed the report which establishes to a level sufficient to sustain either and indeed both of a formal complaint, when the time comes for that, legally, and, in the meantime, to sustain a credible political approach for voluntary remedial action.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The next thing that he told the House at that time which is a little like what he is indicated today but I think he said more explicitly then, was that the first point of call would be an attempt for a political solution from the Junta de Andalucia. Given that he has suggested to us that that has already started, does he think that that is going to be inching towards a favourable conclusion at any time this side of summer or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I dare not speculate on that and I do not think it is really fair for the hon Member to ask me to do so. We just cannot exclude the possibility that Western Beach may not be available this summer. We are not just in a position to know whether either of the two processes is capable of producing satisfaction by that date. We know that, certainly, the second one is not capable of producing. If it goes to EU, you will be lucky if they would use it any time the next three or four summers. So, the political route is the one that gives us the earliest opportunity for retrieval of the public amenity but whether that, even with a fair wind, can happen by June this year, I would not wish to speculate. If I was a betting man, I would tend to suggest pessimism rather than optimism, but only because I just do not know the extent of the civil works that might be required to identify the actual problem. I do not think they can just, sort of, put a lid on it. I mean, I just do not know the extent of the remedial works that would be necessary. I am told that the problem derives from the fact that there are illegal connections of urban sewage to their storm water drain and that in certain weather conditions, rainfalls, plus tide conditions, this flows through the storm water drain water outlet and gets as far as the sea.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Given that he is the person who has dealt with the contacts to attempt to deliver the political solution with the Junta de Andalucia, can he tell the House whether in his political judgement, as a result of that, it is at all possible or helpful to run the EU route in parallel.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am not going to let him press me further because I have already been totally candid with him on the Government strategy and tactics and to explicitly threaten plan B is almost the same as running it in parallel from day one. So, I have tried to choose my words carefully about the available options. Given that the alternative is so much slower anyway, I think it is worth allowing this first option to run its course. Of course, the judgement that was required is when to abandon the first course and go for the second course. That is what will require judgement, but I do not think we are there yet.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Given that the hon Gentleman thinks it might be unhelpful if I were to press him further, and we all, across the floor of this House, want to see a solution to this sooner rather than later, I will not. I am grateful for the answers he has given already.

ORAL

**NO. 326 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SANDPITS VIEWS – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS**

On what dates did Government first become aware that the ex-MOD properties at Sandpits Views, that were sold by tender by the Government, were built using asbestos that is still present in the render of the exterior of that development?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 327 to 328 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 327 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SANDPITS VIEWS – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS**

What precautions were taken by the Government's sub-contractor, in keeping with health and safety requirements, when doing works to the exterior of Sandpits Views when there is asbestos present in the render on the external walls?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 326 and 328 of 2011.

**NO. 328 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SANDPITS VIEWS – PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS**

Do Government have access to the report on the presence of asbestos within ex-MOD properties prepared by the MOD before these were handed over to the Gibraltar Government?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 326 of 2011**

There is no particular date of first becoming aware of the presence of asbestos. It is a well-known fact that asbestos is extensively present and used in almost all building materials and in all buildings constructed from the 1950s through to the 1980s. Almost all buildings constructed during those years contain asbestos.

**Answer to Question No. 327 of 2011**

All contractors and sub-contractors are required to operate in line with statutory health and safety requirements at all times in relation to handling and working with asbestos. Works carried out for the Government are not exempt from this requirement.

**Answer to Question No. 328 of 2011**

The Government have access to all official lands transfer documents from the MOD, together with any ancillary documents, including the asbestos survey report.

**NO. 329 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**INCOME TAX – AGREEMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF ARREARS IN 2010/2011**

Have the Government decided not to make agreements for payments of arrears by tax payers in respect of assessments for the financial year 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am informed by the Commissioner of Income Tax that he does not intend to offer agreements for the payment of tax liabilities in respect of assessments raised for the tax year 2010/2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 329 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful to the hon Gentleman for telling us that he is informed of that by the Commissioner of Income Tax. Does the Commissioner of Income Tax inform the hon Gentleman ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON F R PICARDO:**

No Mr Speaker. Does the hon Gentleman have any indication from the Commissioner of Income Tax of why he has decided to take that position in this particular year?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, indeed I do have an indication, for which purpose I will turn to my supplementary information. The hon Member is aware because we legislated it together in this House. We have a new Income Tax Act which seeks to create, what we have called in the past, a climate of compliance and for that purpose it creates a system of timetables, deadlines, financial consequences of not meeting your tax

liabilities in time. All of which would mean nothing if people could just not pay and then get an arrears agreement but there is, as the hon Member knows, provision giving the Commissioner of Income Tax discretion in the event of cases which he is persuaded derive from genuine financial hardship rather than just dilatoriness on the part of the tax payer. So, there will be no systematic arrears agreement so that people do not think, I will not pay and when the water comes up to the neck, I will just go to the Commissioner and ask for an arrears agreement. But there is discretion in the Commissioner to treat differently to that a case which he is satisfied is a case of genuine financial hardship. I think that is a perfectly sensible arrangement, consistent with the new regime of the Act. Presumably, the hon Members do not want us to be draconian with the construction companies that default on their social insurance contributions but lax with self-employed tax payers who are the ones who normally benefit from these arrears agreements. I will not mention lawyers because that would include both of us.

**NO. 330 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**MARRACHE GROUP OF COMPANIES – ADMINISTRATION FEES AND CHARGES PAID BY FSC**

Can Government provide a full breakdown of all fees and charges paid by the Financial Services Commission in respect of the administration of Gibland Secretarial Services Limited, Cabor Trustess Limited, Meridian Trustees Limited and associated entities referred to as “The Marrache Group of Companies” by the FSC in its letter to licencees raising a Special Levy to cover said costs, providing a full breakdown of fees, charges and itemised disbursements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Financial Services Commission is an independent body and, in normal circumstances, that is the answer that I would have given to this question and I would not have obtained the information to give it to him. I do not think the Government can be held accountable in this House for information which does not derive from an activity for which the Government has powers, competences and responsibilities. I have taken a different view on this occasion and about this information because there is a tangential link to a power that I do exercise, and that is that when the Commissioner, under the legislation, is going to raise a levy, he needs the Minister's consent as to the manner in which he does so, and because the information requested is the amount to defray, which the levy is raised, and I have consented to the way the levy has been raised, I have, therefore, taken the view that on this occasion, and for these facts, there is a sufficient link with my public duties to obtaining the answer. But I would not wish this question or its answer to set a precedent for the hon Member asking me questions about the business, the internal business of the Financial Services Commission, which is not my responsibility or business. All that said, I have the pleasure, I have sought the information from the Commissioner, who has been gracious to give it to me and I am, therefore, graciously passing it on to him.

**Answer to Question of 330 of 2011**

**Authorised Administration - Costs**

	Gibland	Cabor	Meridian	Unallocated	Total
Isolas - Legal Expenses to 30.11.10	176,974.39	307,293.50	8,626.11		492,894.00
Grant Thornton to 31.12.10	254,235.78	67,317.40			321,553.18
Specialist Counsel		9,575.00			9,575.00
Salaries	115,798.31	6,509.32			122,307.63
Self-employed & agency				34,846.84	34,846.84
Telephone	4,824.67				4,824.67
Property Maintenance & Cleaning	5,406.00				5,406.00
Electricity and Water	7,654.11				7,654.11
Storage	4,544.68				4,544.68
Stationery, Postages and Office Supplies	6,123.92				6,123.92
Other Expenses (Petty Cash)	1,130.00				1,130.00
Bank Charges	473.63				473.63
Client Disbursements	1,925.00				1,925.00
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>579,090.49</b>	<b>390,695.22</b>	<b>8,626.11</b>	<b>34,846.84</b>	<b>1,013,258.66</b>
<b>Amounts Recovered</b>	<b>99,334.31</b>	<b>22,355.05</b>			<b>121,689.36</b>
<b>Net Costs</b>	<b>479,756.18</b>	<b>368,340.17</b>	<b>8,626.11</b>	<b>34,846.84</b>	<b>891,569.30</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 330 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

May I graciously thank the hon Gentleman for his answer and can I assure him that ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I assure the hon Member across the floor of the House that this question is designed to talk about the Special Levy just for the reason that he has said that it is appropriate for him to answer this question, but it would not be appropriate for him to answer other questions which might relate to the internal workings of costs of the running of the Financial Services Commission and that we accept that it is only in these circumstances that the House should become involved in asking questions of an important, independent statutory authority like the Financial Services Commission.

**ORAL**

**NO. 331 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GIBRALTAR STERLING NOTES – QUALITY OF DE LA RUE PAPER**

Given the problems revealed in the international media by De La Rue Plc in respect of the quality of paper it has used in printing bank notes for international clients, are Government satisfied that the paper provided by De La Rue in respect of the printing of the Gibraltar Sterling notes is of the quality required?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am advised that the Government is fully satisfied that the paper provided by De La Rue, in our case for the printing of Gibraltar Sterling notes, meets all our specifications and is of the quality required.

ORAL

**NO. 332 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CHIEF MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE IMF FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING  
IN WASHINGTON**

What was the cost of the Chief Minister attending the IMF Finance Ministers meeting in Washington in 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Mr Speaker, £1,907. I suppose applying the exchange rate at the time that the ...

**NO. 333 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GIBRALTAR INVESTMENT HOLDINGS – 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, been paid 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 one 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 System;
  - (xii) Sewage Treatment
  - (xiii) Energy to Waste; and
  - (xiv) Revetment Repairs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes Mr Speaker, I hand the hon Member now a schedule with all the information that he has sought.

**Answer to Question No. 333 of 2011**

Payments made by Gibraltar Investments (Holdings) Limited  
on the basis of the 'on account' and 'composite' formulae since September 2010:

	<b>Composite Formula Payments £</b>	<b>On Account Formula Payments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Mid Harbour I	-	-	-
Mid Harbour II	-	-	-
GoG Relocations	22,193	40,000	62,193
Terminal Building	78,566	20,000	98,566
New Road	62,158	40,000	102,158
MoD Relocations	53,672	-	53,672
Infrastructure	30,280	20,000	50,280
GoG Housing	46,760	40,000	86,760
Power Station	45,858	40,000	85,858
Car Parks	27,401	-	27,401
Simple Approach Lighting System	-	-	-
Sewage Treatment	-	-	-
Energy to Waste	-	-	-
Revetments Repairs	4,509	-	4,509
<b>Total</b>	<b>£371,397</b>	<b>£200,000</b>	<b>£571,397</b>

**NO. 334 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GIBRALTAR LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED – APPLICATION OF EU DIRECTIVE 2004/18/EC**

Given the provisions of EU Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, which requires contracts for services to be provided to Governments to be put out to tender, on what basis were the contracts awarded to Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited in respect of consultancy services on (i) the development of the new Airport Terminal; and (ii) the Airport and Frontier Access Road works, given that the contract to provide said consultancy services were not put out to tender?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Nothing in the hon Member's question alters the Government's position, as set out in answer to Question No. 1460 of 2010, in relation to the contract for these services, which the Government believe are not required by the Directive to be put out to tender.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 334 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The Directive is actually very clear in its application to contracts of this type. Can the hon Gentleman direct me to what exemption in the application of the Directive, which is now directly effective, the Government look to in order to justify its position?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Is that not a matter of law? [*Inaudible*].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

[*Inaudible*].

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Well, Mr Speaker, I would be grateful if the hon Gentleman were to give me that answer because I do not think it is a matter of law.

**MR SPEAKER:**

He may not be invited to give that answer. It is a question of law.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, I do not accept it is a question of law for this reason.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I have ruled it is a question of law.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, if you have ruled this question then that is a different thing. You have just asked me whether it was a question of law and I was about to tell you why I think it is not a question of law.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Perhaps I am being too polite. It is a question of law in my view.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Right, Mr Speaker. I appreciate why you might say that. May I have an opportunity to address you on that?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Sure.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The Directive makes, as a matter of law, very clear that contracts of this type are covered by the Directive. So, therefore, it can only be a question of law that contracts of this type are covered by the Directive. It may be a question of interpretation that the Government have decided that the, particularly, very clear law does not apply, and for that reason, Mr Speaker, I must ask Government which part of the Directive, it thinks, exempts it from the provisions of, or the requirement rather, that contracts for services in excess of €269,000 should go out to tender?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, the answer says that Government believe, so that is the view the Government have taken, rightly or wrongly. Now, the question asks the Government to justify on the basis of its interpretation of the law. That is still a matter of interpretation of law. I cannot accept that this is not a matter of law.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Very well, Mr Speaker, let me put the question in another way if you will. Why do the Government believe that?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Government are not willing to get involved into an argument about why it believes what it believes. The Government believes it and that is that. Why the Government believes it or why the Government does not believe it, is not an appropriate subject matter for discussion across the floor of the House.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, this is a public procurement contract for services which is worth millions of pounds of tax payers' money. There is a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council which requires such contracts specifically to go out to tender. None of the exemptions in that Directive apply to this contract. I would ask the Government, Mr Speaker, to be a bit more transparent about why it believes it can shoehorn this contract into an exemption which does not exist.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I do not think the question really ... I think the hon Member is repeating the same question. Now, the answer, to my recollection, is very clear that Government believes they are not required by the Directive to put these out to tender. That is the belief and the hon the Chief Minister has repeated that belief. I do not see the basis upon which that supplementary can be really put.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, the supplementary is put on the same basis as the question, because the question specifically asks why it was not put despite the earlier answer. So, if you allowed the question, Mr Speaker, I am surprised you do not allow the supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:**

No, the question was put, from what I read then, a question was put giving the Government the opportunity to state its position. The Government stated its position that it does not believe that the Directive requires the particular contracts to be put out to tender. That is the Government's position. Then the hon Member has gone

into an examination over what basis the law, on what basis [*inaudible*] the Government has based its belief upon. We are now going into the area of discussing points of law, and then the hon Member asked, in another form, why does the Government have a particular belief? The hon the Chief Minister has given his answer. I really cannot see what can be achieved by pursuing the same supplementary in different shapes or form.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, I am in this House to make the Government accountable for its actions.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Of course.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In particular, for its use of tax payers' money. I am not in this House, and I would not pretend for one moment to be in this House, to argue with you on what the interpretation of the rules of this House are and if that is your ruling, that is your ruling. I will take it no higher than that, but I would simply emphasise that this is an issue of general public importance and, if we are going to get into the fine issue of whether something is a matter of law or not a matter of law, the fact is that the public will remain none the wiser as to why it is that the Government has not put out to tender a contract that clearly, in the application of the law of the European Union, should have been.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member is not at liberty to make that statement.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Exactly! I was wondering whether there was a question. There is no ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member can say, if he wants, that, in his opinion, the Directive requires it. The hon Member is not entitled to make assertive facts [*inaudible*] unquestionably requires the application of the law. The hon Member can think what he likes.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Is there a question there?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful Mr Speaker. In fact, I will take that admonishment from the hon Gentleman with ease. He is right. This is what I believe the Directive provides for and I think that any objective third party, high ranking European lawyer, would take the same view once he analyses the Directive, but it is certainly my view. He is right, and not his. We do not share the view that this contract should have been put out to public competition in keeping with the provisions of the Directive on the procurement of services which applies throughout the EU but appears, in this particular instance, not to have been applied in Gibraltar.

**MR SPEAKER:**

The hon Member must know that there was no supplementary there. There is no function of Question Time for Members of the Opposition to make statements of the nature he has done.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker is absolutely right. I am sorry ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

No, no. That is alright.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I was simply seeking ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I was seeking, in discourse with Mr Speaker and with the hon Gentleman ... I was seeking Mr Speaker, in keeping with what appears to be the much more civilised tone ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Question please.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

... of this House to accept the admonishment of the Hon Chief Minister because of our difference of opinion. Nothing else.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I accept the hon Member's apology as long as it is not coupled with the unspoken words, but I will do it again.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Certainly not Mr Speaker.

ORAL

**NO. 335 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT**

Since the last answer in this House, have any conclusions now 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, at least none that has been reported to me from the Technical Department.

**NO. 336 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CHIEF MINISTER / MINISTER'S – USAGE OF VIP LOUNGE AT HEATHROW AND GATWICK**

Since the last answer in this House, what has been the total cost, giving a breakdown by trip, of each occasion on which the VIP lounge at Heathrow and Gatwick has been used by the Chief Ministers / any Ministers?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Mr Speaker, with a caveat that the information that I now hand the hon Member is accurate up to the date that he asked the question and not up to today's date, because, only this morning, I had occasion to use the excellent service on the most recent occasion and, therefore, that information is not included there, but with that caveat, the information that he asks is now being handed to him.

**Answer to Question No. 336 of 2011**

Labour Party Conference (29 <sup>th</sup> September 2010)	
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
Conservative Party Conference (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2010)	
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
Chief Minister UN – New York (6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2010)	
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
Chief Minister Visits Royal Gibraltar Regiment – Marrakech (9 <sup>th</sup> October 2010)	
VIP Suite Gatwick	£793.12
Gibraltar Day in London (16 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2010)	
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
Meetings in London – RBS (3 <sup>RD</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup> November 2010)	
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
VIP Suite Gatwick	£793.12
Meetings in London – Gambling (14 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2010)	
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
VIP Suite Heathrow	£470.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6286.24</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 336 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I accept that Mr Speaker, and I accept, of course, that the cost of the hon Gentleman not having to take off his shoes and show us his toothpaste is not included today. Having now had an opportunity to glance at the schedule, can I commend to the hon Gentleman, and would he agree with me, that he should really, in my view, stop using this lounge, but if he does, can I prevail upon him to at least ensure he goes to Heathrow as often as possible because the cost of the lounge at Gatwick is £793 per trip, whilst the cost of the suite at Heathrow is £470, and, although I think, and he does not agree, that £470 is already too much to pay, is it not at least better that the hon Member should pay that and not the £790 that it costs the hon Member when, I guess, he flies with Easyjet or any of the other carriers that take him to Gatwick.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

If I had been [*inaudible*] a question, I would have stood up. I hate to be impolite. I thought the hon Member was just making a statement.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Oh, I am sorry. I did say, does he agree with me, but so be it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. I do not know.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think the hon Member said, can I commend.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I commend, and I also said does he agree with me at some stage.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

[*Inaudible*]

**NO. 337 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CLIFFTOP HOUSE – COST OF SETTLEMENT OF ACTION**

What was the cost to Government (both of its legal costs and the claimants legal costs) of settling the action brought by residents of Clifftop House and what assurances did Government give the residents of Clifftop House as part of the withdrawal of their action?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

GoG's costs: £54,719 (including leading counsel costs)

Claimant's costs: £62,010 (including leading counsel and expert costs)

Following from the GoG filing supplemental information in respect of the Environmental Impact Assessment with the Development and Planning Commission, it was agreed between the parties, that is to say the (Claimants, DPC & GoG) to amend the EIA certificate issued by the DPC on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 by inclusion of the following condition:

"The noise level from any power station at Lathbury Barracks shall not exceed 42 dB(A) at a distance of 1 metre from the nearest façade of any apartment located in Clifftop House when measured generally in accordance with BS4142: 1997. This level includes a value of 3 dB for reflective effect, in comparison with a free-field level, by reason of the close proximity of the measuring location to the building. The noise shall not include any audible, tonal or impulsive content. In addition, the band sound pressure levels from the proposed power station shall not exceed 65 dB within the 31Hz and 63Hz octaves at the same position.

For the sake of clarity:-

- the noise level at the façade is defined as the sound pressure level, represented by the formula  $L_{Aeq, 5mins}$  42 dB. I hope it means more to him than it does to me, and secondly,
- the sound pressure level of 65 dB within the 31Hz and 63 Hz octave bands is the unweighted level before the application of A-weighting corrections, and includes a value of + 3dB reflective effect.

ORAL

**NO. 338 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT ENGINEER LANE**

Can Government give details of all tenders received for a contract to build a new car park at Engineer Lane and state whether the contract has been awarded and, if so, to whom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 339 to 341 of 2011.

**NO. 339 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT ENGINEER LANE**

Can Government state how many parking spaces currently available will be lost as a result of the building of the new car park at Engineer Lane and whether such parking spaces will be reprovided free of charge at the new car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 338, 340 and 341 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 340 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT ARENGO'S PALACE**

Can Government give details of all tenders received for a contract to build a new car park at Arengo's Palace and state whether the contract has been awarded and, if so, to whom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 338, 339 and 341 of 2011.

**NO. 341 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT ARENGO'S PALACE**

Can Government state how many parking spaces currently available will be lost as a result of the building of the new car park at Arengo's Palace and whether such parking spaces will be reprovided free of charge at the new car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 338 and 340 of 2011**

The tender process is currently on-going and it is, therefore, not appropriate to provide details of the actual tenders at this stage.

**Answer to Questions 339 and 341 of 2011**

As stated in reply to Question No. 1488 of 2010, Government will announce the operating regime for the new car parks at an appropriate time which is a time closer to a car park coming into operation, as we did in the case of the Devil's Tower Road car park.

Engineer House car park presently provides 79 spaces and will provide 201. That is not 201 additional. That is 201 in total. Arengo's currently provides 43 spaces and will provide 217.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 338 TO 341 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I note that the hon Member says that the tender process is on-going. On the 25<sup>th</sup> August of last year, the Government issued two press releases in respect of these two car parks. Dealing first with the press release in relation to Engineer Lane car park, the Government said in the press release, a tender has been issued. Presumably, there was a closing date for that tender which would have been ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Perhaps, I should clarify ... The tenders have not yet been formally awarded and, therefore, the winner does not know he is the winner and does not know the price or things like that, but the tenders are in and they are being considered and there is, I think, now a recommendation from the Board about who it should be awarded to.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is that the position in respect of both car parks? That tenders are in, in respect of both car parks?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is there any reason for a delay, or has there been any delay, given that in both press releases that were issued in August 2010 the Government stated that it anticipated that the works would start in early January 2011. We have already passed early January 2011 and there has not even been an award of the tender process. So, there seems to have been a little bit of slippage. Is that the correct position and, if not, what is the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I think there has been a bit of slippage. Evidently, there has been a bit of slippage or the works would have been awarded by now, but I think they are going to be awarded very soon.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

With regard to the second aspect of these questions, the question of the free car parks or car parking spaces which are currently available. The hon Member has said that there are currently 79 in respect of Engineer Lane and there will be 201. Presumably, those 79 will be lost in their entirety. Are the Government not in a position to give any statement at all as to what will happen with those 79 spaces? Will those 79 spaces be reprovided? I ask that, although the hon Member has given the answer and the answer being that operational details will be given in due course, I detect an element of being a little bit shy or coy with the information that the hon Member is prepared to give out. Does that have to do at all with the fact that the Government have already been caught out in respect of these sort of pledges, given that in the last manifesto it actually pledged, as a manifesto commitment, to reprovide parking spaces which were on the road and which were lost in Willis's Road and to reprovide them free of charge in the Willis's Road car park. Given that the Government have been caught out and have not completed that pledge, are the Government, in fact, being coy about being transparent in giving full information, so as not to be caught out again and be in hot water once again?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Far from being coy about that, I gave him the same answer in respect of the Devil's Tower Road car park and, when they came to the time, the Government gloriously complied with its commitments, as I had been explaining them, by making facilities available, as had been announced, on the top floor of the car park on a free basis to residents. There are various formulas to be used and the Government are determined to use the formula that best serves the needs of the residents and businesses in that area and does not result in the parking facilities in the area being flooded by people that have got no nexus with the district. That is the essence of the new scheme, a pilot of which will soon be issued of dividing Gibraltar into districts. So, the hon Member may speculate as fantastically as he has just done about the reasons for it, but the reasons are logical and that is that the Government have plenty of time to decide on what a particular area's needs are and how they are best served and by what regime and there is absolutely no need, or logic, or compulsion, or absolutely nothing to suggest that it would be better to precipitate a decision now which affects nobody at this point in time. The Government makes its decisions at a time that suits it and suits the public need and suits the logic of the situation and not simply at the time that the hon Member chooses to ask about it.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does the hon Member not accept that what we are asking is about the Government's policy and not on operational matters? I do not ask the hon Member precisely how operationally this car park is going to work, what the charge is going to be, whether the first hour is going to be free or not. Those are operational matters which will come in due course, but what we are asking ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do accept that the hon Member is asking about Government policy, but it is precisely because he is asking about Government policy that the Government are free to announce its policy at a time of its choosing and not a time of his choosing. He can announce his policies at a time of his choosing and we can announce our policies at a time of our choosing. So we are agreed.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Are we also agreed that the Government are refusing to say whether, as a matter of policy 79 car parks which were freely available today in the streets near Engineer Lane and 43 parking spaces which are freely available today in Arengo's Palace, are the Government realistically asking us to believe that, as a matter of policy, it is refusing to tell people whether those car parking spaces, which are available today, may or may not be available free of charge later on. Is that the Government's position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Government's position is as I have explained it and as I explained it to him at least on a dozen previous occasions when he has asked the same question and made the same points and given the same speech in almost every car park that the

Government have built. It is all pursuant to this desperation that the hon Members have to find some way of controversialising every successful project that the Government undertake for fear of the electoral consequences of the barrage of excellent projects that the Government are doing.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

On a Point of Order, Mr Speaker.

**CHIEF MINISTER:**

But, Mr Speaker, ...No, Mr Speaker, I am in the middle of my ...

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Point of Order, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Point of Order.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, just on a Point of Order, because I have been on the sharp end of your rulings today, the rules on questions that any answers in this House also require the person on his feet not to impute motive to anyone and that clearly imputes a motive which the hon Gentleman feels he is ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, the hon Member means like being too coy, for example.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

... feels he is right about and we feel he is wrong about, Mr Speaker. So, I mean, I think on that issue the hon Gentleman should also be called to order.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. Mr Speaker, what the hon Member means is that the Government Ministers cannot impute motives but they can, because I am standing answering a supplementary which was, "Is it not the real motive for your refusal to explain that you are coy because you ...?" So, the hon Members can impute motives but we cannot impute motives for their imputation of motives. Well, I think, if he is going to deliver inappropriate lectures, he should start with his colleague, twice, two pews to his right, Mr Speaker, but I am very happy to await your ruling.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, the question did refer to motives as the Minister has said. But, in any event, there has been ... As far as I can recall, as far as the answer went, "no improper motives". The improper motive ...

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Rules for the same [*inaudible*], Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Does one have the rule handy?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I do not have them today, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

My understanding is ... but I will bear that in mind but I will definitely look at that. In any event, if the question is based on motives surely the hon Member cannot complain when a motive is hurled back. I will allow the Hon Chief Minister to continue.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Therefore, the position is not that the Government want to keep anything secret from anybody, properly or improperly. Not all keeping secret ... It is not improper to retain information until the appropriate time and impropriety is not measured by whether the information is put in the public domain at the time that the hon Member chooses to ask it. We are at least a year away or longer from these car parks being ready for occupation and there is no need, at this early stage, for the regime and this is exactly the same position as the Government adopted with the Devil's Tower Road car parks and it will adopt it with all the car parks and, indeed, as you will hear with answers to questions in his name on the Order Paper, with all the policies contained in the Government's excellent integrated traffic parking plan.

**MR SPEAKER:**

May I just pause there? Standing Order 45, paragraph or sub-order (6), no Member shall impute improper motives to any other Member.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Whether or not the hon Member wishes to impute a motive behind my question or not, improper or otherwise, and I am not suggesting an improper motive has been imputed by the hon Member ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON XXXXX:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON G H LICUDI:**

No, no. Mr Speaker it is not ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order, order. Let us not digress, the Hon Gilbert Licudi's supplementary.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It is not a question of conning the electorate. It is a question of providing a pledge and a commitment which is, in fact, broken. That does not necessarily mean that the electorate has been conned, although it may have been, but there has been a commitment made which has been broken and that is what goes to the root of this question. It is not in issue that there is any sign by this side of the House of any desperation or any electoral consequences or any of the sort of issues that the hon Member has indicated, but the difference here is that we have been there before. We have had pledges made in respect of parking spaces before and, although the hon Member says, well we are one year away and we will give operational details as we did with the Devil's Tower Road car park, the fundamental difference is that between now and when these car parks are going to be ready, there will be an election. Is the hon Member seriously saying that it is going to be the Government's position, come election time, that they will refuse to tell the electorate whether these parking spaces which are free today, will be free next year. Is that the Government's position? Is that what the Government are going to tell the electorate this year come election time?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think it is a little bit cheeky of the hon Member to ask me to give him an advance peep into what might be in my election manifesto. I realise that he would benefit considerably from hearing but, if he does not mind, I will keep my election tactics for the forthcoming election just a little bit closer to my chest for now, if that is alright with him that is? If he is not going to come up with some improper motive for wanting to do that as well. The Government's position is as I have said it and there is ... I know that when the hon Member has referred during this exchange to broken pledges, I think he was probably referring to what he believes to be a broken pledge in relation to Willis's Road and that he was not trying to suggest, as I am sure he was not, but I will just give him the opportunity to agree with me that he was not trying, to suggest that there is any similar pledge which he thinks may have been broken as well or may be broken, in relation to these two car parks, which is what the questions are about.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Well, no. There is no suggestion of any broken pledge because no pledge has been given and that is precisely the purpose of these questions. To find out whether the Government have a policy, whether the Government are prepared to give a pledge. Whether the people who are out there, who use these car parks regularly and who will be interested as to what is going to happen because they are now going to lose these parking spaces when these buildings start. What is going to happen next year? That is what people want to know. That is what we are asking the Government and the Government are saying they will not tell us. Now we know that, come election time, the position might change and we might get a little bit of a peep later on in the year, but certainly not ... and I can forecast what is actually going to happen. These cards are not going to be kept close to the hon Member's chest until 2012. Will the hon Member agree with me on that?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member cannot even summarise, fairly and accurately, what I have told him forty five seconds ago. It is not the electorate that is only going to get a peep come the election. The only one who is not going to get a peep is him, now. I have not said that the electorate is only to get a peep, later. So, can I recommend to him just a little bit more rigour when it comes to attributing or to summarising what it is that I have said ... It cannot ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

That is a matter of interpretation.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, no. It is not a matter of interpretation.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Of course it is.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not a matter of interpretation. It is a matter of the honest repetition of what he has heard somebody else say. That is what it is a matter of. Now, what the people want to know is that they have a Government, at last, for the first time in Gibraltar's political history, that is taking seriously the challenge of tackling Gibraltar's perennial parking problem.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

That is the point.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Instead of recognising the fact that the Government have already provided several hundred additional car parking spaces in Devil's Tower Road and is about to do another four hundred there, instead of recognising the huge quantity of increased parking that is being provided all over the place and instead of recognising that in these two car parks there will be a very significant increase in parking, which is what people want, his concern is to see how he can find some contingently negative, some yarn that he can spin for twelve months, all of which, of course, comes to nothing when people see the building up and enjoy the benefit, but it gives him twelve months worth of political, opportunistic, mischief making. I am sorry, the real issue here and what people want to know is that the Government are investing their money, amongst other things, in solving their problems with parking and that is what they are interested in doing. That is what these two projects will do, in addition to the other one, and that is what the Government will stay focussed on. I do not agree with the hon Member in anything that he has said and he can stand up again if he wants to and explain it again for the fifth time with the same or a different formula of words. The answer will be the same. The Government have a capital projects programme. It makes its announcements in relation to that capital projects programme as and when, things in their appropriate order and at their appropriate times, and makes announcements at a time of its choosing and not at a time of the hon Member's choosing. If the hon Member wants to try and convert his choosing and the moment of his choosing into the only time which is proper, appropriate and honest, so that any different time frame anybody else chooses is improper, dishonest or some sort of ploy, or coy, then he can. But that is his view and the Government disagree with him and we will not agree with him.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It appears from the speech that we have just heard, that the hon Member has completely misunderstood the question and has completely misunderstood the exchanges we have had on these matters on previous occasions, because the hon Member talks about me being engaged in mischief making and wanting to spin the yarn and extend this and criticise the Government. No criticism arises from these questions. It is simply a question of finding information. The Government have

announced that two car parks are going to be built and we are simply asking whether these car parks will cater for free parking facilities which will be lost. Where is the criticism in that? Where is the mischief making in that? Where is the spinning of the yarn in that? There is none. It is only in the hon Member's imagination where he has clearly misunderstood, misinterpreted our question. Does the hon Member not agree that it is quite legitimate and quite proper for Members on this side of the House to get up and question the Government as to its plans? We accept, although we do not agree at all, that it is the hon Member's privilege to say, we will tell you. We have had this story again and again and again in the last few sessions. Again and again and again we get told by the hon Members, we simply will not tell you. That is priority. That is privilege. He can do that but it is our privilege to ask questions and hold Government to account. Perhaps, the hon Member will give us a proper answer to our questions one day. I accept that he will not give us an answer today and, therefore, I will not ask any more supplementaries because we seem to be getting nowhere.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So, that is not a speech?

**MR SPEAKER:**

The hon Members must know. In Question Time, I am allowing as many supplementaries as are reasonable and appropriate to the subject matter but the hon Member on this side cannot make a statement, just sit down and have a final say. There has to be a question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Hon Members on that side should not be making speeches.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, with respect, questions are asked, answers are given and I am allowing questions to be asked but I am sure hon Members are familiar with parliamentary practice. It is not the function of supplementaries to make a statement and then sit down. I think the hon Members do know that on that side. Next question.

ORAL

**NO. 342 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**CHANGE TO CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CROSSING OF RUNWAY BY  
CAR AND PEDESTRIANS**

Can Government state when it expects the change to the current arrangements for the crossing of the runway by car and pedestrians to occur?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 343 of 2011.

**NO. 343 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO THE TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS TRAVELLING TO AIRPORT OR SPAIN**

Given that the Government have announced that pedestrians will not be allowed to walk across the runway once the tunnel under the runway becomes operational, can Government state whether it has now identified the route alternative to the tunnel under the runway for pedestrians travelling to the airport or Spain?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Mr Speaker, just coming back to what the hon Member was saying before, it is of course as appropriate for the hon Member to ask a proper question about the Government's policy, as it is appropriate for the Government to say that it does not consider it appropriate to make a statement about its policy at this time, and when the hon Member said a moment ago that he accepts that that is the Government's position, he could have fooled me. If he accepts that it is okay for the Government to do that, he would have accepted the answer the first time I gave him and not badger me for six more times, precisely, not accepting the fact that it was reasonable or acceptable for me. So, the answer to this question is ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Mr Speaker, the hon Member is putting words in my mouth. I did not say that we accept it is okay. I accept that it is the Government's position, but not that it is okay. We disagree entirely with the Government's position.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think the hon Member said that it was appropriate, that it was the Government's right not to answer it.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It is your privilege not to answer the ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Of course it is. So, ... The answer to this question is ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It does not mean that I agree with it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, Mr Speaker, if he agreed with everything that we agreed with, he would be sitting on this side of the House.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Sorry, there will be time, he said.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

*[Inaudible]*

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh I see, will retire.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Seriously now, Mr Speaker. Seriously.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Answer please.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No change will occur until the new tunnel is fully operational. Government will announce arrangements for pedestrian crossings of the runway nearer the date of any changes to the current arrangements.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 342 AND 343 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is it, although again I understand that an announcement will be made in due course, is it envisaged that pedestrians will continue to be able to cross the runway on foot, pedestrians naturally travelling on foot?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No Mr Speaker. It is not so envisaged.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

So, therefore, does it follow from that, Mr Speaker, that the current arrangement which is that pedestrians coming in and out of Spain onto the airport currently cross through the current road, Winston Churchill Avenue across the runway, that arrangement will be discontinued? Pedestrians will not have to travel all the way down to Eastern Beach and all the way round to travel into Spain, and there will be an alternative arrangement which will be something similar to a shuttle service or a bus service which will be provided, so that nobody will be required to travel on foot. Is that the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Government will announce arrangements for how pedestrians can cross the runway nearer the date of any changes to the current arrangements and when it is in a position of being able to do so.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does it follow from that, that pedestrians crossing the runway will be allowed, at some point, to cross the runway on foot?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I have already told him that pedestrians will not be crossing the runway on foot.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Will pedestrians be allowed to cross over to the North Front area via the tunnel?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think I have already also said that there is a pedestrian tunnel in the new tunnel arrangements at Eastern Beach. Yes.

**NO. 344 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROADS AND TUNNEL**

Can Government state the total amounts and provide a breakdown of the amounts that have been spent to date in respect of works for the new airport, new road to the North Front area, the tunnel under the runway and the new frontier access road including but not limited to:

- (a) Consultants' fees;
- (b) Architects' fees;
- (c) building contractors;
- (d) any sub-contractors paid directly by the Government;
- (e) relocation of MoD buildings or services;
- (f) all and any other fees (specifying exactly what such fees relate to),

and what fees remain to be paid in respect of these matters?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 345 to 348 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 345 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**COST OF WORKS OF NEW ACCESS ROAD TO NORTH FRONT AREA**

Can Government state whether the costs of the works for the new access road to the North Front area have risen since the contract for these works was awarded and, if so, state the reason for the increase and the amount of the increase?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 344 and 346 to 348 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 346 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY**

Can Government state what sums additional to the contract sum may the contractor of the works for the tunnel under the runway become entitled to under the contract?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 344, 345, 347 and 348 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 347 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**COST OF WORKS OF ROAD LEADING FROM DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD TO THE TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY**

Can Government state whether the costs of the works for the road leading from Devil's Tower Road to the tunnel under the runway have risen since the contract for these works was awarded and, if so, state the reason for the increase and the amount of the increase?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 344 to 346 and 348 of 2011.

**NO. 348 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY**

Can Government state whether the costs of the works for the tunnel under the runway have risen since the contract for these works was awarded and, if so, state the reason for the increase and the amount of the increase?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 344 of 2011**

Mr Speaker, in a moment I shall hand the hon Member a schedule with the information that he requests in Question No. 344 of 2011 about the fees, et cetera.

**Answer to Question No. 345 of 2011**

We have assumed that Question No. 345 of 2011 refers to the costs of the works for the new access road from the tunnel to the North Front area, given that he then has asked separate questions about the other chunk on the south side area, of which there has only been one adjustment since the contract for these works was awarded. This relates to a bus stop lay-by and the cost was £16,137, but has not yet been paid.

**Answer to Question No. 346 of 2011**

The contract provides for a number of instances and events where the contractor can claim for additional amounts if he feels he has an entitlement to it, and this is standard form of building contract. I am sure the hon Member is not seriously asking me to reveal what valid claims the Government think the contractor might have. So, he knows that that is not information we would give him publicly or, perhaps, even at all, but the contract provides for a number of ... it provides the usual grounds upon which contractors can make a claim and then there are contractual mechanisms for deciding whether those claims are justified or unjustified.

Contd ...

**Answer to Question No. 347 of 2011**

The cost for the road leading from Devil's Tower Road to the tunnel has been affected by variations issued under the provisions of the contract since the award of the contract in respect of

- (a) Alterations to the layout of the new roundabout construction resulting in an £81,000 addition; and
- (b) Omission of the proposed southern footbridge resulting in a saving of £149,360.

**Answer to Question No. 348 of 2011**

The cost of the tunnel under the runway has been affected following interference from communications antenna in the proximity of the works that resulted in a delay to the construction operations with an anticipated cost impact of £165,000.

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 344 to 348 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 344 of 2011**

	<b><u>Paid to Date</u></b>
	<b>(£)</b>
<b>1) Airport Access Road</b>	
Building Contractor	10,924,833
Consultants Costs	5,174,592
Insurance	257,250
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	16,356,675
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<b>2) Devil's Tower Road</b>	
Building Contractor	3,690,419
Consultants Costs	576,935
Architect Fees – Landscaping	82,435
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	4,349,789
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<b>3) Airport Terminal</b>	
Building Contractor	25,471,570
Consultants Costs	3,443,310
Architect Fees	3,098,538
Insurance	244,750
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	32,258,168
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<b>4) MOD Relocations (British Lines)</b>	
Building Contractor	18,935,525
Consultants Costs	1,794,859
Architect Fees	1,468,109
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	22,198,493
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<hr/>
	£ 75,163,125
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**NO. 349 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**ROSIA TO QUEENSWAY LINK ROAD**

Given that the Chief Minister has described the new road linking Rosia to Queensway as “a major manifesto commitment”, can the Government now state when the works for this road will commence and when the road will be completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The road to which the question relates is part of the Government's plans to ease traffic fluidity to and from the South District.

Given the outstanding, nay spectacular, success of the Trafalgar Interchange in achieving this objective, the Government are reviewing the need for the other mentioned road. No decision has yet been made and planning for it continues, as if it were going to be done.

**NO. 350 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION**

Given the length of time which it is taking the Government to complete the review of health and safety legislation which it has announced, will the Government be readvertising the post at the health and safety inspectorate which it advertised and subsequently withdrew?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No such decision has been made at this time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 350 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The consequence of that, am I correct in assuming that the health and safety inspectorate is still one man short of its complement, unless, of course, there have been other changes or other people have retired, in which case there will be more than one man short. Is that the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

There are two Health and Safety Inspectors. There used to be three. Therefore, there is one less than there used to be. I do not think the question of complements actually exists as a formal thing, but they have one less than they had before the situation developed, yes.

**NO. 351 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**COST OF WORKS TO DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD**

Can Government state whether the costs of the works to Devil's Tower Road have risen since the contract for these works was awarded and, if so, state the reason for the increase and the amount of the increase?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The costs for the Devil's Tower Road contract have been affected by a number of additional requirements resulting in a currently reported increase of about £380,000 since the works were awarded, the most significant of these involves the replacement of existing water mains and electrical supply cables along significant lengths of the affected section of Devil's Tower Road, which had not originally been intended to be replaced or included within the contracted scope of Works.

**NO. 352 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**REPROVISIONING COSTS IN RELATION TO THE MID-HARBOUR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government state what has been the cost to date of reprovisioning the facilities which existed in the area which was reclaimed for the mid-harbour housing development giving a breakdown of the user which was affected by this?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

For reasons that I cannot explain, this rather full answer with lots of lists and figures has not been provided to be in schedule form. So, I will have to read it. The alternative is just to provide him with a copy from one of my colleague's bundles. But anyway, here it goes.

The total cost to date of reprovisioning the facilities which existed in the area which was reclaimed for the mid-harbour housing development to date is £11,242,140 and this can be broken down as follows:

MoD Joint Physical Development Unit – Building	£1,841,147
MoD Joint Physical Development Unit – Marine Works	£1,020,455
MoD Boat Squadron – Building	£2,056,035
MoD Boat Squadron – Pontoon & other marine works	£ 450,070*
MoD Boat Squadron – Finger Jetty	£3,425,817
MoD Rooke – 40 parking spaces within Rooke, janitorial & store facilities	£ 641,184
Bishop Canilla House	£ 246,530
Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club – Sailing facilities	£ 633,927
Waterfront Tenant	£ 14,298
Calpe & Med Rowing Club boat shed	£ 517,830
Bishop Canilla amenity & parking area	£ 214,772
Sea Scouts (temporary facilities)	£ 6,387
New boundary wall	£ 173,688

\* Note, an amount of £219,886 is recoverable from the MoD for the supply of pontoons.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 352 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

With respect to Bishop Canilla House, the hon Member has given two figures, one in respect of parking spaces and one simply in respect of Bishop Canilla House, about a quarter of a million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That was the Club House, I beg your pardon. I omitted the word Club.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Right. I was just wondering what it was for. Thank you.

**NO. 353 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS IN DEFAULT OF PAYE AND SOCIAL INSURANCE PAYMENTS**

Can Government state whether any Government contractor is currently in default in the payment of PAYE or Social Insurance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There are four Government contractors (two of them are building contractors) that are currently in default of the payment of PAYE and/or Social Insurance. It is not clear from the question whether he was using the phrase contractor in the legal sense of any entity in contract with the Government, or whether it was just short for building contractor. So, I have given him all of it.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 353 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The question was intended to refer to any Government contractor and the reason for that and why it was phrased like that is that the hon Member has announced and we have discussed in this House, what the hon Member has called, the less benign approach, and that it was starting, in particular, with Government contractors and then thereafter it was going to be extended more generally, but there was going to be a less benign approach with contractors, Government contractors, who have sub-contractors, been required to withhold or retain certain payments. That is why the question asked whether any Government contractor is in default. Can the hon Member explain what is the consequence of the new policy decision of less benign approach on these matters and why there are four contractors currently in default?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Correct me if I am wrong, but is there not, specifically, a question, precisely that question, separately on the Order Paper. I think there is but I cannot remember whether it was asked of me and by whom. There was specifically a question of what ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Question No. 357 of 2011.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. By the hon Member?

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Yes, perhaps we can leave that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The results of the policy. Yes, which is really what he has asked me now in supplementary.

**NO. 354 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE (EUROPEAN UNION) ACT 2005 – EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS TO UK**

Can Government state whether and, if so, when it proposes to introduce regulations under section 23 of the Mutual Legal Assistance (European Union) Act 2005 extending the provisions of that Act to the United Kingdom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As the House knows, the answer to the question depends on statutory reciprocity by the United Kingdom in our favour in respect of the Schengen Mutual Legal Assistance Convention and I understand that that yet has not been forthcoming from the UK. So, as the hon Member may also know, in the meantime requests from the United Kingdom are dealt with under the Mutual Legal Assistance (International) Act which is invoked by the Transnational Organised Crime Act.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 354 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The question is, in fact, intended to find out what progress has been made following the previous question that we have had in this House where the hon Member has explained the difficulties and the issues which have to do with ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The progress is not for us to make. We have done our bit.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Yes. Does the hon Member accept, given that he has referred to the International Act and this was a matter that was raised with the Hon Mr Feetham, the Minister for Justice, earlier on in this Question Time, there are some requests which come through the International Act, but as the Hon Minister for Justice explained and accepted last week, there are certain requirements for those requests which relate to transnational organised crime. In other words, the United Kingdom is only a state from which a request can be received in Gibraltar for the purposes of the

International Act if it is in connection with transnational organised crime. There are certain requirements that it has to be transnational in nature. It has to affect two countries and I seem to recall that there was a requirement of an offence of at least four years imprisonment for that to operate and, therefore, there is ... What I am trying to get at is whether there is a real difficulty as between Gibraltar and the United Kingdom in respect of mutual requests both ways and whether that is affecting anything in practice because the International Act affects a gateway, but is not a complete answer. The Evidence Act also provides a gateway but is not a complete answer because that in itself has certain limitations. So, are we envisaging any practical difficulties in getting and receiving requests which suggest that some new impetus needs to be given to this process?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. To my certain knowledge, Gibraltar handles a huge number of requests from the UK. In fact, the majority are from the UK. There are a number of gateways available, as the hon Member has just himself recognised. It has not yet been the case that any single case of the UK's request for assistance has not been able to be accommodated but, we believe, and I thought by his body language, that the hon Member agreed with this position of the Government last time we discussed this, that we should not find ourselves again in the position, as we have been in the past in some areas to do with financial services mutual recognition of passports, for example, that we recognise the UK, but the UK does not recognise us in reciprocity. So, we have prepared our legislation to deal with the UK as if it were another Member State. In other words, benefitting from the Schengen provisions, and we believe that the UK should do the same. We are hugely in favour of Gibraltar and the UK being able to operate this and every other EU measure bilaterally between themselves, but we do not think that we should always be doing it in favour of the UK without the UK also doing it in favour of us. I think that that is not an unreasonable position. So, I do not know whether anybody in the Government is pressing the UK or whether they have just been told what the position is. I would certainly take the hon Member's supplementaries and questions as a reminder to find out whether that matter is making any progress with the UK or whether it is not.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

We certainly agree that there is a need for reciprocity and, as we both acknowledge, there are certain gateways which allow requests coming from the UK. The concern is not so much in respect of avenues which the UK has to make requests of Gibraltar, but whether those avenues also exist for Gibraltar, when Gibraltar needs evidence, when Gibraltar needs assistance, for Gibraltar to be able to use those gateways.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is why we need reciprocity.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Yes, and I understand that there is a need for reciprocity. Given that the Mutual Legal Assistance (European Union) Act 2005 deals, not just with requests coming in, but with empowering courts to make requests outside, and that is the importance of

adding the UK by legislation, by regulations issued under section 23. Will the hon Member agree with me that it is in the interests of Gibraltar, not just because it allows, through principles of comity and reciprocity, UK requests to come through, but requests the other way in respect of Gibraltar investigations whereby assistance is required. What I am really getting at is whether there are any new difficulties on that score because we are finding difficulties in that the UK itself is not being receptive to any request from Gibraltar.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. They take the same pragmatic approach with actual requests as we do theirs, and that is that we find a way of accommodating them, but the actual formal route provided by this particular gateway is something that, I think, is hugely in both Gibraltar's and the UK's interest that both our legislations should, specifically, enable us to deal with each other in the same way as either of us would deal with a request from France, for example. I think, we have said to the UK many times that I think that it is completely illogical that we should be treating each other less favourably than we treat foreigners in relation to each other, but that that is where the reciprocity element comes in. So, the answer is that there is, sort of, a statutory issue here. The UK, even when they decide to change their legislation, there are questions of legislative time availability. It is not as easy for them to change legislation as it is for us. So, there is all those, sort of, issues to go through. In the meantime, both sides are getting on with the business by whatever means, by some means or other, and I am not aware of any case, in either direction, that has not been processed by reason of this issue.

**NO. 355 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DEFENCE FIRE SERVICE – TRANSFER OF SERVICE NEGOTIATIONS**

Can Government state whether and, if so, when it envisages a transfer of personnel from the Defence Fire Service to the Government, giving details of the number of persons to be transferred and whether such personnel as are transferred will form part of the City Fire Brigade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Transfer of services negotiations with the MOD, including in relation to Defence Fire Services, continue. No agreement has yet been reached. It is, therefore, neither possible nor appropriate for me to inform the hon Member of what will emerge at the end.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 355 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Can Government confirm that it is, in fact, envisaged that those transfers, whatever transfers will happen, will occur as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, and that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April the City Fire Brigade will assume responsibility for the MOD estate, except for the airfield?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, yes. The discussions and the negotiations that are taking place, if they are successfully concluded, would result in the City Fire Brigade assuming responsibility for fires and other events for which they are responsible on the MOD estate as they are in the remainder of Gibraltar.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

What we are really getting at is, during the course of those discussions and given that the ultimate goal is that the City Fire Brigade will assume responsibility for that part of the MOD estate, there will be a number of personnel from the Defence Fire Service that currently fulfill those functions which we assume will be transferred over

and, therefore, the complement of the City Fire Brigade will increase. Is that the case?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I refer the hon Member to my original answer.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Has the City Fire Brigade taken over any responsibility at the moment, or nothing has happened so far?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think nothing has happened so far.

**NO. 356 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**INTEGRATED TRAFFIC, PARKING AND TRANSPORT PLAN – COMMITMENTS COMPLETED / IN PROGRESS**

Can the Government state which of the 53 commitments which are listed in the Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan as not being “In Progress” or “Completed”, have now been completed or are in progress?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I repeat my answer to the hon Member on the last occasion that we discussed this at length and indeed to the eleven pages of tightly typed Hansard in answer to Question No. 1010 of 2010. I refer him to that and repeat to him now everything that I said to him then.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 356 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

But the question now is quite different. As I recall, and I do not have it in front of me, the question then was ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will read it to him.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In respect of that list, what dates can we now pencil in as the completion dates for each of these projects and the Government was unwilling, as it has been evident from answers to earlier questions, to give any such details until the Government, according to it, is in a position to make that announcement. This question is completely different because there is a list of projects in the Integrated, Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan. Of that list, 53 commitments were blank in terms of either being in progress or being completed. So, all we are saying now is when this list was published in April 2010, 53 commitments had not been started or had not been completed, can you give us a progress report in respect of the position today? Not what will happen next year when you expect to announce certain things, either

down the line in six months or in 2012, but what is the position today in respect of those 53 commitments? Which of those 53 commitments are now in progress which were not in progress when the plan was announced in April 2010? It is a completely different question.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I will read him the answer I gave him to Question No. 1489 of 2010 and he can gauge whether ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The eleven pages?

**MR SPEAKER:**

No. [*Inaudible*].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

... he thinks it is a different answer or question. "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 works that is on-going", and then I went on to explain to the hon Member that what was in progress ... We are willing to give an account of internal preparatory works and what had physically started was the subject of an announcement, when it started, and, therefore, what had not physically started, of which he has notice himself, is either not being prepared for or is being prepared for and for those two we are not willing to give a progress report every time the hon Member asks. But he should not worry because, at some appropriate stage, the Government will update the progress check list which, of course, is exactly why it published it, so that it could be updated, and then the things that are in progress by that date will be apparent to him as, indeed, they will be to everybody else. Most people understand that things are in progress when they see it happening. Now, before they start seeing it happening, there is a period of time during which the matter is being designed, prepared for, or not even that may have started because it has not got to it in the priority list, and that is the debate which went into almost fifteen pages of Hansard, which is what we answered last time and which I was rather hoping that we would be able to avoid having again by me just adopting the same answer. We do not think it is appropriate to be required to give a progress report of our internal preparatory works. When things are going to be done, they are announced and, in any case, the hon Member can see it for himself that they are in progress or not in progress, and that is how ... We are not, sort of, budging from that position which I hope he does not also want to attribute to some skulduggery motive.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The motive is quite clear. The hon Member says he will provide an update of that progress list. No doubt, that update will be given two weeks before the elections

which will happen this year. So that people will see how much progress has been made, even though none has been made for the last one and a half years. Does the hon Member ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will wave a magic wand [*inaudible*].

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The hon Member does not have to wave a magic wand, but does he agree with me then that in respect of a plan which was announced in draft in October 2009 and which was subsequently published in full in April 2010, a plan which envisaged many, many commitments coming to fruition, not just starting and being in progress, in a timescale of two to three years, almost one year down the line, we now find that the answer to this question is the same as the answers to previous questions, that there has been no progress.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No progress!

**HON G H LICUDI:**

So, the 53 of the commitments ... When I say progress, progress in the sense that when, not completion, progress in the sense that when the list says, this is a project, here is one line that says in progress, here is one line that says completed, one can either tick one, tick the other, or tick neither. Fifty three commitments had neither box ticked, and the hon Member is telling us today that of those 53 commitments that had neither box ticked, all of them have neither box ticked, today. Is that the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, that is, obviously, not the position because otherwise I will not be in a position to wave the magic wand just in front of the next election year. If I want things in place just before the next election, which appears to be the hon Member's assessment of everything that motivates the Government, I have to start some time before because I cannot, sort of, wave the magic wand. So, obviously, it is not the case that things are not in progress. They are not visibly in progress and, at some appropriate time, the Government will update the check list, so that people can see what is in progress and what is not. But I think most people would recognise the demonstrable improvements and efforts that are being made in traffic flow schemes, in parking schemes. These matters are being dealt with wholesale and I hate to disappoint the hon Member but, obviously, it suits him best that we get to the next elections having done as few of these as possible. That would be a good result for him. Never mind the poor motorist. That would be a good political result for him. I hate to disappoint him. By the time we get to the next election, the vast majority of all of these things will have been complied. This is a programme which I think it said for two or three years, I cannot remember, perhaps he will remind me, and it is not for him to be clock watching throughout that period to see how many we have done and how many we

have not. If he wants a job as the Government's timekeeper, we can arrange it but, in the meantime, the deployment of Government policy is a matter for us, not for him, and the announcements about the deployment ... I beg your pardon. I will ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It would certainly not be good for us for no progress at all to be made on Government plans to improve the traffic and parking situation in Gibraltar. It would be good for Gibraltar for as much progress as possible to solve the problems that Gibraltar has, to be made as soon as possible. Regrettably, we have now come to the conclusion, and Gibraltar has come to the conclusion, that insufficient progress has been made by this Government and there is now required a change of Government in order for sufficient progress to be made for the good of Gibraltar.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh I see! If the hon Member means to elect a Government that did not have a traffic and parking plan in its last manifesto at all. So, I do not know whether progress is sufficient or insufficient but, presumably, it is more than there would have been during the last three years if they had been in office, given that they attach no importance to this in their manifesto. So, this is what I mean by the hon Member's status as a self-appointed timekeeper. He is not even a self-appointed timekeeper of a policy of the Government to which he attached the same degree of importance as the Government attaches politically because it is not as if the hon Member is saying, if we had been in office, this alternative plan which we announced in our manifesto would now be much more advanced. They had no plan in their manifesto. So, all the things that have happened, all the things that are happening and all the things that will happen between now and the next time that the electorate are invited to express a view as to whether they want a change of Government or not, are things that would not have happened, had the hon Members been elected unless, of course, traffic and parking, important issues as they were, were an after thought, after the last election, for them.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I do not think the hon Member got as far as putting the question for a rather full answer.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I did not even get a chance to ask a question before getting a political speech.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I remember the supplementaries.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I am happy to hear what the hon Member has to say. He conveniently forgets what our manifesto actually says and, if the hon Member wants, I can remind him. I can send him a copy of the manifesto on a weekly basis, so that he can be reminded on a weekly basis of all the marvellous things that we would have done, had we been in office and all the marvellous things that Gibraltar will achieve after we gain office this year, and in respect of traffic ... Does the hon Member not recall, and I will address that specifically, that we have a very specific manifesto commitment to publish a comprehensive traffic plan. That was ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

You mean like ours.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

No, but we would have done before the hon Member did it. It is not a matter of speculation. What is wrong is for the hon Member to say, nothing would have happened and they had no plans. Well, we did have plans, and those would have been announced in a plan shortly after the next elections. Now, the hon Member, getting back to my supplementary which I was asking earlier and which I was not allowed to finish, although I am always happy to give way to the hon Member if he wants to make a contribution to this place. It is not a question of being a timekeeper and it is not a question, as the hon Member likes to say when he gives his interviews, that the Opposition are obsessed by dates and want to hold Government to account to a specific date and a specific time. That is not the question, but this Government have nailed their colours to a particular mast. A mast which is called a traffic plan which has certain lists in progress and completed, and all we are asking is whether they are in a position now to update what they themselves have announced, and now they tell us they are unwilling to do so. Well, why did they hold themselves out as if this was the blueprint which was required for Gibraltar? Why did they tell us that it was necessary? Why did they believe that it was necessary for people to know in that check list, because it was actually a check list, which items were in progress and which items are completed, and why does the hon Member think that it is inappropriate for us to ask for progress on the check list itself? It is their check list. We just want to know when we can tick particular boxes. Why is that so wrong?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr Speaker, because the check list is published for the Government to update it at times convenient to it. Not at times demanded by him. Assuming that pursuant to his alleged concerns for traffic matters in Gibraltar, assuming that he takes the trouble to drive around Gibraltar and has time from his busy work schedule to do that, he, presumably, sees for himself the things that are in progress and the things that have started but not finished, and the things that are finished. Or is the hon Member coming to me to inform him of all the things that have been happening on Gibraltar's highways during the last few months that he, presumably, has not noticed, because he does not see them from his office in Line Wall Road. Well, it is not my job to be his clerk of works. It is not my job to be his researcher, and it is not my job to do his leg work or his homework for him. He has notice of the things that are available and in the knowledge of everybody that just cares to look.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I will be more than happy to accept the hon Member as my researcher. In a few months time he might be amenable to take that job.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I have said [*inaudible*], not that I want to.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

That position may become available, certainly for the hon Member to take up in a few months time. We obviously see what is going on in Gibraltar but what we do not know is what the Government's policy is and what the Government's plans are, and given that they themselves have stated that certain things are determined to be in progress or not, it is legitimate for us to ask, well, when do they consider that certain things are in progress. Let me ask a very specific question in respect of this issue of being in progress. These two press releases which were issued in August 2010 in respect of the car parks in Engineer Lane and Arengo's Palace, are those now matters which are considered to be in progress or are they simply internal workings before matters get into progress. At what stage do we start ticking this check list? Can the hon Member say whether those two are now in progress for the purposes of the check list?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I repeat my original answer to the hon Member.

**NO. 357 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS – COMPLIANCE BY EMPLOYERS**

Can the Government state what have been the results of the policy it announced last year for a less benign approach to the enforcement of compliance with the requirements for all employers to register their workers?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As previously stated to the hon Member, the first sector to be targeted with such measures is the construction industry. Others will follow. The construction industry is now much more carefully monitored and a much stricter regime of deductions obligations is in place and the consequence is that there has been a huge reduction in the amount of arrears and in the number of companies engaged in arrears. Now that we have acquired the scheme and the expertise, we need to extend that to other sectors of the economy, having started with the construction industry which is the one that rung the alarm bell following the demise of Haymills and others.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 357 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the answer to this question imply that the registration of people employed in the ETB is now more accurate than it was before because, presumably, this is what we are talking about, people registering or terminating, notifying terminations? Is that what this refers to?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, although he is right that it is open to that interpretation, the question has been interpreted to be addressing the payment of, the compliance with the payments of social insurance, rather than the requirements for all employers to register their workers, which is a sub set of the first. In other words, contract ... Yes, because the scheme involves the Government monitoring this through its contractors and sub-contractors. That is where the scheme has started and part of that is ensuring that they are registered and paying. It is part of the check list process, but the scheme does not specifically focus on the registration process. It just ensures that companies that are working, or tries to ensure, monitors, that companies that are working on Government projects, whether they are the Government's initial

contractor or some sub-contractor down the line, but working on a Government project, is engaging registered labour and are up to date with their payments.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given this last answer then, when the hon Member said that there had been progress in terms of compliance in the construction industry, he really means in the part of the construction industry that is working either directly or are sub-contractors for the Government.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, but happily, well unhappily, but happily for this project, happily for this exercise, I mean unhappily for the economy at large, but happily for this exercise, the commencement of the scheme has coincided with a period in which very little private sector construction industry is going on. So, we have really been able to launch this in a sort of laboratory which is almost entirely Government projects. By the way, I should add, I beg your pardon, that when the Government does the monitoring, it does it not just in respect of its own contract. So, if there is a contractor or sub-contractor engaged, he is monitored for all his obligations, even if they are working elsewhere. So, if a contractor is working for the Government and for somebody else, it is not that we disregard what does not relate to our contract.

**NO. 358 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**CONSTRUCTION TRAINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government state whether the construction training industry assistance scheme has now come into effect and give full details of that scheme?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The scheme has now begun to come into effect, and the Government will shortly be giving full details of that scheme, by means of a statement in this House during this meeting. We are assuming that the question includes the word “training”, erroneously. In other words, we are assuming that he means the construction industry assistance scheme that I announced in the budget, and not something called the construction training industry scheme. We are not assisting the construction training industry, assuming that there is a construction training industry in Gibraltar. So, we are assuming that the word “training”, there, is just an error and we have taken the question to read, “whether the construction industry assistance scheme”, which is the only question really that would make sense. There is not a construction training industry and there is not a construction training industry assistance scheme.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 358 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The wording of the question was actually derived from an answer given by the hon Member and accurately reflects the wording used by the hon Member. This was in relation to compliance, Question No. 1661 of 2010, relating to compliance by employers of employments regulations. When the hon Member said, talking about liability for PAYE and social insurance, 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.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

He must not adopt all ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Apologies for the hon Member for ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

He must not follow me over the edge of the dialectic cliff.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I had no way of knowing whether that word “training” was appropriate or not appropriate. I was simply adopting the words that had been ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

“Training” is irrelevant to the assistance ... Alright, I accept that he has just been misled by my own mistake.

**NO. 359 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EU DIRECTIVES – INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS**

Can Government say how many infraction proceedings have been opened against the United Kingdom for the non-implementation of EU Directives in Gibraltar, with a breakdown giving the name and number of the Directive, the date in which infraction proceedings were opened and the stage of the proceedings in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 360 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 360 OF 2011**

**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**

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information that he requests.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 360**

**Answer to Question 359**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Infraction stage &amp; Date</u>
Directive 2008/65/EC amending Directive 91/439/EC on Driving Licences.	Article 226 Letter 01.12.08
Directive 2008/56/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)	Article 258 Letter 20.09.10
Directive 2008/48/EC on credit agreements for consumers and repealing Council Directive 87/102/EEC	Article 258 Letter 20.09.10
Directive 79/409/EC on conservation of wild birds.	Article 226 Letter 10.04.06 Additional Letter 28.10.10
Directive 2000/60 the Water Framework Directive.	Article 226 Letter 17.10.08 Additional Letter 24.11.10
Directive 2007/65/EC amending Directive 89/552/EEC on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the pursuit of television broadcasting activities.	Article 258 Letter 29.11.10
Directive 2009/27/EC amending certain annexes to Directive 2006/49/EC as regards technical provisions concerning risk management.	Article 258 Letter 29.11.10
Directive 2009/83/EC amending certain annexes to directive 2006/48.	Article 258 Letter 29.11.10
Directive 2009/111/EC amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements and crisis management.	Article 258 Letter 29.11.10

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**Answer to Question 360**

Transposition deadline	Title
6 Aug 1981	Directive 77/486 education of children of migrant workers.
19 Jan 2011	Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences (recast). Directive 2009/13/EC (amends Directive 2006/126).
1 Oct 1993	Directive 92/6/EC on installation and use of speed limitation devices in certain categories of motor vehicles (Linked to PM 18).
1 Jan 2005	Directive 2002/85/EC amending Council Directive 92/6/EEC.
17 Sep 1997 9 Mar 2004 9 Mar 2005	Directive 96/53/EC on maximum dimensions/weights in traffic amended by Directive 2002/7/EC.
31 Dec 1998	Directive 97/36/EC on television broadcasting activities (see Directive 89/552 on broadcasting).
10 Feb 1999	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.
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	Directive 98/6/EC on the pricing of goods.
7 Apr 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).
18 Mar 2000	
28 May 2000	

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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 2001/77/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 <sub>2</sub> 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, 93/6/EEC, 93/22/EEC 98/78/EC and 2000/12/EC.	11 Aug 2004
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

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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 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
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

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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 April 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 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC	5 Dec 2010
Directive 2008/98/EC on waste and repealing certain Directives.	12 Dec 2010
Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law	26 Dec 2010
Directive 2009/44/EC amending Directive 98/26/EC on settlement finality in payment and securities settlement systems and Directive 2002/47/EC on financial collateral arrangements as regards linked systems and credit claims.	30 Dec 2010
Directive 2009/16/EC on port State control.	31 Dec 2010
Directive 2009/17/EC amending Directive 2002/59/EC establishing a Community vessel traffic monitoring and information system.	30 Nov 2010
Directive 2009/135/EC allowing temporary derogations to certain eligibility criteria for whole blood and blood components donors laid down in Annex III to Directive 2004/33/EC in the context of a risk of shortage caused by the Influenza A (H1N1) pandemic	31 Dec 2009
Directive 2009/123/EC amending Directive 2005/35/EC on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of penalties for infringements	16 Nov 2010

**ORAL**

**NO. 361 OF 2011**

**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**

Fourteen times by fee paying commercial members of the business community. The total amount received has been £1,755. It has, obviously, also been used many more times by non-fee paying users, including Government departments.

ORAL

**NO. 362 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON**

Can Government list the UK Government Ministers and UK MPs who attended Gibraltar Day in London this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 363 to 364 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 363 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON**

How many persons, normally based in Gibraltar, were invited by the Government to Gibraltar Day in London this year, how many attended and who were they?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 362 and 364 of 2011.

**NO. 364 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of all the Gibraltar Day events in London in October 2010, including travel and accommodation costs for Gibraltar Government guests?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 362 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 363 of 2011**

**Finance Centre Lunch**

Invitations are not sent out to specific firms for the Finance Centre lunch asking them whether they wish to attend. A general notice giving details of the lunch is sent out by e-mail by the Finance Centre Department to the Finance Centre Council and that notice is circulated to all members in Gibraltar by the seven respective associations that make up the Finance Centre Council. Seventy eight persons attended from Gibraltar.

**Guildhall Evening Reception**

One hundred and seventy five persons were invited to the Guildhall evening reception of which 136 attended.

It is not appropriate for the names of individuals who attended to be made available, publicly.

**Answer to Question No. 364 of 2011**

**Guildhall Evening Reception**

Hire of Guildhall	7,285.00
Interior / exterior lighting and laser projections	4,559.00
Invitation cards, programmes, postage and printing	7,469.04
Canapes and drinks	41,020.00
Air fares, accommodation and transport expenses for invited guests	11,125.92
First Aid Officer	141.00
Royal Gibraltar Regiment Band expenses	15,448.63
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	£87,048.59
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**Finance Centre Lunch**

Room hire and catering	<hr/>
	£23,164.17
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**Church Service at St Mary's Clapham**

Invitations, printing and refreshments	<hr/>
	£2,335.20
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**Answer to Question Nos. 362 to 364 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 362 of 2011**

Mr David Lidington MP – Minister of State for Europe  
Mr Robert Neill MP – Minister of State for Local Government  
Mr Peter Bottomly MP  
Mr Graham Brady MP  
Mr David Crausby MP  
Mr Glyn Davies MP  
Mr Jim Dobbie MP  
Mr Michael Dugher MP  
Mr Tobias Ellwood MP  
Mr Nigel Evans MP  
Mr David Hamilton MP  
The Hon Lindsay Hoyle MP  
Mr Eric Illsley MP  
Ms Eleanor Laing MP  
Mr Jack Lopresti MP  
Mr Tim Loughton MP  
Mrs Karen Lumley MP  
Mr Stephen Metcalfe MP  
Miss Madeleine Moon MP  
Mr David Morris MP  
Mr Mark Reckless MP  
Mr Andrew Rosindell MP  
Mr Robert Walter MP

**NO. 365 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES HOUSE**

Can Government say how much money was paid by persons who purchased the flats in Casemates House, which had been previously occupied by persons who complained about the noise nuisance, with a breakdown showing the configuration of each flat, its surface area in square metres, and the amount paid for it in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 366 to 369 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 366 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES HOUSE**

Can Government say what procedure and what criteria was used to sell residential properties that they had acquired in Casemates House, following the relocation of the original occupiers who had complained about noise nuisance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 365 and 367 to 369 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 367 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES HOUSE**

Can Government say whether any flats at Casemates House remain the property of the Government, after the relocation of the original occupiers who had complained about noise nuisance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 365, 366, 368 and 369 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 368 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES HOUSE**

What was the procedure used by the Government to move out of Casemates House property owners who had complained about noise nuisance and how many properties were affected?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 365 to 367 and 369 of 2011.

**NO. 369 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES HOUSE**

Can Government say how many properties they acquired at Casemates House, as a result of complaints of noise nuisance by the owners at the time, and what has happened to each of the properties that were acquired by the Government?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 365 of 2011**

The properties in Casemates House which came to be owned by the Government remain so.

**Answer to Question No. 366 of 2011**

One of these units has recently been offered for sale by open tender.

**Answer to Question No. 367 of 2011**

As stated, all of these properties remain the property of the Government.

**Answer to Question No. 368 of 2011**

The owners of these four Casemates properties were offered alternative accommodation in properties owned by the Government. I believe in Portland House. Both the properties being surrendered and the alternative ones offered were valued. Given that the value of the properties offered exceeded that of the Casemates property, the owners were offered shared ownership in these alternative properties. These individuals were able to obtain 100 per cent ownership of the new properties on payment of the premium to buy the Government out in the usual way. So, they did not pay for the properties to the extent that the properties that they got were worth more. They just did not get 100 per cent of that property.

**Answer to Question No. 369 of 2011**

Again, as already stated, four properties were acquired via this process, all of which remain the property of the Government.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 365 TO 369 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it the case that in all cases the Portland House properties were valued higher than the ones in the Casemates or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I think so. I think the problem was that with the conversion of Casemates into a leisure area, the properties were not sought after, and that was reflected in the market price. They were valued by the same valuer to ensure that the same valuation methods, both properties were valued by the same valuer to ensure that there was not any difference related, produced simply by difference of approach, but they were all more valuable.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Do the Government still own four properties, did the hon Member say, and what use have they been put to at present?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. One has now gone out to tender but is still ...

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

What use have they been put to at present, the three?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

One houses the Gibraltar Police Authority. One houses some Social Services Agency activity, I think, Childline. It has been lent to them. One is vacant and is the one that has been put out to tender, and one has been made available to the GGCA for occupation by its General Secretary.

**NO. 370 OF 2011**

**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. 371 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 371 OF 2011**

**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 that he has requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 371****Answer to Question 370 and 371****September 2010 to January 2011 (Incoming)**

<b>Post Box Ref and Date</b>	<b>Issuing Agency</b>	<b>Receiving Agency</b>	<b>Notification or Request for Information</b>
(I)PB/54/10 22-Sept-2010	Ministerio de Justicia	Attorney General	Request for Information.
(I)PB/60/10 28-Oct-2010	Ministerio de Justicia	Attorney General	Request for Information.

**September 2010 to January 2011 (Outgoing)**

<b>Post Box Ref and Date</b>	<b>Issuing Agency</b>	<b>Receiving Agency</b>	<b>Notification or Request for Information</b>
PB/130/10 29-Sept-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/139/10 08-Oct-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/140/10 08-Oct-2010	Environmental Agency	Consejeria de Medio Ambiente, Ceuta	Notification.
PB/141/10 12-Oct-2010	Registrar of the Supreme Court	Ministerio de Justicia	Notification.
PB/145/10 29-Oct-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/147/10 05-Nov-2010	The Chief Secretary	Magistrates Court, No.4, Algeciras.	Notification.
PB/223/10 16-Nov-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/149/10 18-Nov-2010	Financial Services Commission	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/150/10 18-Nov-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Proteccion de la Naturaleza, Canarias	Notification.
PB/151/10 08-Nov-2010	Financial Services Commission	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Request for information.
PB/156/10 29-Nov-2010	Financial Services Commission	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/158/10 02-Dec-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/185/10 06-Dec-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Banco de Espana	Notification.

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 371**

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PB/196/10 08-Dec-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/197/10 08-Dec-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/198/10 09-Dec-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/200/10 16-Dec-2010	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/207/12 24-Dec-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Comision Nacional de Mercados de Valores	Notification.
PB/215/10 24-Dec-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/220/10 24-Dec-2010	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/01/11 04-Jan-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.
PB/02/11 04-Jan-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla	Notification.

**NO. 372 OF 2011**

**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**

There has been no further update of these figures since the information provided in answer to Question No. 1496 of 2010.

**NO. 373 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CHIEF MINISTER / MINISTER'S OFFICIAL AIR TRAVEL COSTS**

Can Government list the cost to the tax payer 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. 373 of 2011**

**CHIEF MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Airline</b>	<b>Seat Category</b>	<b>Travel Agent</b>
London	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	£1,877.00	BA	Club	Blands
New York	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	£5,343.50	BA	Club	Blands
Washington	6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	£627.60	BA	Club	Blands
Marrakech	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	£605.70	Royal Air Maroc	Club	Blands
London	16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	£1,467.20	BA	Club	Blands
London	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	£929.80	BA	Club	Blands
London	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	£1,227.40	BA	Club	Blands

**Continued Answer to Question No. 373 of 2011**

**MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Airline</b>	<b>Seat Category</b>	<b>Travel Agent</b>
Hon E Britto	London	8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10	£878.50	BA	Business	Blands
Hon F Vinet	London	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10	£621.00	BA	Business	Blands
Hon J Holliday	London	16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10	£367.00	BA	Business	Tourafrika
Hon E Reyes	India	10 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10	£2,501.30	RA	Business	Blands
Hon C Beltran	London	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11	£835.40	BA	Business	Blands

ORAL

**NO. 374 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 375 and 376 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 375 OF 2011**

**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 Nos. 374 and 376 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 376 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORT DUTY COLLECTED – PASSENGERS ARRIVING BY AIR**

How much import duty has been paid by passengers arriving in Gibraltar by air at Gibraltar Airport in each financial year since 2006/2007, giving a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information that he has sought.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 374 to 376 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 374 of 2011**

Import duty paid on building materials:

September 2010	£95,215.93
October 2010	£110,189.74
November 2010	£101,496.92
December 2010	£46,708.06

#### **Answer to Question No. 375 of 2011**

Import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate:

September 2010	£15,385.44
October 2010	£18,149.86
November 2010	£23,670.19
December 2010	£21,697.31

#### **Answer to Question No. 376 of 2011**

Import duty paid by passengers arriving by air at Gibraltar Airport since financial years 2006/2007:

06/07	£6861.99
07/08	£3320.12
08/09	£3017.31
09/10	£2714.99
01/04/10-31/12/10	£3577.09

ORAL

**NO. 377 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDERS SUBMITTED FOR GOVERNMENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

How many tenders have been submitted for each of the Government residential properties that were advertised on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010 with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 378 to 382 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 378 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDERS RECEIVED FOR ROSIA COTTAGES**

Can Government say how many tenders have been received for each of the Rosia Cottages and whether these have now been allocated and, if so, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 377, 379 to 382 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 379 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**RESIDENTIAL TENDERS AWARDED**

Can Government list the residential tenders they have 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. 377, 378 and 380 to 382 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 380 OF 2011**

**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. 377 to 379, 381 and 382 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 381 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES**

Can Government provide the value and the number of all residential property sales in Gibraltar in 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 377 to 380 and 382 of 2011.

**NO. 382 OF 2011**

**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. 1557 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 377 of 2011**

The tenders for the Government residential properties that were advertised on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010 with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 have not yet been adjudicated and this information is, therefore, still sensitive and confidential. I will be happy to provide it to them at a later date, once the adjudications have taken place.

**Answer to Question No. 378 of 2011**

A total of 146 valid bids were received for the Rosia Cottages properties. These properties have been adjudicated very recently. Details of the bid amounts will be published on completion. In other words, sometimes what happens is that when the winner realises that he has won, he pulls out. So, until we complete, we do not consider that there is a transaction, so to speak. Some of the information that the hon Members were seeking there can be elicited from the payment of deposit that they will see there, from which, at least in three cases, they can see the person and work out the price from the fact that it is a 10 per cent deposit. So, that is what we expect to conclude, but until it is concluded ... For example, if somebody, even after they have paid a deposit, if somebody decides to pull out, the Government do not take, sort of, the aggressive view of losing the deposit. So, although my answer remains correct, the information is available to them there, at least in three of the four cases, albeit that it is not yet cast in stone.

**Answer to Question No. 379 of 2011**

No residential tenders have been awarded since the information supplied at the last Question Time in Parliament.

**Answer to Question No. 381 of 2011**

The Government is not able to provide the information regarding the value and number of all residential property sales in Gibraltar in 2010.

**Answer to Question Nos. 380 and 382 of 2011**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule giving a breakdown of the revenue collected from land and property sales since this information was supplied during the last Question Time in Parliament, and also a statement giving the information requested in respect of property and land sales resulting in receipts to the Improvement and Development Fund since Question No. 1557 of 2010 was answered.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 382**

**Answer to Question 380**

**Residential Property Sales from 1 September 2010 to 31 December 2010 (Improvement and Development Fund)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Sep-10	Mr & Mrs C Santos	Ext of Term for 8-12 Willis's Road to 99 Yrs	£3,400.00
Sep-10	Mr C Moore - Valverde	Ext of Term for Flat 2 Trafalgar House	£4,721.48
Dec-10	Mr E Labrador	10% Deposit iro No 2 Rosia Cottages	£22,700.00
Dec-10	Mr & Mrs Colombo	10% Deposit iro No 3 Rosia Cottages	£25,000.00
Dec-10	Mr & Mrs Canepa	10% Deposit iro No 4 Rosia Cottages	£28,100.00
			<u>£83,921.48</u>

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Residential Property Sales from 1 September 2010 to 31 December 2010 (Government-owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
<b><u>Westside Two Co-Ownership Co Ltd</u></b>			
Sep-10	Odo - Walker	50% Sale of 14 Tilbury Court, Harbour Views	£39,303.93
<b><u>Gibraltar Co-Ownership Co Ltd</u></b>			
Sep-10	Feetham - Bradby	10% Sale of 15 Elm Tree Lodge, Montagu Gardens	£9,134.26
Nov-10	Mr P & J Linares	50% Sale of 15 Laburnum Lodge, Montagu Gardens	£47,010.26
Dec-10	Victory - Gonzalez	13% Sale of 1 Redwood Lodge, Montagu Gardens	£31,533.14
<b><u>Gibraltar Residential Properties Co Ltd</u></b>			
Sep-10	J D Neish	Reservation fee iro Flat 9, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Sep-10	E M Perez	11 Harrington Buildings, 4-8 Cumberland Road	£28,600.00
Sep-10	J Fabre	45 Kingsway House, Alameda Estate	£53,100.00
Sep-10	M & M D L Posso	6 Penney House, 13 Naval Hospital Road	£40,100.00
Sep-10	T Gingell & B Tonna	32 Freesia House, Waterpot Terraces	£30,983.60
Sep-10	J & L Guerrero	18 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£38,165.40
Sep-10	M & D Galia	9 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£26,847.20
Sep-10	J T & P Jarman	6 Candytuft House, Waterport Terraces	£26,254.40
Sep-10	T Sene & S Milanta	6 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£23,778.00
Sep-10	A Wahnon & G Rodriguez		
Sep-10	De La Vega	9 Amayllis House, Waterport Terraces	£34,311.20
Sep-10	C J G & M D L A Galliano	50% Sale of 103 Cumberland Terraces	£55,411.00
Sep-10	B Moss	70% Sale of 308 Cumberland Terraces	£62,386.00
Sep-10	D Bossino	70% Sale of 615 Cumberland Terraces	£65,543.00

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Residential Property Sales from 1 September 2010 To 31 December 2010 (Government-owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Sep-10	J Fortuna	100% Sale of 102 Cumberland Terraces	£109,620.00
Sep-10	N Montegriffo & P Linares	60% Sale of 716 Cumberland Terraces	£71,601.00
Sep-10	J Rodriguez & R Manghani	50% Sale of 219 Cumberland Terraces	£56,736.00
Sep-10	A Menez	100% Sale of 204 Cumberland Terraces	£110,670.00
Sep-10	J Goodson	80% Sale of 217 Cumberland Terraces	£76,545.00
Sep-10	A Muscat	50% Sale of 315 Cumberland Terraces	£46,131.00
Sep-10	F & A Ferro	6 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£52,901.00
Oct-10	E & M I Ramognin	14 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£24,676.55
Oct-10	D Pisharello	2 Shamrock House, Catalan Bay	£32,100.00
Oct-10	A Avellano	21 Rosia House, 2A Naval Hospital Road	£34,400.00
Oct-10	C Gaviso	65% Sale of 121 Cumberland Terraces	£61,939.50
Oct-10	A Martinez & E Chipolina	50% Sale of 211 Cumberland Terraces	£54,536.00
Oct-10	M Olivero & S Alvarez	70% Sale of 201 Cumberland Terraces	£78,710.00
Oct-10	J Ghio & K A Garcia	60% Sale of 518 Cumberland Terraces	£57,579.00
Oct-10	J Davis & M Azzopardi	50% Sale of G05 Cumberland Terraces	£41,846.00
Oct-10	A Freeth	70% Sale of 208 Cumberland Terraces	£62,246.00
Oct-10	L Buttigieg	34 Victoria House, Alameda Estate	£45,800.00
Oct-10	P Bran	13 St Joseph's West Mews	£25,700.00
Nov-10	C & K Gerada	18 Candytuft House, Waterport Terraces	£114,000.00

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<u>Residential Property Sales from 1 September 2010 to 31 December 2010 (Government-owned Companies)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Nov-10	A & E Montero	60 % Sale of 306 Cumberland Terraces	£95,301.00
Nov-10	R Danino	60 % Sale of 403 Cumberland Terraces	£68,282.00
Nov-10	Mrs C L Rabelo	10% Sale of 04:02:02 Rose Court, SWJG	£6,361.29
Nov-10	S Alvarez	Reservation fee iro Flat 2, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Nov-10	P Lennane	Reservation fee iro Flat 3, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Dec-10	P & N Ochello	Deposit for Unit 7, Calpe Married Quarters	£4,783.00
Dec-10	C Figueras	Deposit for Unit 4, Calpe Married Quarters	£5,686.00
Dec-10	I Peralta & A Rose	Deposit for Unit 2, Calpe Married Quarters	£4,588.00
Dec-10	D Ramos & M Walsh	Deposit for Unit 3, Calpe Married Quarters	£5,644.00
Dec-10	K Menez & T Sacramento	Deposit for Unit 6, Calpe Married Quarters	£7,282.00
Dec-10	Mr & Mrs Vinet	Deposit for Unit 1, Calpe Married Quarters	£5,152.00
Dec-10	J & A Dyer	Reservation fee iro Flat 6, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Dec-10	Mr & Mrs Sweet	Balance iro Flat 5, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£126,003.00
Dec-10	A Zapata & R Garcia	Deposit for Unit 10, Calpe Married Quarters	£4,852.00
Dec-10	J & N Sacramento	Deposit for Unit 8, Calpe Married Quarters	£5,158.00
Dec-10	S & J Figueras	Deposit for Unit 9, Calpe Married Quarters	£4,921.00
Dec-10	T Sebtaoui	16 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£27,046.80
Dec-10	P I & M Victor	22 Rock Rose House, Waterport Terraces	£115,000.00
			<u>£2,131,276.94</u>
			<u>£2,258,258.53</u>

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Commercial Property Sales from 1 September 2010 to 31 December 2010 (Government-owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
<u>Gibraltar Commercial Property Co Ltd</u>			
Sep-10	D Montegriffo	Payment iro Miscellaneous items adjacent to Unit 23B Casemates	£500.00      £500.00
<u>Gibraltar Residential Properties Ltd</u>			
Sep-10	Cynthia Properties	Sale of Commercial Unit at 10 Sea Daffodil House, Waterport Terraces	£228,400.00
Sep-10	Saki Holdings	Sale of Commercial Unit at 11 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	£228,400.00
Oct-10	Millard Holdings Ltd	Sale of Commercial Unit at 3 Rock Rose House, Waterport Terraces	£228,400.00
Dec-10	B Martinez	Sale of Commercial Unit at East and West Sea Clover House, Waterport Terraces	£494,000.00      £1,179,200.00 £1,179,700.00

Answer to Question 382

Residential Property Sales for the Period 1st September 2010 to 31st December 2010

Sep-10	Extension of term for 8-12 Willis's Road to 99 yrs wef 1.10.10	£3,400.00
Sep-10	Premium iro extension of term for Flat 2 Trafalgar House	£4,721.48
Dec-10	Deposit iro No 2 Rosia Cottages	£22,700.00
Dec-10	Deposit iro No 3 Rosia Cottages	£25,000.00
Dec-10	Deposit iro No 4 Rosia Cottages	£28,100.00
		<u>£83,921.48</u>

Commercial Property Sales for the Period 1st September 2010 to 31st December 2010

Sep-10	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
Oct-10	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
Nov-10	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
Dec-10	Premium for surrender & granting of new lease for 39 Rosia Road	£11,740.00
		<u>£14,686.00</u>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 377 TO 382 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In Question No. 381 of 2011, the Government said they could not provide that information. The value and the number of residential property sales in 2010?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I am told by Land Property Services Limited that they are able to generate a printout of the land registry showing the total number of transactions in the year, together with their total value, but this will not differentiate between residential and commercial property sales, nor will it differentiate ... In other words, it will include all transactions recorded in the land registry including lease extensions, et cetera, mortgages and things which are not sales. So, they can list all transactions but cannot disaggregate from them particular types of transactions that go towards the total.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But did the Government, a couple of years ago, not announce in the budget that they were monitoring what was happening in the housing market and they gave us figures. I think it was, in fact, that in one year they said that although the total number of transactions had gone down, in terms of sales for residential property, the value had gone up which showed that the average unit prices had gone up. This really was a question of seeking an update of that picture. I do not know where the hon Member got the information from, but he has provided it before, a single figure. So many properties, so much value.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The information can be elicited but with a considerable amount of work. In other words, for example, in the whole list of transactions they could identify the property conveyances or assignments. So, it is not that the information is impossible to get to, but it requires a specific exercise. In other words, it is not available to them in that form without collating it for that purpose as to the value of those. So, I suppose they could sit and count what they think are property sales and, indeed, from stamp duty records. They must have information of the property sales, but what they have said to me in the supplementary information which they have prepared for me is that the printout that their computer produces to them, does not differentiate between residential and commercial nor between the types of property transactions. So, I suppose any repetition of the exercise to which the hon Member is alluding would require ... I suppose they did it by sitting down for endless hours because I had asked for it and worked it out. I cannot really say anything more to him. I hope he can understand that there is no reason why the Government would not wish to give him this information if it were available.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that, but it must imply that the Government have abandoned its monitoring of this. I remember, specifically, that when the Government announced that they were doing this, the hon Member said that this was to see what was happening, whether we had a problem in the residential property market and where it was going, because in the past, previous to that particular announcement, he was not able to give me this information and he told me at the time that he could not obtain it and I stopped asking, until he volunteered it at a later stage without being asked. So, I assumed that having started the process, it was an ongoing thing because really there is not much point in finding what was happening, say, in 2008 and 2009 and then not bothering with what was happening in 2010. I was not expecting that it would require a specific exercise for the purpose of answering the question. I took it for granted that having thought it was worth, as it were, keeping an eye on how the property market was performing, that that had been a continuing exercise, but I take it from the answer that it is not. That it has been done once and then abandoned. Is that the case?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I hope it is not the case, but I agree with the apparent logic of the hon Member that it would appear to be, because monitoring would have required them to have armed themselves with the wherewithal to have provided the same information. Well, if not to provide it, at least to have it for the monitoring purposes. So, I will take the hon Member's point as a prompt. Certainly, I have not revisited this issue myself since that last time, but I will find out whether the monitoring has been abandoned by them as well. It is not for me to do the number crunching but, certainly, no information has been provided to me beyond the original one and I will follow it up.

**ORAL**

**NO. 383 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR AVIATION SECURITY**

Can Government say on what date the United Kingdom agreed that responsibility for Aviation Security should pass on to the Government of Gibraltar, and can they say whether this was at the request of the Gibraltar Government or of the UK Government?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Gibraltar Government now exercises responsibility for Aviation Safety on the terms of the Civil Aviation Act.

Aviation Security has not yet been the subject of any new legislation. This remains under discussion and has not yet been settled.

**NO. 384 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL – DEMOLITION OF STAIRCASE**

What changes were made to a staircase within the new airport terminal development that was demolished as a result of a consultant believing it had been built incorrectly and what was the cost of the demolition and reconstruction of the said staircase?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The air terminal remains a construction site in the possession of the contractor on the terms and obligations set out in the construction contract. For legal and contractual reasons, the Government are unwilling to comment on any specific matter relating to the construction contract. However, the Government are pleased with how the project is going.

**NO. 385 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – SERVICE PUPILS IN FIRST AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Can Government confirm that it is anticipated that Service pupils will be included in First and Middle schools in the current calendar year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Transfer of services negotiations with the Ministry of Defence continue, including in relation to extending the schooling services currently provided to them. It is, therefore, inappropriate to comment at this stage.

In anticipation of a successful negotiation and the entering into, in due course, of an agreement, Government have informed the MOD that it would accept a small number of children of newcomers to Gibraltar, ahead of agreement, to prevent unnecessary disruption to the children's schooling in the event of an agreement being put in place. In other words, if a Service family were to come to Gibraltar, now, to avoid them having to insert their children into a school and then only to be moved in a couple of months' time, they are being allowed to place them directly into a Government school.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 385 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But then, surely, the answer is that he is anticipating that it will proceed along these lines, otherwise he would not be doing that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. I am not aware whether there has been any take up yet. This is a facility and I just do not know whether there has been any take up. I do not know whether there have been any arrivals with children of that age that have gone into the school but, certainly we have agreed to allow it, if it happens and, therefore, it is envisaged that it will if the circumstances arise.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably, the Government have got an idea of the numbers that would be involved in the event that the negotiations were successful and they moved to our schools, because, of course, in the figures that I was given in answers to previous questions in this meeting, the figure for the Secondary school includes the Service children but not the First and Middle. So, if the Government have an idea, does that mean that, in the event that it goes, it would require any additional resources to the present system or is the system capable of absorbing the numbers?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, the numbers is a variable feast because it depends on how many there are of an age group at a given time, but it is not envisaged that there will be a problem because these would not all be placed in one school. So, it is a question of distribution and, on that basis, the numbers being what they are, it is not envisaged to be a problem, but these are the sort of details that have not yet been fully negotiated. In other words, how they will be distributed.

**NO. 386 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MOD DIRECT EMPLOYMENT COVERED BY 2007 AGREEMENT**

Can Government confirm whether all the remaining areas of MOD direct employment are covered by the 2007 agreement which provided for transfer to a Government company and, if not, can Government list which areas are a) included; and b) excluded and the number of employees currently in each such area?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Global Agreement of May 2007, in so far as concerns its job security provisions, applies to all Gibraltar belonger directly employed MOD staff then remaining, in all areas, by virtue of one of, the MOD's commitment to retain them; or the Gibraltar Government's "safety net" commitment to take them on if made compulsorily redundant; or the Government taking them on if they are engaged in a service that is transferred to the Government.

I now hand the hon Member, in case it is of any assistance to him, a copy of the joint press release dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007 issued jointly by the Government and the Trade Unions explaining the various aspects of the Global Agreement.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 386



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**Joint Statement by the Gibraltar Government,  
and the Trades Unions TGWU/ACTS and GGCA/Prospect**

During the last eight weeks the Government of Gibraltar, the Ministry of Defence (MoD), the Trades Unions TGWU/ACTS and GGCA/Prospect (Trades Unions), and Serco Limited (Serco) have been engaged in intense, constructive discussions and negotiations of proposals formulated by the Government of Gibraltar following the dispute about the ISP contract award by the MoD.

The Government's proposals related not just to the ISP contract itself, but to all MoD's support activities in Gibraltar, with a view to bringing as much certainty and stability as possible to MoD's workforce in Gibraltar now and for the future.

The Government's proposals have the following three objectives:

- 1) To enable MoD to pursue its objective of value for money in its non-core activities in Gibraltar and thus achieve efficiency savings in a manner acceptable to all parties;
- 2) To enable GoG to pursue its objective of protecting the job security and conditions of MoD and WSM staff affected by the ISP Contract, as well as all other MoD staff in order to bring stability for the future;
- 3) To rationalize local resources, skills and capacity and to address environmental issues arising from some of these activities.

GoG, MoD, the Trades Unions and Serco are close to reaching agreements which would not only enable the ISP contract to proceed on terms acceptable to everyone, but also achieves the three objectives set out above, including of course, addressing the principal concerns of the staff.

The intended Agreements would have five key elements:

- An enhanced voluntary early exit scheme for all MoD employees;

- The transfer to GoG of certain non-core MoD services and staff of which MoD then becomes a customer;
- A secondment model of staffing for the ISP contract. This means that MoD staff will have the option to be employed by a company owned by the Gibraltar Government and be seconded by that company to Serco, rather than be employed directly by Serco;
- Agreed efficiency savings throughout the remainder of MoD support operations in Gibraltar, in the form of a limited and agreed number of redundancies.
- No one stays without a job against their wish and the Agreements would provide stability of employment for the future.

The main features of each of these five key elements of these wide-ranging and innovative agreements would be as follows:

- Enhanced Early Exit Scheme  
MoD staff across the Command will be offered an early exit package comprising enhanced early retirement or severance benefits. This package represents an improvement over the 1997 Package, which was itself an improved package.

- Transfer of Services to GoG  
Under the Agreements the Government and MoD would agree in principle, but subject to detailed agreements for each, for the transfer of Electricity Generation and distribution, Defence Fire Service, MoD Laundry, and Water distribution, including staff, to Government or a GoG entity. It is envisaged that water distribution would be incorporated into the AquaGib contract with staff transferring to that company. Government would then provide all these services to MoD on contract on a full cost recovery basis.

Government and MoD will also agree to enter into exploratory discussions in good faith to examine the scope that exists for Government to provide the following services to the MoD with the transfer of staff to GoG:-

- Secondary health care
- Primary education
- Certain policing services
- Sewer services
- Fuel depot facilities
- Water production

- Remaining MoD activities
  - Once the ISP Contract is in place and the electricity, laundry, water distribution and fire service have been transferred to Government, it is envisaged that there will be about 700 staff left in the MoD (less any that have exited under the Enhanced Voluntary Early Exit Scheme).
  - It has been agreed that, after that, the remaining numbers will be reduced to around 600. The GoG Company will offer a job to such entitled persons as are affected by this stage of the process. This arrangement will involve staff depositing their redundancy money to be held until their future exit from GoG Co.
  - Project Pegasus (affecting around 300 staff) would not be subjected to market testing, so that staff will remain in the MoD.
  - Under the agreements there would be no further compulsory redundancies of MoD staff for at least 7 years, and should any further redundancies be required during the 3 years after that, they would be sought by voluntary means, thereby providing stability for at least 10 years.

- ISP Contract
  - Electricity generation and distribution, and water distribution would be taken out of the scope of ISP Contract and would thus not transfer to Serco.
  - MoD staff affected by the ISP Contract will have the option of becoming employees of a company owned by GoG and then being seconded to Serco. Staff will be required to work to the principle of multiskilling and flexibility within their competences.
  - initial staff numbers would be agreed, together with a mechanism to avoid compulsory redundancies in the future.
  - Employees seconded by the Government company to Serco under this secondment model will be paid in accordance with the pay parity principle (as it applies to MoD) now and in the future.
  - Current WSM (Turner) staff are also included in the scope of the ISP Contract. These staff will have the right to transfer from Turner to Serco, with the benefit of a good occupational pension scheme under the Gibraltar Provident Scheme. It has been agreed with Serco that the WSM industrial DEL (about 61 people) will be preserved intact, and will suffer no redundancies. A minimum of around 15 WSM non-industrial staff will be retained by Serco.
  - In all around 315 staff are now affected by the ISP Contract (210 in MoD and 105 in the WSM). Of these 110 are surplus. This number will be reduced by the Enhanced Voluntary Early Exit Scheme, but any that are facing redundancy from both MoD or WSM Gibraltar belonger staff will be offered employment by the Gibraltar Government company. This arrangement will involve affected staff depositing their redundancy money with GoG to be held until their future exit from the GoG Company.
  - If the Agreements are finalised the MoD will proceed with its ISP Contract with Serco. On the basis of such Agreements, the Government and the Trades Unions would discontinue their opposition to the ISP Contract.

Commenting on the state of the negotiations, Chief Minister Peter Caruana, who has conducted the negotiations personally, said: "All the parties have to-date negotiated in good faith. The negotiations have been tough but constructive, and I am hopeful that it may be possible to reach agreements that are good for all sides as early as next week. The negotiated texts are still subject to approval by UK Ministers. But we are very hopeful that it may be possible to sign agreements as early as next week."

The Trades Unions officials who have been involved in this process, Louis Montiel, Charles Sisarello, Michael Tampin, Victor Ochello and Ralph Capurro said: " These look like being very good agreements for employees both in MoD and WSM who were facing a very difficult and uncertain future and for Gibraltar as a whole. We hope that they can be finalised. We will certainly recommend them to staff. The agreements take care of all major concerns of the Unions and Staff and lift a massive cloud hanging over the workforce."

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 386 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Am I interpreting this correctly in thinking that the people that would be taken on then would be, either those who transfer because the service is transferred or those who are made compulsorily redundant, but not those who opt to avail themselves of the early exit scheme. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. Of course, the first line of defence is the MOD's commitment not to reduce below a certain number. Beyond that number is when the Government commitment for the "safety net" arises, and from memory, I think the way the numbers pan out, there is a maximum of 108 people that could fall into the "safety net", conceivably.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

In any event, there is no "safety net" for those who choose to take early exit. No.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably, that figure of 108 was based on the MOD's plans at the time that the agreement was entered into in 2007 and may, in fact, be affected by any changes that are being introduced currently as a result of the review taking place in the UK, is it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, no, this is the value of the agreement. That they are now committed to these numbers and they cannot cut below the figure that they have agreed not to cut below, and that is precisely the value of having pre-empted ... What we did not realise was how heavy, we thought that the MOD budget would come under renewed pressure, but not the scale of the pressure that it would come out. Remember at the time we were only concerned about the ISP contract.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yet we extended the Global Agreement to the whole of the MOD workforce, precisely, because we feared that ISP was just the first of a number of areas and we wanted to buy, get as much stability as possible. So, now that what is come to pass has come to pass, the MOD is committed to these numbers and cannot now say, well, we are not holding to the commitment because it is a different ball game, in terms of their budget. That is, precisely, what we think is the value. That is the reason why we put it in and the value of it is, precisely, that it provides protection in circumstances where there would be a lot of uncertainty about.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The hon Member has mentioned the commitment under those agreements to take on staff if the Government take on a service. Of course, staff which are available and are not part of an exit scheme. That suggests, does it not, that, when the Government take on a service from the MOD, there is additional staff which comes over in order to provide that service. The service that used to be provided by the Government and the additional service which it is now taken over. Can the Government confirm that that is not, in fact, what is going to happen? That when, if a member of staff is taken on and that person, for example, reaches retirement age or simply leaves the service, there is no commitment by the Government to maintain that post. In other words, there will be a reduced staff complement, eventually, to provide an enhanced service than what is provided at the moment, because additional services will have to be provided to the MOD estate.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. Well, it goes much beyond that. Under the terms of the agreements ... because the Global Agreements are not just between the MOD and the Government, there are also agreements with the Unions. There are agreements bilaterally between the Unions and the MOD. There are agreements bilaterally between the Government and the Unions and between the Government and the MOD and then there is, what is called, an Omnibus Agreement. It goes beyond that. The Government are not required to retain transferring staff in the sector. In other words, if anybody falls into the "safety net", the Government are not required to keep them. Let us be clear. Let us discuss the "safety net" first, not the transfer services. In the case of the "safety net", the Government are not required to employ them for the same function as they have fallen out of. There are agreements that they will be redeployed in the nearest possible, sort of, activity, that sort of thing. In the case of the transfer service, the basis of the negotiation with the MOD is that the Government will not make anybody redundant and the MOD has to pay for the cost of the service when it buys it from the Government, on a basis of a charging mechanism that includes the labour element of the retained labour. So, that is to ensure that the Gibraltar tax payer does not end up subsidising any of the labour costs that we inherit. So, the charging mechanism makes it perfectly clear. This is understood by the MOD. It has been the subject of detailed negotiation that the staff will come across under a TUPE transfer arrangement and the Government will not make anybody redundant. There may be voluntary redundancy schemes, but certainly nobody will be made compulsorily redundant and the MOD pays for the service on the basis of a delivery cost to the Government that includes the full cost of the labour that is being transferred.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

As I understand the position and the explanation that the hon Member has given, there is no commitment to retain that labour complement further down the line. So that if someone who does transfer, say resigns, what happens then? There will be a service which will be provided to the MOD but with a reduced complement because it will no longer include that person who has been transferred. In other words, when you take over a service and, say, five people come over, that does not increase the Government complement by five with a commitment by the Government to keep it at that level of plus five.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Far from it. The agreement with the Union say that there is no commitment and there is no manning level agreement at those levels. The Government do not need all the MOD electricity generators simply to supply MOD with electricity generated from what are, in any event, new engines at the new power station. But, certainly, whilst the old power station is in place, and whilst the MOD power station remains in place, everyone will be retained generating electricity. In due course, the MOD electricity generating staff that we take over will not have a long-term future in electricity generation in Gibraltar, unless they are successful in obtaining any vacancies that arise in the Gibraltar Electricity Authority, but they will be redeployed to some other activity.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I just seek final clarification on that final ... So, the initial thing would be that the MOD station would be operated by the employees, but there will be a Government company specifically operating that station and they would not be, in fact, part of the Authority? That would be the starting position, would it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, there has been no agreement yet, but that is what is envisaged. It is not envisaged that the MOD generating staff will join the Gibraltar Electricity Authority.

ORAL

**NO. 387 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SEWAGE IN WATERS OFF WESTERN BEACH**

Can Government confirm whether, since the answer to Question No. 1467 of 2010, they have been able to confirm if the source of the pollution in the Western Beach area is in Spain?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, Mr Speaker.

**NO. 388 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INSOLVENCY FUND – HAYMILLS’ EMPLOYEES**

Can Government confirm that Haymills’ employees were informed by letter by the administrator of the Insolvency Fund of their redundancy entitlement and, if so, on what date and how many such employees were written to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I can confirm that 124 ex-Haymills Group employees were written to by the Administrator of the Insolvency Fund, advising them of their redundancy entitlements. These employees collected their letter from the Ministry of Employment offices between the end November and the beginning of December 2009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 388 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it not the case that the amount of the entitlement mentioned in those letters was calculated in accordance with the statutory provisions for the payment of redundancy?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I imagine that that would be the case. I would assume that the administrator correctly calculated the amount. I understand that at some point there was some disagreement about the basis of calculation but I think that it was done on the basis of the way it has always been calculated, but I do not have the letter. I have not seen it. Is the hon Member just asking me to confirm whether it was done in accordance with the provisions of the fund rule regulations? I do not know off hand what those provisions are.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am asking the question because it is a matter that I have raised before in previous meetings of the House and a matter that has been dealt with by the Government saying that in the construction industry, the statutory provisions did not apply, and that they were paid according to the CATA agreement, which is less.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Then that is what was done.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, I know that that is what was done, but that is not what the letter said was going to be done, and that is the whole point. That the letters that were sent out by the Ministry actually specified sums provided according to the statutory provisions in the law and, eventually, when they got paid, they did not get paid what the letter said. Therefore, I raised this matter in the House previously, on the basis that I found it strange that the interpretation that apparently had been given was that it was possible for an employer to enter into an agreement with the Union to pay less than the statutory minimum, even though people had been originally sent letters by the Employment Service telling them that what they were getting was the statutory minimum. So, given that situation, are the Government aware that there have been representations made and explanations sought for this discrepancy and that none have been provided to the affected parties?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I believe what happened was that some people suited ..., it suited some employees to be paid on one basis, and others to be paid on a different basis, depending on their personal circumstances. When the administrator was faced with these conflicting expectations and claims from beneficiaries of the same scheme, the administrator took legal advice and that legal advice was that on a proper interpretation of the insolvency regulations, the proper basis for the calculation was by reference to the CATA agreement, which benefited some and displeased others. If the opposite decision had been made, there would still have been some that benefited more than others and others that did not.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, did the administrator, having been given the advice, send letters out telling people that the letters he had sent out originally were flawed and that the figures were not what they were going to get?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, they must ... I do not know how he communicated with these people. At some point, each of them must have been told what the fund administrator then thought he was entitled to. In respect of some, it was more, and in respect of others, it was less.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My information is that people found the payment that had been paid into their bank account did not correlate with the letter, with no explanation being given why that was not the case, and that they had been pursuing the matter for a year now, without getting anywhere.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I cannot say whether that is the way it administratively happened or did not. If it did happen that way, then I agree with the insinuation in the hon Member's point, which is that it would have been preferable for the administrator to have written a second letter correcting himself, or giving the final decision, or saying contrary to what I said to you the first time, it is not that, it is this. That would certainly have been the preferable way to do it. If it did not happen in some such way, then it is regrettable. I think, you know, if what the hon Member is saying is that people got a letter and then after a period of a passage of time, they simply received a sum of money into a bank account, without any type of communication in between, then I do not think that that is particularly sound administrative practice and, certainly, it would have been preferable for it to have happened differently, but I do not have that information about that sort of administrative detail and how it happened. I can agree. I am not even agreeing, I doubt very much that there was no communication at all because I know that people were ringing. People were coming in to see the administrator. So, there must have been some form of communication. But if a formal letter was written, it would have been better for a second formal letter to have been written. I would agree with the hon Member that that would have been the preferable way to do it. I cannot really go further than that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But does the hon Member not think that really it is not acceptable that people should get an official letter saying, I am the administrator of the Insolvency Fund and according to the law, you are entitled to x thousand pounds and then, instead of the sum in the letter, a different amount appears in a man's bank account. According to the people who have come to complain about this matter to me, they have not been able to pin anybody down who can give them a logical explanation for the apparent discrepancy. I was, in fact, able to give them the explanation that I had been given in questions that I had previously put and, certainly, I find it odd that it should be possible to negotiate a lesser amount than the statutory minimum. The law makes very clear that the minimum is the minimum and that there is nothing to stop employers, and many do, paying better. The MOD pays better payments but, surely, something should be done, still even at this stage, for those who are not satisfied, to be able to get a written explanation of the discrepancy.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think they know the explanation for the discrepancy and I think the supplementary just invites me to repeat what I have already said. It, certainly, would have been preferable for it to be done more explicitly and in writing and for the first letter if it ... I suppose the people that got more than the first letter suggested, are not complaining that they did not get a second letter. The people that are complaining are the people who got less than in the first letter. So, the unhappiness does not come from the non receipt of the letter, it comes from the receipt of a reduced sum of money but, in either case, I agree that preferable administrative good practice would have issued a letter to both of them for the sake of the record.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not sure that there were people who were better off, because if the hon Member was familiar with the redundancy scheme of the construction industry, and the redundancy scheme required by law, he would realise that one pays up to one year, depending on the length of service and that, therefore, the only people who could possibly be better off are those with less than two years employment who get paid a week for a year, and who get a couple of weeks, and under the other scheme they would have got nothing. So, there may be some people who had been such recent employees that they would have been not entitled to redundancy under the law, and those people will have got something because they would not have been entitled to anything. As a whole, the answer that I got in the last Question Time of the House was that if they had gone by the statutory, it would have finished costing the Insolvency Fund more money. So, there were many more losers, by the answers given by the Minister for Employment to me in this House, than there were winners.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, in the end the decision was not made by reference to which method cost the Insolvency Fund more money. It was made on the basis of a legal advice as to what the Insolvency Fund regulations required. The hon Member may think that the position should be different, but the administrator applies the fund rules that exist, and if a dispute or a controversy, or a disagreement arises about the proper interpretation of the regulations, the administrator can do no more than seek and rely on legal advice. Now, some people may have preferred a different outcome. That would require either to find a lawyer that gives a different legal opinion, or to change the Insolvency Fund Regulations, but I am not willing to criticise the administrator for doing what he is told is the proper interpretation of the law. That is what administrators do when doubt is raised about the proper interpretation of a statute that they administer. We have moved from the administrative practices now to the substance, and we have had this debate before. There are people whom it suited to rely on the CATA basis because they did not have enough length of service to get any or any significant statutory compensation, and there are people who had a longer length of service whom the statutory minimum delivered more than the CATA formula did. Well, fine. There are winners and losers. Whenever there are people in two different categories, and you choose one interpretation of the regulations, there are winners and losers. The hon Member is defending the losers. I suppose somebody else would defend the winners. What the Government are certainly not going to do is to pay out under both formulas so that all of them are winners, by the Government applying both formulas. Now, I do not think that there is anybody left today, however desirable it might have been for the administrative exercise to have been done

differently in terms of this writing of a second letter explaining, which I agree with the hon Member is what should have happened. I do not think there is anybody left today that does not understand the reasons why they received a lower sum of money, just as the ones who received a higher sum of money understand why they received a higher sum of money without a second letter. Now, all that is different to whether the Insolvency Regulations meant and should mean, and should say, statutory minimum, or statutory minimum or CATA, if lower. That is a matter of substance which is for the legislature. If we conclude that that is what the rule should be. In other words, that the legal advice is correct, but that that was not the intention of the law maker when he made it, then we have got to clarify the law. I think we have had this discussion before, but no one has made a proposal to me about that and no legislative proposal has reached my desk, to any such effect.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that the administrator, until somebody came along, apparently, this is information that we were not provided with at the last time I raised this matter, but apparently, it was only when somebody came along and said, why have I not been given a redundancy payment under CATA that the administrator decided that he needed to obtain legal advice ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Of course.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Because until that point, presumably, all previous construction redundancies have been paid for according to the statutory minimum?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know what the answer to that question is.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it not...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know whether there have been any. I mean, there may have been some, and ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

[Inaudible].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know what the basis of the calculation is, but certainly, the administrator at that time had a view, and when a different view was put to him, the man said, well look I have already ... I have got one view, you are putting to me another. I will consult the Government's lawyers and ask them what is the proper position. I think that is unimpeachably correct behaviour.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not questioning whether the behaviour is unimpeachable or not. What I am asking the Government, would they not agree that if the administrator had to go for legal advice and before the legal advice the administrator wrote to one hundred and twenty four workers telling them, your entitlement is so much calculated in accordance with what the law requires, it must follow that the view of the administrator, until that letter of November/December, was that the statutory provisions applied in the construction industry, and that for the first time since construction redundancies have taken place, the view was taken that that law did not apply, that the CATA agreement applied. So, therefore, we have a situation where this view, which operated for the first time on this occasion, has created a precedent where a lot of other people, that have nothing to do with this or with Haymills, are actually getting lower payments than they had an expectation to get under the law that was introduced by the Government.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That might very well be so, but the fact that laws have been administered incorrectly and people have received payments possibly higher than they might have been entitled to, and the Government could, or could not, choose to try and recover the money, but the fact that it chooses not to try and recover the money, does not oblige the Government to continue to administer the scheme for the future, continuing with the error, and that is the position. So, whether there have been people that have benefited from the administrator's view which turns out to be incorrect, before this case, and the fact that these, therefore, are the first victims of the alleged correct interpretation ... I mean, for example, none of these victims, none of these people who suffer the consequences of this legal opinion, none of them have challenged. They are all free to challenge in law the administrator and say, no you have not paid me correctly. You have underpaid me. This is a statutory benefit. But no one has challenged it. So, the administrator takes a legal opinion which causes him to change the position and the view that evidently he held up to that point, and starts making payments in accordance with what he is advised is the correct position. Then, if the people who are the victims of that, there are people who are beneficiaries of that and they go away happily with their money, and if the people who are the victims of that, who have the right in law to challenge him do not, well then, they choose not to challenge him. They are free to challenge him.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is obviously the case that unemployed redundant workers have got the right in law to get a lawyer and challenge it, but it is easier to contact a Member of Parliament who does not charge and allow them to bring the matter to this House.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Member of Parliament is not a judge and this is not a Court of Law.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Workers are normally represented by their Trade Unions in matters of the enforcement of their workers rights and of their collective rights as workers.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But given that the Trade Union that would represent them is the one that signed the CATA agreement, which is less than the statutory amount, in the overwhelming number of cases, except for people with under two year's service, surely, the Government will agree that the intention of the law was to set a minimum and that it was not intended that it should be the case that there should be agreements undermining that minimum that the Government established. I think the reality is that, in all probability, the CATA agreement existed before the law came in and that, therefore, it is an unintended effect. Surely, it is not something that the Government would want to perpetuate. What is the use of having an agreement that says this is the minimum and then if there is a loophole that allows people to sign agreements for less than the minimum.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not for me to defend the CATA agreement. I did not negotiate it. I did not sign it. It is there. It has always been there. The CATA agreement was probably negotiated with construction workers in mind and the beneficiaries of the application of this decision are precisely the construction workers because construction workers, that is to say, the ones who get their hands dirty on building sites, they usually have very short period of service. So, they benefit more by a calculation under CATA than under the statutory minimum which requires a minimum length of service which most construction workers do not have. The victims in this discussion are not construction workers, in the main, that get their hands dirty, but office workers, highly paid office workers who are not the intended beneficiary of the CATA agreement, but they appear to have become the victims of the fact that the CATA agreement has been applied in their favour. I understand the facts that the hon Member is describing. What I am not conceding is that there is anything wrong. I have gone so far as to concede that there has been an element of unfortunate administrative lack of communication, and that I have also gone on to say that the question of what the rules should be, can always be revisited and changed if the correct legal interpretation of them is not the desired position, but all of that cannot be confused with a debate about whether the existing rules, as they are, have been correctly or incorrectly applied. Assuming that the legal advice is correct, the regulations have been correctly applied and the fact that there are losers is regrettable but unavoidable. Now, we can have a debate in a legislative context about whether the law should be changed to make sure that this does not happen. To make sure that

the current situation does not prevail into the future, but that is a legislative question. That does not arise under questioning about how the present rules have been implemented.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Though the hon Member says this latter point is a legislative question, would he not agree with us that it is, in fact, a policy issue. What he seems to be saying is that there is a provision of law which is supposed to set minimum standards, minimum rights for employees, and which allows, because that is the legal interpretation that has been given, it allows people to contract out of those provisions. Does the hon Member not agree that, as a matter of policy when it comes to employee rights, the general principle is that employees are not allowed to contract out, for example, minimum wage, you cannot enter into a contract for somebody to be paid £2 an hour because the law sets minimum standards for employees. Does the hon Member not agree that this is in the same category and when you have minimum standards set by legislation, as a matter of policy, those employee rights should not be able to be contracted out by the employee. As I have seen it read in other judgements by judges, sometimes employees have to be defended from their own folly and, therefore, they have to be prevented from being able to enter into agreements which may not be in their interest after all. That is why we have got legislative minimum requirements for employee rights. Does the hon Member not agree that this is such a policy consideration, rather than just leaving it for another day for legislative context?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I do not. All legislation is a matter of policy. At the end of the day, the Government promotes legislation that reflects its policy on a particular issue and then Parliament votes, for or against the legislation, to reflect its policy on that question. So, of course, it is a matter of policy. All legislative content is a matter of the policy of the legislators that make the law. I think what the hon Member means is that he thinks it is a matter of over arching principle that beneficiaries of statutory benefits cannot alienate those rights. There is no such principle. There is a specific provision to that effect in the pensions legislation which actually contains a section that says, that it is legally impossible and any attempt to do it is void and ineffective for an old age pensioner to alienate their old age pension. The fact that there is a specific provision in an Act, to bring that about in the case of a particular benefit, suggests that there is no such general principle, because if there were a general principle, it would not be necessary to legislate it for a particular case. Now, in this particular piece of legislation, if my memory is not failing me, I believe that there is a provision that specifically allows different arrangements to be legislated, and the legal dispute that arose was whether you could negotiate down for everybody or whether you could say, if the statutory minimum is less than CATA, then it is CATA, but in any event, not less than the statutory minimum, which I think is the interpretation that the Hon Leader of the Opposition is urging should be the correct one, but which the lawyers said was not the correct one. Well, fine. It is open to this House. I do not really remember whether it was primary legislation or subsidiary legislation. I think this is regulation. It is available to us to debate. The hon Member is free to bring a motion in this House, recommending to the Government that it amends the Insolvency Fund Regulations to reflect the interpretation that they want to put in it. We could do that at any time.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It has nothing at all to do with the Insolvency Fund Regulations. This is affecting people who are not covered by the Insolvency Fund. Until now, the statutory right to redundancy payment, introduced by the Government, has been interpreted in one way because the statutory rights, the minimum is laid down and it has got a final clause that says, this shall not prevent an employee from negotiating better terms. Now, because the Government recognised the CATA agreement, which until then had not been recognised, the CATA agreement had never been used in substitution of. The CATA agreement contains a termination of employment payment, independent of redundancy, which is paid to everybody. So, if people are not entitled to redundancy by virtue of the law, they are then entitled to a short-term payment which gives them the same money. So, it is not true that there are winners and losers. There are two clauses in the CATA agreement and one clause says, you shall be entitled to one [inaudible] per year and the other clause is the redundancy payment with exactly the same terms. When the law came in, introduced by the Government, the minimum that the law paid is the one that everybody has been paid until this incident.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Right, but it [inaudible] affects CATA people.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but when we talk about CATA, for example, it affects people who are putting air conditioning, who have been working in a company for twenty five years and they suddenly find that instead of getting £20,000, they get £5,000, because they are being considered as covered by the construction industry.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

All covered by the CATA agreement. People covered by the CATA agreement.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The point that I am making is that, in my view, the Government unintentionally created this because it was not anticipated that it would be interpreted in the way that it has been done, because it was not a fault in the Insolvency Fund Regulations and it is not a fault in the statutory entitlement of redundancy pay regulation. It is a consequence of the recognition by the Government of CATA which only happened recently at the request of the Union. Before it was recognised, the interpretation that was given was that ... The recognition by the Government as the binding agreement ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Joint Industrial Council Agreement, [inaudible] which has always been the case.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but the Government has told this House, in answer to different questions, that if there is a breach of that agreement, it is not enforceable by the Government or the Employment Office. So, if somebody fails to pay the CATA term, then the individual has to take the employer to court, or the Union has to take the employer to court, but they are still made to be paid by that because they are told that this is a statutory obligation. Well, I do not see how it is a statutory obligation to pay them less than the statutory minimum, but it is not a statutory obligation which is enforced by the Employment Service, when they do not pay it, but that is the answer that we were given the last time that I raised this question.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is the position in law. The CATA agreement is an agreement between construction companies and Unions representing construction company workers in respect of construction company employees. It does not create law. It is a private agreement between two private constituencies in society, and it does not create law and, therefore, the administration cannot enforce the breach of an agreement between two citizens, or two groups of citizens. But if that agreement says something about redundancy payments and the legislature, rightly or wrongly, sensibly or less sensibly, has passed a law that says, for the purposes of calculating statutory redundancy payment entitlements in the event of your employer going insolvent, without having paid you your redundancy payment, the Government will pay it out of this Insolvency Fund at this rate, unless you have entered into an agreement that provides for it to be paid at a different rate, then the law, which is what the lawyers have advised is the effect, then that agreement has that effect for the purposes of calculating the statutory redundancy payment payable by the tax payer, in default of payment by the bankrupt employer. That does not say that, therefore, everything else in the agreement between workforce and employers' organisations, is law also in every other provision of that document, is sometimes elevated to an official law that the administration is able to. This is exactly the same debate and exactly the same discussion as we had last time, and the position has not changed.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but first of all the Insolvency Regulations do not say anything like that. What the Insolvency Regulations say is that if the employer is insolvent, then the Insolvency Fund pays him what the employer would have paid. So, the fact that it is paid by the Insolvency Fund or is paid by the employer, is not the issue. The issue is that by recognising the agreement as a Joint Industrial Council, the unintended effect of it has been that a lot of people, who previously were covered by the law, are now no longer able to get the protection of the law in getting the minimum, as a consequence.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is true but where the hon Member is wrong is in saying that as a consequence of the recognition, as if the recognition were recent.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. I am sorry the hon Member is wrong. The CATA agreement has been a recognised Joint Industrial Council agreement from the day that it was first signed in the 1970s or 1980s. I do not remember its date. Nothing has happened recently by way of bestowing on it a recognition of anything that has altered the effect that it has had on the Insolvency Regulations and their administration. This is simply not correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, I am afraid the hon Member's information is incorrect and I ought to know because the original CATA's agreement were not recognised in the JIC and I was the one who negotiated them and it is only in recent years that the Union was able to persuade the construction industry that they should jointly go to the Government, because it requires the agreement of both sides of the industry to get them recognition. It has been a long aim of the Unions to get it done, but it was not with the intention of finishing up affecting people adversely.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I do not think the matter is going to get very much further from this point. I think we should move to the next question.

ORAL

**NO. 389 OF 2011**

**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. 1556 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 390 to 391 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 390 OF 2011**

**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. 1555 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 389 and 391 of 2011.

**NO. 391 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**WATERPORT DEVELOPMENT – PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS**

Can Government state what further payments, if any, have been made to the contractors or other parties in respect of the Waterport Terraces Development since the answer to Question No. 1108 of 2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 389 of 2011**

A total of £6,319,397.34 has been paid to Gibraltar Joinery and Building Services Limited since the answer to Question No. 1556 of 2010, of which it has paid £5,479,611.78 to sub-contractors.

**Answer to Question No. 390 of 2011**

A total of £1,585,244 has been paid in respect of the relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron since the answer to Question No. 1555 of 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 391 of 2011**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the large volume of information that he seeks.

**Answer to Question 391**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Surveyors</u>	<u>Engineers</u>	<u>Architects</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
01/10/2009	-	-	-	-	£4,037.50
01/10/2009	-	-	-	-	£5,160.50
02/10/2009	£821,909.67	-	-	-	-
02/10/2009	£527,000.00	-	-	-	-
06/10/2009	-	-	£16,065.00	-	-
06/10/2009	-	£9,000.00	-	-	-
06/10/2009	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
06/10/2009	-	-	-	£4,500.00	-
13/10/2009	-	-	£2,111.36	-	-
13/10/2009	-	-	£2,005.44	-	-
16/10/2009	-	-	-	-	£8,586.00
23/10/2009	£176,640.00	-	-	-	-
23/10/2009	£1,440.00	-	-	-	-
29/10/2009	-	-	£11,675.00	-	-
29/10/2009	-	-	£1,540.00	-	-
29/10/2009	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
29/10/2009	-	£9,000.00	-	-	-
03/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£10,991.00
03/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£5,427.88
03/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£6,000.00
04/11/2009	-	£13,323.30	-	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£11,675.00	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£472.50	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£315.00	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£1,076.25	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£892.50	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£557.50	-	-
12/11/2009	-	-	£420.00	-	-
17/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£5,114.39
17/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£6,000.00
17/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£1,700.00
18/11/2009	-	-	-	-	£2,800.00
25/11/2009	£150,695.00	-	-	-	-
25/11/2009	£1,305.00	-	-	-	-
02/12/2009	-	-	-	-	£164.23
02/12/2009	-	-	-	-	£108.00
02/12/2009	-	-	-	-	£8,535.00
04/12/2009	-	-	-	-	£4,987.23
04/12/2009	-	£7,808.98	-	-	-
08/12/2009	-	-	-	-	£9,860.00
08/12/2009	-	-	-	-	£13,296.17

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<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Surveyors</u>	<u>Engineers</u>	<u>Architects</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
15/12/2009	-	-	£11,675.00	-	-
15/12/2009	-	-	£9,000.00	-	-
15/12/2009	-	-	£2,170.88	-	-
15/12/2009	-	-	£3,740.53	-	-
18/01/2010	-	£12,022.24	-	-	-
19/01/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,965.25
19/01/2010	-	-	-	-	£6,000.00
19/01/2010	-	-	-	-	£26,133.50
28/01/2010	£52,911.80	-	-	-	-
31/01/2010	-	-	-	-	£7,965.47
02/02/2010	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
02/02/2010	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
02/02/2010	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
02/02/2010	-	-	£460.00	-	-
02/02/2010	-	-	£172.50	-	-
02/02/2010	-	-	£287.50	-	-
02/02/2010	-	-	£172.50	-	-
02/02/2010	-	-	£2,357.50	-	-
02/02/2010	-	-	£3,924.50	-	-
05/02/2010	-	£12,975.00	-	-	-
09/02/2010	-	-	-	-	£51,967.46
09/02/2010	-	-	-	-	£5,100.00
09/02/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,040.00
09/02/2010	-	-	£6,254.50	-	-
09/02/2010	-	-	£11,518.85	-	-
09/02/2010	-	-	£11,675.00	-	-
09/02/2010	-	-	-	-	£27,150.69
09/02/2010	-	£43,000.00	-	-	-
09/02/2010	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
09/02/2010	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
09/02/2010	-	-	-	£26,258.72	-
16/02/2010	-	-	-	-	£20,748.75
25/02/2010	-	-	-	-	£19,841.25
01/03/2010	-	£12,500.00	-	-	-
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£900.00
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£800.00
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£790.69
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£29,520.52
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£240.75
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£6,000.00

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<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Surveyors</u>	<u>Engineers</u>	<u>Architects</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
02/03/2010	-	-	£8,903.75	-	-
02/03/2010	-	-	£3,740.53	-	-
02/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£7,248.98
02/03/2010	-	-	-	£5,985.00	-
02/03/2010	-	£9,851.85	-	-	-
02/03/2010	-	£6,793.12	-	-	-
05/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
12/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£55.00
12/03/2010	£741,000.00	-	-	-	-
12/03/2010	£41,645.59	-	-	-	-
16/03/2010	-	-	£3,086.35	-	-
16/03/2010	-	-	£5,060.00	-	-
16/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,520.00
16/03/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
17/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£418.75
22/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,600.00
22/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
24/03/2010	-	£12,602.13	-	-	-
25/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,000.00
25/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,040.00
25/03/2010	-	-	-	-	£17,647.73
25/03/2010	-	-	-	£20,178.05	-
25/03/2010	-	-	-	£6,295.00	-
25/03/2010	-	-	-	£31,002.00	-
25/03/2010	-	£28,300.37	-	-	-
08/04/2010	-	£9,000.00	-	-	-
16/04/2010	£1,076,965.57	-	-	-	-
16/04/2010	£56,682.40	-	-	-	-
27/04/2010	-	-	-	-	£7,890.50
27/04/2010	-	£13,059.28	-	-	-
27/04/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
27/04/2010	-	-	£4,976.31	-	-
27/04/2010	-	-	-	-	£29,370.00
27/04/2010	-	£12,500.00	-	-	-
29/04/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
10/05/2010	£1,126,266.59	-	-	-	-
10/05/2010	£59,227.85	-	-	-	-
11/05/2010	-	£9,000.00	-	-	-
12/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£165.70
12/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,824.41
13/05/2010	-	-	£6,914.78	-	-

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13/05/2010	-	-	£9,819.50	-	-
13/05/2010	-	£9,092.00	-	-	-
13/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£12,042.00
14/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£806.25
14/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£593.75
25/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
25/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,259.27
25/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£69.26
26/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£800.00
27/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,566.00
27/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,972.00
27/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£3,683.00
27/05/2010	-	-	-	-	£9,961.20
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£8,801.39	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£22,854.55	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£11,475.10	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£8,795.77	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£8,746.40	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£20,037.58	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£45,978.00	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£10,748.66	-
27/05/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
27/05/2010	-	£3,868.71	-	-	-
27/05/2010	-	£9,417.90	-	-	-
07/06/2010	£1,402,439.00	-	-	-	-
07/06/2010	£71,391.52	-	-	-	-
08/06/2010	-	-	-	-	£14,935.00
11/06/2010	-	£12,000.00	-	-	-
11/06/2010	-	£4,950.00	-	-	-
17/06/2010	-	£3,871.34	-	-	-
17/06/2010	-	-	-	£2,000.00	-
17/06/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,401.90
30/06/2010	-	£12,500.00	-	-	-
30/06/2010	-	£1,500.00	-	-	-
30/06/2010	-	-	-	-	£871.25
01/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
01/07/2010	-	-	£23,451.32	-	-
01/07/2010	-	-	£9,492.98	-	-
01/07/2010	-	-	£5,914.37	-	-
01/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£11,648.00
09/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£145.00

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<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Surveyors</u>	<u>Engineers</u>	<u>Architects</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
15/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£6,935.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£9,830.40
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£12,089.72
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£772.50
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£5,095.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,571.25
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£7,875.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,500.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,125.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£5,170.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,440.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£5,600.00
20/07/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
20/07/2010	-	£8,951.70	-	-	-
21/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£18,321.11
23/07/2010	£454,559.03	-	-	-	-
23/07/2010	£23,003.11	-	-	-	-
27/07/2010	-	-	-	-	£10,760.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,508.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£24,075.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,500.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£7,450.00
03/08/2010	-	-	£5,267.13	-	-
03/08/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
03/08/2010	-	£4,399.30	-	-	-
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£23,732.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,711.00
03/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,510.00
13/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£285.00
16/08/2010	£458,617.96	-	-	-	-
16/08/2010	£24,137.79	-	-	-	-
16/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£6,525.19
16/08/2010	-	£12,500.00	-	-	-
16/08/2010	-	£1,425.00	-	-	-
16/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
17/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,675.00
17/08/2010	-	-	£9,354.57	-	-
17/08/2010	-	-	-	£3,900.00	-
17/08/2010	-	-	-	£4,275.00	-
18/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£650.00

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**Contd Answer to Question 391**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Surveyors</u>	<u>Engineers</u>	<u>Architects</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
24/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£30,590.40
26/08/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,685.00
07/09/2010	-	£7,259.61	-	-	-
07/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£7,928.12
09/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£21,602.16
15/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£474.64
20/09/2010	£811,081.62	-	-	-	-
20/09/2010	£37,885.87	-	-	-	-
21/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£26,933.06
21/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£9,175.62
23/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,142.00
23/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,142.00
23/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£19,132.50
23/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£377.00
23/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£116.00
23/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,930.00
23/09/2010	-	£12,500.00	-	-	-
26/10/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,890.00
27/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,750.00
27/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£237.50
27/09/2010	-	£4,470.00	-	-	-
28/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,333.00
28/09/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,000.00
10/10/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
12/10/2010	-	-	£2,260.00	-	-
12/10/2010	-	-	£3,163.53	-	-
12/10/2010	-	£4,009.57	-	-	-
26/10/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,379.50
26/10/2010	-	-	-	-	£18,269.30
26/10/2010	-	-	-	-	£27,535.00
26/10/2010	-	-	£5,060.00	-	-
26/10/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
29/10/2010	-	-	-	-	£13,111.81
01/11/2010	-	£6,060.00	-	-	-
08/11/2010	-	£1,837.50	-	-	-
08/11/2010	-	£12,500.00	-	-	-
09/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£785.00
09/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,142.00
09/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,142.00
09/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£3,712.00
09/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,973.09

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**Contd Answer to Question 391**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Surveyors</u>	<u>Engineers</u>	<u>Architects</u>	<u>Other Parties</u>
09/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,906.41
10/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£280.00
19/11/2010	-	£2,625.00	-	-	-
19/11/2010	-	£2,200.00	-	-	-
19/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£125.00
23/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,914.00
23/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£5,153.68
23/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£2,639.00
23/11/2010	-	-	£8,064.72	-	-
23/11/2010	-	-	£2,877.50	-	-
23/11/2010	-	-	£2,855.19	-	-
23/11/2010	-	-	-	£23,297.60	-
23/11/2010	-	£4,686.29	-	-	-
23/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£4,000.00
25/11/2010	£475,000.00	-	-	-	-
25/11/2010	£25,000.01	-	-	-	-
30/11/2010	-	-	-	-	£255.00
02/12/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,800.00
07/12/2010	-	-	-	£8,775.00	-
09/12/2010	-	-	-	-	£23,038.21
10/12/2010	-	-	-	-	£19,132.50
17/12/2010	-	-	-	-	£1,525.00
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	<b>£8,616,805.38</b>	<b>£363,360.19</b>	<b>£240,160.49</b>	<b>£620,798.06</b>	<b>£921,680.85</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 389 TO 391 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In relation to the answer to Question No. 390 of 2011, is this payment in respect of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron the final or there are still further payments to be made?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not have that information available to me but I believe that it is not final.

**NO. 392 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**KING'S LINES BUNKERING FUEL STORAGE**

Have Government been made aware of the MOD's intention to close down the King's Lines facilities?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The MOD ceased operations at King's Lines many months ago. Government were informed very shortly beforehand that they would do so.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 392 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do the Government know whether there are possibilities of some other operator making use of such facilities for a purpose similar to the one that the MOD was making, that is, for fuel related?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Government have spent the last year or two investigating that precise possibility because we were keen to obtain King's Lines in time to avoid it suffering the same fate as William's Way, which is, I suppose was a valuable facility and by the time it became available, when in the end William's Way ceased to be used because of the rock fall dangers and the access to it, rather than by reason of the condition of it. After various studies and after taking the advice of external consultants, specialists in fuel depot, design and operation and regulations, the Government now is clear that there is no economically viable way of converting the King's Lines fuel depot into a modern fuel depot compliant with modern safety regulations for fuel depots of that sort. The Government, nevertheless, have a priority aspiration to bring onshore the storage of bunkers for the bunkering trade which, as the House knows, is currently stored in floating super tankers in the bay and, therefore, we were hoping that King's Lines would serve this purpose. The problems relating to the condition of the depot itself and the amount of investment that would be required, which would be uneconomic, to bring it up to standard and then the advice is that when you have done as much as you can, it still would not be completely safe, particularly, not bearing in mind that it is right next to a housing estate. The combination of all of that, plus the inaccessibility of the pipeline system which would need to be rooted up and

it goes under roads and under the City walls. The hon Member knows it goes from King's Lines almost in a straight line to Waterport, underneath Corral Road, underneath ... et cetera, inaccessible, huge amount of investment would be required. Bottom line is, much to the Government's disappointment, that does not seem to be a viable way forward to achieve the Government's aspiration. We are, therefore, now looking at alternative venues for a possible discreet tank farm that would not be aesthetically intrusive, that would allow us to bring onshore, not just Gibraltar's bunkering, but Gibraltar's, indeed, strategic fuel reserves. But it will not be there.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of the people that were employed there by the MOD, were they redeployed elsewhere in the MOD or did it involve any triggering of the "safety net" provisions?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

My understanding is that they are all still in place to deal with the continuing safety of the site, the build up of the fumes and things of that sort, and I know that the staff have a hope and, indeed, an expectation that the MOD will retain them in post to oversee and conduct the decommissioning that the MOD would have to do which will stretch their functionality for some time to come and that it where matters lie at present.

ORAL

**NO. 393 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many exempt companies were still operational when the tax exempt status was discontinued in December 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Two thousand four hundred and ten companies still enjoy the tax exempt status as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

ORAL

**NO. 394 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRATUITY PAYMENTS TO CONTRACT OFFICERS**

Can Government state how many, if any, contract public service employees currently receive the 25 per cent tax free payment, in lieu of entitlement to a final salary pension, and provide a breakdown by area of employment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 395 and 396 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 395 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRATUITY PAYMENTS TO CONTRACT OFFICERS**

Can Government specify when the 25 per cent tax free payment, in lieu of pension entitlement, to contract officers was changed from a final sum at the end of the contract to a monthly payment and does this apply in all relevant cases?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 394 and 396 of 2011.

**NO. 396 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRATUITY PAYMENTS TO CONTRACT OFFICERS**

Can Government confirm that the 25 per cent tax free payment, in lieu of entitlement to a final salary pension, is paid on a monthly basis to all relevant contract workers?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 394 of 2011**

There are currently 15 civil servants, 125 Gibraltar Health Authority employees, five Care Agency employees and three Gibraltar Port Authority employees on contract terms and who are in receipt of a 25 per cent tax-free gratuity.

**Answers to Question Nos. 395 and 396 of 2011**

Over the years, the Government have agreed, in certain cases where there is a special circumstance, for the payment of the gratuity to be made on an annual or monthly basis instead of, as used to be the case, at the end of service or at the end of contract.

I will now hand the hon Member a schedule with a breakdown that would really show, if he has taken a note of it, just the breakdown of the 148 that I have just given him.

**Answer to Question No. 396 of 2011**

**Breakdown of contract employees in receipt of a 25 per cent tax-free payment  
by area of employment**

<b>Number of Contract Officers</b>	<b>Area of Employment</b>
15	Civil Service
125	Gibraltar Health Authority
5	Care Agency
3	Gibraltar Port Authority
<b>148</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 394 TO 396 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This is the answer to Question No. 394 of 2011. I do not think the hon Member has answered Question Nos. 395 and 396 of 2011 because I have said when was the decision taken ...?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They were taken over the years.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can he tell me when the first one was taken?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, actually, I think I do remember the first case. I think the first case was the previous Chief Justice. Certainly, it was the case that provoked the policy decision from the Government which came up to me. I think it was the school fees issue or something and we authorised his ... I do not remember if it may have been annual or monthly or quarterly, but certainly we authorised the non payment, that he did not have to wait until the end of service. What I cannot remember was the frequency of the period, but I think he was the first case. So, it would have been very late 1990's, early 2000, I think.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the hon Member in a position to say, of the numbers that he has given me, how many are still on the end of term contract, or not. My question was whether it was paid to all the relevant contract workers. I take it the answer is no. So, some people are getting it monthly, some people are getting it quarterly and some people are getting it what ... every three years?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. I suppose, yes. I suppose at the end of their contract engagement. This is an area that is going to have to be revisited if the Government ends the final salary pension scheme for civil servants because, certainly, what you cannot have is new recruits into the Civil Service in the future with a pension contribution, where the Government is contributing ten or whatever percentage it is, and contract workers on twenty five. So, this arrangement is going to have to be revisited at the same time as that. Not just by the arrangement. I do not just mean whether it is paid quarterly, monthly or ... I mean the whole quantum of it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know what the hon Member means but my question specifically was ... Can he tell me, given that my last question was whether it is paid on a monthly basis to all relevant contract workers, and the answer obviously is no to that question, because he has told me that a case has to be made to move from the three year, but he is not able to tell me whether there are still say, a hundred or, not even ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. I do have that information. In respect of the fifteen civil servants, three are monthly, ten annually and one end of contract. In respect of the one hundred and twenty five GHA employees, six is annual and one hundred and nineteen is at the end of contract. In respect of the five Care Workers, they are all annual, and in respect of the three Port Authority employees, they are all annual.

**NO. 397 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government confirm whether, in the computation of the GDP for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, the profits of Gibtelecom were included twice, once in the grossing up of company profits and, secondly, in the dividend paid to the Government and, if not, how was the amount of the profits calculated to net out the dividend?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I can confirm that the full trading profit of Gibtelecom is only included once, namely, in the calculation of Gross Trading Profits of Company, done for the year to which the question relates, as the hon Member knows, by the "Grossing-up" of Corporation Tax Method.

It is also true, however, that an element of that profit is included also and, therefore, to that extent twice, to the extent of that element in the calculation of Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises, namely, the dividend paid to the Government by Gibtelecom out of those same profits. Since less than 100 per cent of profits are distributed and the Government owns only 50 per cent of the shares, the sum involved is less than 50 per cent of Gibtelecom's Gross Trading Profits figure.

I would add two points:-

- (1) I am advised that this has always been the case in GDP calculations;
- (2) I am also advised that, given that the Gross Trading Profits of companies figure, calculated by that [*inaudible*] method, is itself an estimate derived from the application of a selected Grossing-up rate, the resulting figure cannot be said to be so forensically accurate that a deviation by the amount of this repetition would be statistically or forensically, sufficiently distorting.

But I think that it should be deducted because it can be identified and there is no reason why it could not always have been deducted. I think now that the hon Member has pointed it out, I have asked the Statistician to exclude it and it is excluded with effect from the 2009/2010 calculation, which is being worked on. I think it is just one of ... By the way, the same thing applies to AquaGib.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 397 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Except that I have concentrated on this one and not on AquaGib because, I think, in the previous system it could not have been included because AquaGib was not paying any tax to be grossed up. Given that the problem was ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

[*Inaudible*]. That is true. So there would not have been. In principle it is the same issue but in practice it has not been taxed on.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It would not have been, in principle but in practice it has not been ... That is right. That is why I did not include it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is correct.

ORAL

**NO. 398 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government now confirm the amount of the Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation expenditure in the 2007/2008 GDP accounted for by Government spending?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 399 to 401 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 399 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government now 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 398, 400 and 401 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 400 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state the amount of the Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation expenditure in the 2008/2009 GDP accounted for by Government spending?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 398, 399 and 401 of 2011.

**NO. 401 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the composition of the Gross Trading Surplus of Government enterprises component for the 2008/2009 GDP?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 398 of 2011**

The Government's contribution to the Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation in the 2007/2008 GDP was estimated at £62.32 million.

**Answer to Question No. 399 of 2011**

The final GDP estimate for 2008/2009 stands at £896 million, and that is now the final estimate.

The detailed Income and Expenditure Methods of calculation is shown in the schedule which he should now already have in front of him.

**Answer to Question No. 400 of 2011**

The Government's contribution to the Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation in the 2008/2009 GDP was estimated at £109.77 million.

**Answer to Question No. 401 of 2011**

I have also handed to the hon Member a table that sets out the composition of the gross trading surplus of Government enterprises for 2008/2009.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 401**  
**Answer to Question 399**

INCOME METHOD (£ million)	*	2008/09
INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT	B	526.93
INCOME FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT	C	51.93
GROSS TRADING PROFITS OF COMPANIES	C	197.89
GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES	A	5.48
RENT	C	115.50
TOTAL DOMESTIC INCOME	B	897.73
LESS STOCK APPRECIATION	C	-1.29
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B	896.44
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD ABROAD	C	-1.39
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B	-118.74
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B	776.31

EXPENDITURE METHOD (£ million)	*	2008/09
CONSUMERS' EXPENDITURE	B	375.66
GOVT. FINAL CONSUMPTION	A	244.93
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAP. F'MTN	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		24.87
GDP (MARKET PRICES)	B	984.21
SUBSIDIES	C	6.74
TAXES ON EXPENDITURE	A	-94.51
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B	896.44
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD ABROAD	C	-1.39
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B	-118.74
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B	776.31

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 401**  
**Answer to Question 401**

**GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES, 2008/09**

	<u>£(m)</u>	<u>£(m)</u>	<u>£(m)</u>
	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
(a) Potable Water Dividend	£0.10	£0.00	£0.10
(b) Electricity	£33.46	£33.46	£0.00
(c) Savings Bank	£11.52	£8.67	£2.85
(d) Coinage	£0.90	£0.12	£0.78
(e) Lottery	£4.79	£4.64	£0.15
(f) Port/Ship Registry	£2.85	£3.39	-£0.54
(g) Gibtelecom Dividend	£3.20	£0.00	£3.20
(h) Post Office	£1.89	£2.95	-£1.06
<b>TOTAL GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF GOVT. ENTERPRISES</b>			<b>£5.48</b>

**ORAL**

**NO. 402 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VALUE OF IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

Can Government provide the total value of imports, excluding petroleum products, in 2010 and give a breakdown by main country of origin?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested by the hon Member in respect of the period January 2010 to September 2010 is shown in the schedule that I now pass to him. The information for the period October 2010 to December 2010 is not yet finalised and is, consequently, not yet in a position where I can pass it to him. I am told that there is a lag of about three months, all this information to be collated by the tax authorities.

**Answer to Question No. 402 of 2011**

**Imports by Main Country of Origin (excluding petroleum products)**  
**January 2010 to September 2010**

£000's (C.I.F.)

**COUNTRY**

United Kingdom	75,340
Spain	58,557
Germany	3,149
Netherlands	2,670
France	2,347
United States	1,897
Switzerland	926
Norway	659
Japan	649
Austria	543
Denmark	527
Portugal	494
Guadaloupe	441
Belgium	353
Israel	307
Hong Kong	294
Italy	229
China	204
Liberia	200
Other Countries & Ex-Bond	178,822
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>328,608</b>

**NO. 403 OF 2011**

**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. 1536 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The funding provided to Community Care in each month since October 2010 is as follows:

	<b>Funding to Gibraltar Community Care</b>
<b>October 2010</b>	£340,000
<b>November 2010</b>	£340,000
<b>December 2010</b>	£2,980,000

ORAL

**NO. 404 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 2 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state whether as at end of October 2010 anyone in the Civil Service is currently on terms of employment that include membership of the No. 2 Pension Fund?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 405 to 409 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 405 OF 2011**

**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. 1549 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 404 and 406 to 409 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 406 OF 2011**

**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. 1550 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 404, 405 and 407 to 409 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 407 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how much was received by way of pension contributions by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Fund in 2009/2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 404 to 406, 408 and 409 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 408 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how much was received by way of interest by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Fund in 2009/2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 404 to 407 and 409 of 2011.

**NO. 409 OF 2011****THE HON J J BOSSANO****GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO.3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state the value of investments of the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Fund as at end March 2010?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER****Answer to Question No. 404 of 2011**

No Civil Service employees have been employed with terms of employment that include membership of the Gibraltar Provident No. 2 Pension Fund.

**Answer to Question No. 405 of 2011**

The Gibraltar Port Authority has added three employees to the Gibraltar Provident No. 2 Pension Fund in the period to which the question was asked, September 2010 to December 2010.

<b>Public Entity</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>
Gibraltar Port Authority	3

**Answer to Question No. 406 of 2011**

Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Scheme had additional Private Entities for the period September 2010 to December 2010.

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>
Grant Thornton Business Services Ltd	2

**Answer to Question No. 407 of 2011**

The amount of pension contributions received by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Scheme during the financial year 2009/2010 was £1,484,060.70, broken down as follows:-

Employee Contributions	Employer Contributions	Total
£990,589.48	£493,471.22	£1,484,060.70

It is interesting there that the Employee Contributions appear to be higher than the Employer Contributions unless the Employer Contributions, of course, are not up to date, which is the only explanation that I can think of. But it is certainly, the first instance that I see where the Employer Contributions are smaller than the Employees.

**Answer to Question No. 408 of 2011**

The amount of interest received by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Scheme for the financial year 2009/2010 is £44,172.64.

**Answer to Question No. 409 of 2011**

The value of investments held by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Scheme as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was £2,740,049.78.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 404 TO 409 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In relation to the Employer and Employee Contributions which, I agree with the hon Member, seem odd. In fact, there is nothing in the regulations that requires an employer to make a contribution, is there? It is possible for an employer to have a fund for his employees and is not required to contribute. Is that not the case?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Correct. It is the case with the Gibraltar Provident Trust Fund No. 3 Scheme but not with the No. 1 and No. 2 which are Government linked. There, the Government are committed by the rules of the Scheme to make the contributions, but in this one, yes. The hon Member is correct.

ORAL

**NO. 410 OF 2011**

**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. 1563 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 411 to 412 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 411 OF 2011**

**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. 1562 of 2010, from the Stamp Duty on Share Issues?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 410 and 412 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 412 OF 2011**

**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. 1561 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, the information he seeks is on the statement now being handed to him.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 410 to 412 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 410 of 2011**

Stamp Duty collected in each month since September 2010 is as follows:

September 2010	£261,605.96
October 2010	£321,916.80
November 2010	£321,967.08
December 2010	£307,346.91

#### **Answer to Question No. 411 of 2011**

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues in each month since September 2010 is as follows:

September 2010	£1,490.00
October 2010	£1,650.00
November 2010	£2,350.00
December 2010	£1,010.00

#### **Answer to Question No. 412 of 2011**

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on sales since September 2010 is as follows:

September 2010	51
October 2010	36
November 2010	30
December 2010	24

ORAL

**NO. 413 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND – REVENUE**

Can Government provide the total estimated Consolidated Fund revenue for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown by head of revenue?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 414 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 414 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government provide the total estimated Consolidated Fund expenditure for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown by head of expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 and 415 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 415 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – REVENUE**

Can Government provide the total estimated Improvement and Development Fund revenue for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown by head of revenue?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413, 414 and 416 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 416 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government provide the total estimated Improvement and Development Fund expenditure for this year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown by head of expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 415 and 417 to 428 of 2011.

**NO. 417 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC – REVENUE**

Can Government provide the estimated total Gibraltar Development Corporation revenue for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown as follows:

- (a) Training Levy;
- (b) ESF;
- (c) Consolidated Fund Head 1B;
- (d) Miscellaneous; and
- (e) Other Receipts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 416 and 418 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 418 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government provide the total estimated Gibraltar Development Corporation expenditure for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown as between Employment and Training and other divisions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 417 and 419 to 428 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 419 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CARE AGENCY – RECEIPTS**

Can Government state what have been the receipts of the Care Agency for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 418 and 420 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 420 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CARE AGENCY – PAYMENTS**

Can Government state what have been the payments made by the Care Agency for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown for personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and employer contribution and other recurrent expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 419 and 421 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 421 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRA – REVENUE**

Can Government state what has been the operating revenue of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 420 and 422 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 422 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRA – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state what has been the operating expenditure of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown of personal emoluments, employment costs and other recurrent expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 421 and 423 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 423 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PORT AUTHORITY – REVENUE**

Can Government state what has been the operating revenue of the Gibraltar Port Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 422 and 424 to 428 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 424 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PORT AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state what has been the operating expenditure of the Gibraltar Port Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown of personal emoluments, employment costs and other recurrent expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 423 and 425 to 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 425 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – REVENUE**

Can Government state what has been the operating revenue of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 424 and 426 to 428 of 2011.

**NO. 426 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state what has been the operating expenditure of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown of personal emoluments, employment costs and other recurrent expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 425, 427 and 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 427 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS**

Can Government state what have been the receipts of the Sports and Leisure Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 413 to 426 and 428 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 428 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state what have been the recurrent expenditure of the Sports and Leisure Authority for this financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, giving a breakdown of personal emoluments and other recurrent expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand the hon Member statements based on Treasury records as they now stand and with their usual health waning.

Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 413

CONSOLIDATED FUND REVENUE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
1 Income Taxes	£63,779,867.83
2 Duties, Taxes and Other Receipts	£41,245,762.42
3 Gambling Fees, Taxes and Lottery	£6,906,277.59
4 Rates and Rents	£9,473,354.23
5 Departmental Fees and Receipts	£5,960,870.88
6 Government Earnings	£786,318.49
7 Exceptional Item	£0.00
8 Public Debt	£69,253,000.00
	<u>£197,405,451.44</u>

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**Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 414**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND EXPENDITURE**

**1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011**

<b><u>HEAD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>
1A Education	£12,531,420.11
1B Training	£479,556.54
2A Heritage and Culture	£1,109,951.44
2B Sport and Leisure	£1,220,938.85
3A Housing - Administration	£1,273,505.27
3B Housing - Buildings and Works	£3,545,566.47
4A Environment	£7,476,587.14
4B Technical Services	£2,588,338.34
4C Tourism	£1,422,618.53
5A Family and Community Affairs	£20,444,961.06
5B Youth	£193,495.01
6A Enterprise	£1,492,455.09
6B Transport - Port and Shipping	£591,949.26
6C Transport - Aviation	£1,728,083.00
6D Transport, Vehicle, Traffic and Public Transport	£665,438.12
6E Postal Services	£1,304,088.99
6F Broadcasting	£973,500.00
6G Utilities	£6,912,163.89
7A Health	£13,763,500.02
7B Civil Contingency	£18,058.89
7C Fire Service	£1,710,203.52
8A No. 6 Convent Place	£3,687,125.48
8B Human Resources	£379,707.46
9A Finance Ministry	£259,100.27
9B Treasury	£2,756,900.03
9C Customs	£2,355,160.62
9D Income Tax	£1,065,628.14
9E Finance Centre	£680,914.62
10 Employment, Labour and Industrial Relations	£1,190,724.95
11A Justice Ministry	£243,630.93
11B Courts - Supreme Court	£340,327.72
11C Courts - Magistrates' and Coroner's Court	£205,539.54
11D Attorney General's Chambers	£308,616.80
11E Prison	£776,399.71
11F Policing	£5,056,448.07
12 Immigration and Civil Status	£1,350,502.41
13 Parliament	£651,308.33
14 Gibraltar Audit Office	£306,075.40
15 Supplementary Provision	£0.00
16 Exceptional Expenditure	£563,328.06
17 Consolidated Fund Contributions	£15,416,666.66
	<u>£119,040,484.74</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Contd Answer to Question 414

CONSOLIDATED FUND CHARGES

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
01 Statutory Offices	£257,623.53
02 Judicature	£399,434.49
03 Pensions	£12,988,219.57
04 Employer's Contributions	£1,713,838.21
05 Public Debt Charges	£9,084,406.07
06 Public Services Ombudsman	£106,093.31
07 Revenue Repayment	£2,698.73
08 Public Debt Repayment	£0.00
	<u>£24,552,313.91</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 415

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – REVENUE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
101 Contributions and Loans	£15,416,666.66
102 Sale of Government Properties and Other Premia	£1,177,547.40
103 Grants	£0.00
104 Reimbursements	£60,982.95
	<u>£16,655,197.01</u>

Answer to Question 416

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
101 Departmental	£3,880,058.04
102 Projects	£33,917,194.25
	<u>£37,797,252.29</u>

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Answer to Question 417

GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – REVENUE  
1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

REVENUE

Training Levy	£0.00
Contribution by European Social Fund	£133,358.00
Contribution from Consolidated Fund - Head 10	£196,096.42
Miscellaneous	<u>£54,205.00</u>
	<u>£383,659.42</u>

OTHER DIVISIONS

REVENUE

Other Receipts	<u>£2,762,633.27</u>
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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 418

GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

EXPENDITURE

Employment	£27,200.49
Training	<u>£1,038,103.86</u>
	<u>£1,065,304.35</u>

OTHER DIVISIONS

EXPENDITURE

Other Divisions	<u>£2,762,633.27</u>
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Answer to Question 419

CARE AGENCY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£439,204.45</u>
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Answer to Question 420

CARE AGENCY – PAYMENTS

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2010

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Personal Emoluments	£4,581,139.73
Industrial Wages	£712,184.03
Other Personnel	£0.00
Employer's Contributions	£654,146.25
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£1,794,355.16</u>
	<u>£7,741,825.17</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 421

GIBRALTAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY – OPERATING REVENUE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
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Answer to Question 422

GIBRALTAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Personal Emoluments	£365,766.13
Employment Costs	£50,837.16
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£108,495.09</u>
	<u>£525,098.38</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 423

GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY – OPERATING REVENUE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>£2,177,593.48</u>
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Answer to Question 424

GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Personal Emoluments	£976,936.05
Employment Costs	£32,856.72
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£844,462.74</u>
	<u>£1,854,255.51</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 425

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – OPERATING REVENUE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>£11,243,178.51</u>
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Answer to Question 426

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Personal Emoluments	£3,531,362.28
Employment Costs	£258,110.10
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£13,045,348.10</u>
	<u>£16,834,820.48</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 428 of 2011

Answer to Question 427

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£353,471.56</u>
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Answer to Question 428

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
7 JANUARY 2011

EXPENDITURE

Personal Emoluments	£939,855.24
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£409,137.76</u>
	<u>£1,348,993.00</u>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 413 TO 428 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the answer to the first question which shows the recurrent revenue, it includes a figure of £69,253,000 public debt. Is that the net amount of debt raised in those six months?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I fear that might be a mistake. It would only be revenue in the wider sense of the word in terms of, sort of, cash flow capital accounting almost.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I mean, money drawn down on, the proceeds of the issue of bonds and debentures rather, are paid into the Consolidated Fund and, in a sense, they are revenue but that is not the sense in which revenue is normally accounted for. Usually, this list, it would be ... I do not know what it would be ... I would not expect to have found an item for public debt in the revenue. In the expenditure, of course, you would expect to find the public debt servicing costs.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it is either it should not be there at all, or, more likely, it is the amount raised in capital from debt instruments, where the drawdown from revolving ... although I think that had already been drawn down before ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The drawn down I think had been done already.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Or, then it must be issued debentures.

ORAL

**NO. 429 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION UNDER HEAD 15.1(a)**

Can Government state how much of the £1,500,000 Supplementary Provision under Head 15.1(a) – Pay Settlements, had been allocated by the end of December 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 430 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 430 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION UNDER HEAD 15.1(b)**

Can Government state how much of the £4,500,000 Supplementary Provision under Head 15.1(b) had been allocated by the end of December 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As at the end of December 2010, no funds had been allocated from either Head.

ORAL

**NO. 431 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**AMOUNTS ADVANCED TO GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES**

Can Government provide the amounts advanced to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund at the end of each month, since the answer to Question No. 1572 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes. The information requested is set out in the schedule I now hand him.

**Answer to Question 431 of 2011**

	<b><u>Amounts Advanced to Government-Owned Companies from the Consolidated Fund by Month</u></b>			
	<b>Sep-10</b>	<b>Oct-10</b>	<b>Nov-10</b>	<b>Dec-10</b>
	<b>Net (Advances) / Deposits</b>	<b>Net (Advances) / Deposits</b>	<b>Net (Advances) / Deposits</b>	<b>Net (Advances) / Deposits</b>
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	(£121,732.76)	(£132,596.96)	(£13,260.61)	(£209,048.20)
Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd	(£1,479,502.07)	(£207,283.96)	(£103,485.42)	(£92,736.48)
Gibraltar Co-ownership Company Ltd	(£366,048.69)	(£498,971.10)	(£387,067.00)	(£315,130.27)
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	173,161.48	29,455.03	(£63,553.05)	(£3,280.71)
Gibraltar Defence Estates & General Services Ltd	(£4,344.79)	(£4,364.79)	(£4,389.79)	(£4,344.79)
Gibraltar General Construction Company Ltd	(£346,059.35)	705,537.31	(£282,459.04)	(£301,060.10)
Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Co Ltd	(£327,047.00)	(£191,423.15)	(£154,950.79)	0.00
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	(£50,072.50)	(£143,489.30)	(£77,230.49)	(£296,101.33)
Gibraltar Residential Properties Ltd	(£4,791,520.62)	(£82,227.30)	(£2,091,499.64)	(£5,549,440.41)
Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Company Ltd	(£149,415.31)	(£99,629.89)	(£141,177.79)	(£28,124.53)
Brympton Co-ownership Company Ltd	0.00	0.00	(£45.00)	0.00
Gibraltar M & E Services Ltd	20,107.57	(£18,135.61)	(£5,138.52)	28,509.40
Kijly Parkings Ltd	0.00	0.00	(£45.00)	0.00
Gibraltar Air Terminal Ltd	0.00	0.00	0.00	(£1,930.00)
Giblaundry Company Ltd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gibraltar Strand Property Company Ltd	86,283.26	(£93,604.29)	(£262.13)	12,850.70
Westside Two Co-ownership Company Ltd	37,338.73	0.00	(£58.95)	0.00
Gibraltar Cleansing Services Ltd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GCP Investments Ltd	0.00	(£67,600.00)	(£1,120.00)	19,758,112.70
Gibraltar General Support Services Ltd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(£7,318,852.05)	(£804,334.01)	(£3,325,743.22)	12,998,275.98

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 431 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

GCP Investments, I take is the car parking company. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, which then is GCP Investments that actually deposited £19.7 million in December?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think GCP Investments is ... no it is not Gibraltar Commercial Property because that is further up.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It has to be the result of some movement of capital around from one of the companies back to the Consolidated Fund. I will have to find out for him. I cannot think right now. I do not ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know that December is when Father Christmas comes, but this one turned up with £19.7 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. No it would not. The proceeds from the housing would not come through there. I will have to find out and let the hon Member know. I will find a way of getting that to the hon Member.

ORAL

**NO. 432 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government now provide the number of tax returns of self-employed persons submitted by June 2010, which was described in the Budget as consisting of 60.5 per cent of the total self-employed returns for the financial year 2008/2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 433 to 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 433 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – OBTAINED FROM 60.5 PER CENT RETURNS BY SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state of the £59.77 million earning for the financial year 2008/2009 estimated at budget time, how much was obtained from the 60.5 per cent returns by self-employed persons for that financial year and what was the balance assumed and to be adjusted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432, 434 to 442 of 2011.

**NO. 434 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EARNINGS SUBMITTED BY SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, of the earnings submitted by self-employed individuals for the tax year 2008/2009, how much related to income earned in the financial year 2008/2009 and how many of the 690 individuals were included in the figure relating to the 2008/2009 financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432, 433 and 435 to 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 435 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of September 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432 to 434 and 436 to 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 436 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of October 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432 to 435 and 437 to 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 437 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of November 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432 to 436 and 438 to 442 of 2011.

**NO. 438 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 2010, how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432 to 437 and 439 to 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 439 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of September 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. 432 to 438 and 440 to 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 440 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of October 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. 432 to 439, 441 and 442 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 441 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of November 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. 432 to 440 and 442 of 2011.

**NO. 442 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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**

**Answer to Question No. 432 of 2011**

Before providing the information requested, I need to clarify the answers that I gave to Question Nos. 1600 to 1607 of 2010. The answers to those questions, which were prepared by the Income Tax Office, were drawn up and given as if the questions had referred to “tax years” and not “financial years” as was the case. This happened because the Income Tax Office wrongly assumed that the questions meant “tax years” not realising the significance of “financial years” to the questions which were actually addressing information relevant to GDP calculation, which is based on financial years. In other words, the questions came in. They were farmed out to the Income Tax Office. The Income Tax Office thought that the hon Member was after tax data, not appreciating, in the Income Tax Office, the significance of the questions which were actually geared at GDP things and not to taxing. In other words, they thought that these were tax questions and not GDP questions. Accordingly, my answers refer to “tax years”.

The hon Member did not raise this and did not draw attention to this difference at the time.

Furthermore, a further error was made by the Income Tax Office in information provided in my Budget brief in that they wrongly included, in the figure of submitted returns, some estimated assessments raised in the absence of returns and which should, therefore, not have been included. In other words, when I was giving the information about the percentage of self-employed persons that had submitted a return and the value of it, when they provided that information, they inadvertently included people that they had assessed in the absence of the return. So, they had not submitted a return. They were not people who had submitted returns. They had received assessments but not submitted a return, and I understand the reason for the error is that for their internal purposes, once they issue assessments, they go into that category of no longer being chased for a return.

### **Answer to Question No. 433 of 2011**

The figure of 60.5 per cent that I quoted in the Budget, my Budget address, should therefore have been 40.9 per cent representing 690 actual tax returns by self-employed persons. As I explained in answer to Question No. 432 of 2010, the figure of 60.5 per cent tax returns by self-employed persons provided at the time of the Budget wrongly included, as I have just explained, estimated assessments and that should have been 40.9 per cent. This figure produces the following earnings in respect of self-employed persons. I am going to him more than that. I am going to give him the information that I gave in my Budget speech but on the basis of the 40.9, remember the significance of the percentage is how much of it is from returns and how much of it is assumed. So, the 40.9 per cent of tax returns received, the figure produced for GDP purposes £15.99 million. Then that £15.99 million is supplemented by a standing provision which is made for a concealed income adjustment of 23.3 per cent which adds another £3.73 million. I suppose if I had given him the total first, he would see how I am building up to it. The total is £48.22 million. So, so far the 40.9 per cent contributed £15.99 million. The 23.3 per cent concealed adjustment of £15.99 million amounted to £3.73 million and 59.1 per cent outstanding returns valued at £28.5 million on an extrapolation assumed [*inaudible*] purpose, producing income from self-employed for GDP purposes of £48.22 million.

		£m
40.9%	Tax returns received	15.99
23.3%	Concealed income adjustment	3.73
59.1%	Outstanding returns	28.50
Total	INCOME FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT	48.22

The total income from Self-Employment of £48.22 million is lower than that provided at the time of the Budget as it excludes the estimated assessments previously and erroneously included. The figure is, however, closer to the final estimate, which he will see from the information that I have just given him, of £51.93 million.

### **Answer to Question No. 434 of 2011**

It is not possible to say how much of a self-employed tax payer's income declared in respect of the tax year 2008/2009, and this answer mentions lots of dates and repeats lots of dates. So, if he wants me to repeat any of it, please ask me to do it. It is not possible to say, let me just remind the hon Member of what he asked in Question No. 434 of 2011 so that we can make better sense of the answer. This was a question that asked. "Can Government state, of the earnings submitted by self-employed individuals for the tax year 2008/2009, how much related to income earned in the financial year 2008/2009 and how much of the 690 were included in the figure relating it." That was the question. Well, it is not possible to say how much of a self-employed tax payer's income declared in respect of the tax year 2008/2009, which ends on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and relates to the earnings period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, that is, on a preceding year basis. Self-employed people are taxed like companies in the past on a preceding year basis. So, tax returns in relation to a tax year are not earned in the same period, they are earned in a period before. It is not possible to say how much was received by that tax payer in the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, that is, during April, May and June 2008, which are the only three months that coincide between the two periods. However, assuming and he, obviously, appreciates the reason for that. In a tax return you declare twelve months income and that we cannot identify how much was earned in a particular three

months, but it really is irrelevant for GDP calculations, because what they do is that they use the figures in the return and then they apportion it for GDP purposes. However, assuming that the hon Member is wanting to know how the Statistics Office has apportioned that income, for the purposes of the GDP calculation, for the financial year 2008/2009, which is what I had assumed was the purpose of the question, I am informed that the value of income from self-employment included in the 2008/2009 GDP estimate was £51.93 million, as I just indicated to him a few moments ago, arrived at using actual figures of income declared in their 2008/2009 tax year returns, which they earned in the tax year 2007/2008, as I have said, available up to 30 November 2010, which represented 952 people or 56.5 per cent of the total number of self-employed tax payers. The final figure was extrapolated from the 56.5 per cent figure up to 100 per cent on a straight line basis.

For the future, the Statistics Office will convert, as is currently the case with the corporate sector, tax year information provided to them by the Income Tax Office. This conversion from tax year to financial year will also be done by apportionment.

The hon Member will see that the final figure in the GDP for 2008/2009 is £51.93 million, compared to the figure of £59.77 million that I mentioned in my Budget address as being where it then stood. The reason for this, in other words, the reason why the figure has come in lower in the end, than was predicted at the time of the Budget speech in June, is that the new calculation method, that is to say, using actual returns upon which a significant part of the estimate was based, has actually produced a lower figure for self-employed earnings in both instances, compared to those produced in previous years under the old system.

All of the 690 individuals were included in the figure relating to the GDP calculation for 2008/2009.

#### **Answer to Question Nos. 435 to 442 of 2011**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested in Question Nos. 435 to 442 of 2011, but on the same assumption, namely that he mentions “financial year” and not “tax year” because he is interested in the GDP aspects. As the 2008/2009 GDP uses the 2008/2009 tax year returns for self-employed persons, the 2008/2009 tax year returns are given.

I have also read Hansard in relation to Question Nos. 1598 to 1607 of 2010 and, specifically, in relation to the answer to Question No. 1598 of 2010 and the reference to 200 self-employed persons being liable to submit a return as at 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Two hundred was the estimate of how many were then left to submit a return and not, as the hon Member speculated, or the total number of self-employed tax payers, which amounts to 1,685 (excluding Category 2s). In fact, the figure of 200, I am told, was also itself in error. It should have stated 600.

So, let us be clear, as at the time that I answered the question, six and not two hundred were still due, and for his information, which is what he was trying to work out from the figure, remember he was trying to apply the percentage to see how many there were in total, well, I will save him the calculation, it is 1,685, is the estimated number of expected returns from self-employed persons.

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 435 to 442 of 2011**

**2008/2009**

As at month	Number of self-employed persons made returns	Total earnings declared £
September 2010	794	20,295,024
October 2010	881	22,827,027
November 2010	952	23,797,801
December 2010	990	24,303,192

**2009/2010**

As at month	Number of self-employed persons made returns	Total earnings declared £
September 2010	515	15,915,520
October 2010	622	17,834,718
November 2010	723	19,363,397
December 2010	773	20,334,206

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 432 TO 442 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In Question No. 434 of 2011, when the hon Member says it is not possible to give the figure for the financial year, given that the tax year is only three months away, I can understand that but ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Not three months away.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Three months, because one is three months later than the other one.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. There is an overlap of three months.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, if there is an overlap, that is to say, when people produce the amount of tax that they are liable for, it is up to June and the financial year ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Not self-employed people. The preceding year goes back even further, you see.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, how is it then that the figures that are being given apply to the estimate for the GDP of 2008/2009 when, in fact, they reflect the earnings of 2007/2008?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Because that is the way it has been done. This is the way ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know it is being done ... but how can that be?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The way it has always been done.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No, it has not always been done like that because this is a change ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the hon Member allows me to develop a question, then perhaps he will be better placed to answer it, instead of anticipating. The position is that it has always been done by grossing up and that he announced in the Budget that this was being changed to a more accurate ... and all my questions last year and this year were, in fact, trying to get to understand the explanation he gave in the Budget of the new system. Now, if the new system is based on actual earnings, then the actual earnings of 2007/2008 should be reflected in the GDP of 2007/2008, even though there is three month to twelve month?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They are not known.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, then ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They will be from now on under the new Income Tax Act, but [*inaudible*] this time.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So then, in fact, the 2008/2009 figures are not based, as was said at Budget time, on the actual earnings of the year, but on the preceding year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They are based on the tax returns disclosed in the ... They reflect the earnings disclosed in the tax return submitted during the year 2008/2009, but those earnings are the earnings of the preceding year. So, assuming that earnings go up, there is an understatement of the earnings of self-employed people in the year for which they are being used, assuming that earnings go up, but, obviously, ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The point is that all these questions are the result of the statement that was made that it was more accurate because it was what people actually declared that they had earned in that particular financial year and, in fact, that will only be true from now on, but was not true, and will not have been true, up to the GDP, presumably, of 2010/2011. It will only happen as ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I cannot remember whether I said in my Budget earned or in the accounts or in their declared ... I may have said earned. I just cannot remember. I do not know if he has it in front of him.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In fact, he said the same applied to company tax. So, I take it that the same is true of company tax, is it, because they also are on a preceding basis?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, yes, but I understand that in company tax the figures are taken from the accounts, which are by then had. Because of the lag in producing GDP calculations, by that stage the company accounts are in for that period and the figures are drawn from the accounts themselves.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, they do actually relate to the actual financial year?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. In the case of companies as they will in the case of individuals ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

After this year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, from now on. I am just trying to see whether I can just confirm to him whether I misspoke or did not misspeak in the Budget on that question. No, I did say it correctly. "The new method draws on incomes declared in the tax returns of the self-employed." So, literally, what I said was correct although I, perhaps, ought to have added, albeit that that tax return declares income of a preceding year basis, but I did not say that it was actual income earned during the year for which the GDP estimates are being calculated.

ORAL

**NO. 443 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**REFUNDS OF PERSONAL TAXATION**

Can Government state the amount of personal taxation refunded in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, the total amount of tax refunded in that year was £2.90 million.

ORAL

**NO. 444 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**COMPANIES – ASSESSMENTS/TAX PAYABLE**

Can Government state, as at end of December 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. 445 to 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 445 OF 2011**

**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. 1617 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 444 and 446 to 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 446 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – COLLECTED IN RESPECT OF ARREARS**

Can Government state what was the amount of tax payable by companies collected in the financial year 2009/2010 in respect of tax arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, showing how much of the arrears due from employers was for each of the following tax years 2008/2009, 2007/2008, 2006/2007 and 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 444, 445 and 447 to 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 447 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of September 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 444 to 446 and 448 to 453 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 448 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of November 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 444 to 447 and 449 to 453 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 449 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 2010, how many companies had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 444 to 448 and 450 to 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 450 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of September 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. 444 to 449 and 451 to 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 451 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of October 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. 444 to 450, 452 and 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 452 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of November 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. 444 to 451 and 453 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 453 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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**

Yes, all that information is set out in the schedules that I now give him. Some of them could have been read out because they are only a couple, three lines, but I assume the hon Member prefers to have the record.

**Answer to Question Nos. 444 to 453 of 2011****Answer to Question No. 444 of 2011**

	<b>2001/02</b> £M	<b>2002/03</b> £M	<b>2003/04</b> £M	<b>2004/05</b> £M	<b>2005/06</b> £M
Assessed	32.0	38.2	42.8	38.1	50.5
Discharged	17.5	21.9	20.2	17.2	25.5
	14.5	16.3	22.6	20.9	25.0
Paid	14.4	16.0	22.4	20.6	23.3
Outstanding	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.7
No. of Companies	1558	1554	1622	1636	1595
	<b>2006/07</b> £M	<b>2007/08</b> £M	<b>2008/09</b> £M	<b>2009/10</b> £M	
Assessed	55.8	52.2	46.3	40.5	
Discharged	30.5	24.4	15.4	13.1	
	25.3	27.8	30.9	27.4	
Paid	24.6	26.1	29.1	23.4	
Outstanding	0.7	1.7	1.8	4.0	
No. of Companies	1554	1466	1546	1572	

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## **Continued Answer to Question Nos. 444 to 453 of 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 445 of 2011**

The amount of Corporation Tax collected in each month since the answer to Question No. 1617 of 2010 is:

	£M
September 2010	0.26
October 2010	0.15
November 2010	0.39
December 2010	0.31

### **Answer to Question Nos. 446 of 2011**

The amount of Corporation Tax collected in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 in respect of arrears relating to the tax years 2005/2006 to 2008/2009 was:

Tax Year	£M
2005/06	0.16
2006/07	0.33
2007/08	0.87
2008/09	1.57

### **Answer to Question No. 447 of 2011**

A total of 1,207 companies had submitted accounts in respect of the financial year 2008/2009 by the end of September 2010. These are the numbers that are used for the 2008/2009 GDP calculation. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £70.90 million.

### **Answer to Question No. 448 of 2011**

A total of 1,271 companies had submitted accounts for the financial year 2008/2009 by the end of November 2010. These are the numbers that are used for the 2008/2009 GDP calculation. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £91.19 million.

### **Answer to Question No. 449 of 2011**

The information requested is not currently available.

**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 444 to 453 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 450 of 2011**

A total of 703 companies had submitted accounts for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of September 2010. These are the numbers that are used for the 2009/2010 GDP calculation. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £20.09 million.

**Answer to Question No. 451 of 2011**

A total of 755 companies had submitted accounts for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of October 2010. These are the numbers that are used for the 2009/2010 GDP calculation. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £46.62 million.

**Answer to Question No. 452 of 2011**

A total of 784 companies had submitted accounts for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of November 2010. These are the numbers that are used for the 2009/2010 GDP calculation. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £44.67 million.

**Answer to Question No. 453 of 2011**

The information requested is not currently available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 444 TO 453 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the corporation tax which is the answer to Question No. 445 of 2011 which goes up to December, I am not very clear what exactly happens in January, in view of the change that ... As I understood it, up to December it is on a preceding year basis and then from January it is on a current year basis. So, in terms of comparing the January figures, when they become available, with previous years, what is the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it will be quite difficult for him to do comparisons because there is a transition arrangement whereby you take six months from one period and six months from another. So, it will be difficult and ... It is just, ... for a few months the figures are not going to make sense. In respect of that part of the tax year which preceded January, in other words, preceded the Act.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The figures here.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The figures there, and that is done ... No, but companies will still have to pay that on the same basis as before. In other words, we have not changed the retrospective basis of tax, the basis of retrospection. So, the 1<sup>st</sup> January straddles a tax year.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So, for that tax year, tax has to be paid on six months on the old basis and six months under the new basis and at the new rate and the old rate.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. So, in fact, what the hon Member is saying is that the collections in January will be a combination of the two systems then. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not think there will be any collections in January under the new system. The first payments on account will be paid in August. I think there is a question to that effect later on.

ORAL

**NO. 454 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR 10 PER CENT TAX RATE**

Can Government state, since the answer to Question No. 1638 of 2010, whether any further new companies have been set up which are liable to be set up at the 10 per cent tax rate up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 455 of 2011.

**NO. 455 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR 10 PER CENT TAX RATE**

Can Government state, since the answer to Question No. 1638 of 2010, whether any additional companies have paid tax at the 10 per cent corporation tax rate since the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and, if so, how many and what has been the total amount of tax paid?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, a further 61 new companies, eligible for the 10 per cent, have been set up in that period. Furthermore, since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, an additional 56 have paid corporation tax at the rate of 10 per cent and the total amount of tax paid was £185,517.

ORAL

**NO. 456 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE / CORPORATION TAX – RETAIL AND WHOLESALE INDUSTRY**

Can Government state what was the amount of a) PAYE; and b) Company Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the retail and wholesale industry?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 457 to 459 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 457 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE / CORPORATION TAX – BANKING INDUSTRY**

Can Government state what was the amount of a) PAYE; and b) Company Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the banking industry?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 456, 458 and 459 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 458 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE / CORPORATION TAX – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state what was the amount of a) PAYE; and b) Company Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the construction industry?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 456, 458 and 459 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 459 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE / CORPORATION TAX – GAMING INDUSTRY**

Can Government state what was the amount of a) PAYE; and b) Company Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the gaming industry?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 456 to 459 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 456 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE and Corporation Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the retail and wholesale industry was as follows:

	PAYE Tax	Corporation Tax
2009/2010	£7.60M	£3.79M

#### **Answer to Question No. 457 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE and Corporation Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the banking industry was as follows:

	PAYE Tax	Corporation Tax
2009/2010	£5.84M	£7.05M

#### **Answer to Question No. 458 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE and Corporation Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the construction industry was as follows:

	PAYE Tax	Corporation Tax
2009/2010	£8.48M	£0.84M

#### **Answer to Question No. 459 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE and Corporation Tax payable in the tax year 2009/2010 by employers in the gaming industry was as follows:

	PAYE Tax	Corporation Tax
2009/2010	£14.40M	£4.40M

ORAL

**NO. 460 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – OBTAINED FROM 67.5 PER CENT RETURNS BY COMPANIES**

Can Government state of the £164.39 million profits for the financial year 2008/2009 estimated at budget time, how much was obtained from the 67.5 per cent returns by companies for that financial year and what was the balance assumed and to be adjusted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 461 of 2011.

**NO. 461 OF 2011****THE HON J J BOSSANO****INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government now provide the number of tax returns by companies submitted by June 2010, which were described in the Budget as consisting of 67.5 per cent of the total company returns for the financial year 2008/2009?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER****Answer to Question No. 460 of 2011**

The estimate of Gross Trading Profits of companies of £164.39 million in 2008/2009 that I gave was calculated as follows:

	<u>£M</u>
67.5% Actual returns	49.57
32.5% Outstanding estimate	23.86
Gambling sector (exempt companies)	90.00
Banking sector (exempt companies 2% profits)	0.96
Total	164.39

**Answer to Question No. 461 of 2011**

A total of 1,044 companies submitted trading accounts which included the financial year 2008/2009 by June 2010. This represents, as he now knows, 67.5 per cent of the total companies to be assessed for that year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 460 TO 461 OF 2011****HON J J BOSSANO:**

The percentage refers to the financial year, does it, or to the tax year?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The percentage in which of the questions?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In Question No. 461 of 2011, the 1,034 companies is 65 per cent of the total company returns for the financial year 2008/2009, or for the tax year 2008/2009?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is the tax year because the figures that are used are accounts submitted in respect of a period that includes and ends in the relevant GDP financial year. So, I suppose you could state it in either way. What happens is that in the financial year 2008/2009, which is what is relevant for GDP, we calculate GDP on a financial year basis not a tax year basis. What is used is the company accounts submitted in respect of the tax year 2008/2009. In other words, accounts submitted ending in that period. So, depending on how the answer is formulated, it is ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The question is formulated in a particular way.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. The question asks for financial year. Company returns for the financial year 2008/2009. Companies have different financial years.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that. This is all ... If the hon Member told us in the Budget that there is now a more accurate way of telling us how much was earned by companies in a financial year and that he has got the results of 67.5 per cent of the companies that earned money in that financial year, I am asking all the time about that financial year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The figures of the earnings in that financial year may appear in a different tax year from that financial year but they have been allocated to that financial year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. They have been apportioned. In other words, the cash numbers is financial year information obtained by apportionment from tax returns submitted in respect of that tax year.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right, except that in that tax year the hon Member is telling me it was not on a preceding year basis. So, in fact, the 1,034 companies that submitted tax returns in the year ending June ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Companies do not submit returns. Companies submit accounts and by then they have the accounts.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, in the accounts ..., the 1,034 are not all the companies that submitted accounts but the companies that submitted accounts, part of which could be apportioned to the financial year. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Which included figures in that year and which by apportionment could be applied to the whole year. Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, therefore, companies that submitted accounts in that tax year, but no part of their earnings fell in that financial year, are not included in this figure. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is very unlikely that in a tax year 2008/2009 a company would not submit a set of accounts which included any part of the financial year 2008/2009. It is not impossible but highly unlikely. They would have to be reporting very antiquated accounts. They would have to have ... I need some time to work it out but they would have to have a very peculiar year end that in the tax year 2008/2009 did not include any part of the financial year 2008/2009.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Okay.

ORAL

**NO. 462 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TAXATION OF COMPANIES WHO COMMENCED TRADING FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2011**

Can Government confirm whether companies that commenced trading from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, other than previously exempt companies, will be required to pay corporation tax on account of their current profits and at what intervals are such payments required?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 463 and 464 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 463 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TAXATION OF FORMER TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2011**

Can Government explain whether previously exempt tax exempt companies that became liable on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to pay tax, but will not be required to make any payments until August 2011, will then have to pay on a current year basis in respect of all the profits earned since the 1<sup>st</sup> January?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 462 and 464 of 2011.

**NO. 464 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TAXATION OF EXISTING COMPANIES AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2011**

Can Government confirm that companies that were subject to normal corporation tax prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, will be expected to commence paying tax on their current profits and make payments on account on a current year basis as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 462 to 464 of 2011**

I can confirm that all companies, including those that have either commenced trading from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 or have commenced to be liable to tax from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, having previously being exempt, will be required to make two equal annual payments on account towards future liabilities. The payments on account are to be made on the 31<sup>st</sup> August and the 28<sup>th</sup> February respectively. Given that the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 is the due date for the last assessments issued under the Income Tax Act 1952, the first payment on account under the Income Tax Act 2010 will commence on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. The hon Member will remember from previous figures of the receipt of company tax that one of the due dates is February. So, in February, next month, they will be bunched and in order to avoid companies having to make payments, once in respect of that period and once in respect of the on accounts period, under the new Act the on account payments do not start until August. Otherwise, they would have to pay their instalment in February and in February also a payment on account of the current tax year. That is what I explained to you in answer to a previous question. This is what I meant when I alluded to the fact that the on account instalments were not until August.

Those companies that have commenced trading from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 will be required to use their estimated current year profits as the basis for establishing what level of payments on account should be made for the first accounting period due to be taxed under the new regime. The payments on account for subsequent accounting periods are to be equivalent to 50 per cent of the previous accounting period's tax payable. In other words, as they have just started trading, at what basis do you make your first on account payment? Well, it has got to be on an estimate of the first year's trading profit.

Companies which, were previously exempt from tax and have commenced to be liable to tax from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 will be required to make two payments each equivalent to what would have been 50 per cent of the tax payable for the last accounting period. In other words, even though they were not taxable, it is still used

as the basis period, the trading performance, as the basis period for calculating the quantum of on account payments for this year.

Once audited accounts are submitted six months after the accounting period-end, the company's final tax liability can be determined.

Companies that were subject to normal corporation tax prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, in other words, the non exempt pre-existing onshore companies, will also be required to base their payments on account on 50 per cent of the tax payable for their last accounting period.

I can also confirm that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 all companies will be assessed on a current year basis.

ORAL

**NO. 465 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS ON DECLARED TAXABLE PROFITS**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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 2009/2010 and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 466 of 2011.

**NO. 466 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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 2009/2010 and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing all the information that he has requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 466****Answer to Question 465****COMPANIES ASSESSED HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Year of Assessment	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
<b>Under £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	456	466	509	495	572
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	1.1M	1.1M	1.2M	1.3M	1.3M
Total paid	1.1M	1.1M	1.2M	1.3M	1.3M
<b>Over £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	157	166	174	178	168
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	13.6M	15.7M	22.4M	21.5M	22.3M
Total paid	13.5M	15.7M	22.3M	21.5M	22.2M
Year of Assessment	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
<b>Under £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	543	513	495	364	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	1.2M	1.2M	1.0M	0.8M	
Total paid	1.2M	1.1M	1.0M	0.6M	
<b>Over £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	172	201	207	192	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	22.8M	24.9M	27.1M	15.8M	
Total paid	22.6M	23.8M	25.9M	13.4M	

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 466**

**Answer to Question 466**

**COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Year of Assessment	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
<b>Under £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	132	120	130	148	169
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M	0.4M	0.4M
Total paid	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M
<b>Over £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	4	15	12	10	19
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.1M	0.4M	0.3M	0.4M	0.5M
Total paid	0.1M	0.2M	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M
Year of Assessment	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
<b>Under £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	223	313	460	742	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.1M	
Total paid	0.2M	0.2M	0.3M	0.4M	
<b>Over £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	35	42	72	110	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.8M	1.3M	2.0M	9.6M	
Total paid	0.4M	0.8M	1.5M	8.7M	

**NO. 467 OF 2011****THE HON J J BOSSANO****SOCIAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS – RETURNS BY EMPLOYERS**

Can Government provide for each tax year, since the collection of social insurance contributions was taken over by the Income Tax Department, the number of employers making social insurance returns and the number of employees covered by such employers?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The number of employers making social insurance returns and the number of employees covered by such employers is as follows:

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Employers</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>
2007/2008	2,020	25,185
2008/2009	1,990	25,740
2009/2010	2,016	25,290

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 467 OF 2011****HON J J BOSSANO:**

I assume, since these figures are, in fact, higher than is shown by the people registered with the ETB, that what this means is that there are people who have been here for a part of a year and left and that is why the figure is higher?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Why he thinks it is 25,000 as opposed to the 20 odd that we ... No, I think the reason is that the number of employees includes ... The number of employees, I think, includes Community Officers which is why they are consistently over the figure by roughly the same amount every year. So, the figure that he recognises are people in active employment ... *[inaudible]*.

ORAL

**NO. 468 OF 2011**

**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. 1614 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 469 to 474 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 469 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX (OTHER THAN PAYE) – COLLECTED / ARREARS**

Can Government state what was the amount of tax, other than PAYE, collected in the financial year 2009/2010 from individuals and the tax arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, showing how much of the arrears due from employers was for each of the following tax years 2008/2009, 2007/2008, 2006/2007 and 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 468 and 470 to 474 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 470 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – COLLECTED / ARREARS**

Can Government state what was the amount of PAYE collected in the financial year 2009/2010 in respect of tax arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, showing how much of the arrears due from employers was for each of the following tax years 2008/2009, 2007/2008, 2006/2007 and 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 468, 469 and 471 to 474 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 471 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS / TAX PAYABLE**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 468 to 470 and 472 to 474 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 472 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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. 468 to 471, 473 and 474 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 473 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 468 to 472 and 474 of 2011.

**NO. 474 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS / TAX PAYABLE**

Can Government state, as at the end of December 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**

Yes. I think I am going to answer his questions but, in the case of Question No. 469 of 2011, the Income Tax Office could not understand the reference to the word employers since the question relates to tax due from individuals, in which case they could not understand the concept of the employers where there would not be one. So, subject to that caveat and assuming that we have correctly just ignored the reference to employers, I hope that what I provide is the information that he is seeking.

**Answer to Question No. 468 of 2011**

The PAYE tax collected (net of refunds) in each month since the answer to Question No. 1614 of 2010 is:

	£M
September 2010	8.08
October 2010	7.76
November 2010	8.87
December 2010	7.92

### **Answer to Question No. 469 of 2011**

The amount of tax collected, other than PAYE, in the financial year 2009/2010, from individuals is £13.76 million. I think I should just make it clear to this because this is something that threw me too when I was trying to interpret the answer. In respect of PAYE means, deducted by the employer and forwarded by the employer. If a PAYE paying person, when he submits a return, has to pay additional tax that is not PAYE. It is included in the, other than PAYE. So the figure of £13.76 million includes additional tax that has been paid by people who paid tax under the PAYE system as well.

The total level of tax arrears, other than PAYE, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was £20.30 million. The following table indicates the level of arrears pertaining to each of the specific tax years requested as at this same date.

Tax Year	£M
2005/2006	1.37
2006/2007	1.69
2007/2008	1.31
2008/2009	2.04
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	6.41
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He will ask himself, as I did, how you explain the difference between £6.41 million for those recent years and the £20.3 million that we said was the arrears. The answer is that, obviously, there could be some in the £20.3 million, that predates 2005/2006, but mainly, in fact, that is not the answer. The answer is that, curiously, and I did not know this myself until this morning, even though most of it actually relates to 2009/2010, for which he has not asked, even though due and payable in February 2011, according to the Principal Auditor's ruling, it is an arrears, even though it is not yet, as you and I would understand it, due and payable, because actually under the law a tax is payable immediately that is assessed. These dates, what you and I call instalments, are dates on which penalties become due, not dates upon which the tax is due. So the Principal Auditor requires the Commissioner of Income Tax to treat monies as arrears, even though as most laymen would understand it, it is not yet due and payable, because it is not a due and payable date, it is a penalty incursion date. The due and payable date is the date that the assessment is issued and, therefore, technically, he insists on them being treated as arrears since then. So the due date is not the date upon which the tax is due, it is the date upon which penalties become due if you have not paid by then.

**Answer to Question No. 470 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE tax collected in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 in respect of arrears relating to the tax years 2005/2006 to 2008/2009 was:

Tax Year	£M
2005/2006	0.23
2006/2007	0.51
2007/2008	1.41
2008/2009	7.08

**Answer to Question No. 471 of 2011**

As at 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 1,990 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 £98.9 million and £96.3 million respectively.

**Answer to Question No. 472 of 2011**

As at 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 155 employers had not yet returned their 2008/2009 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

**Answer to Question No. 473 of 2011**

As at 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 158 employers had not yet returned their 2009/2010 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

**Answer to Question No. 474 of 2011**

As at 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 2,016 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 £100.3 million and £99.3 million respectively.

ORAL

**NO. 475 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – INVESTMENTS**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the investments held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 476 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 476 OF 2011**

**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. 1575 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a statement giving the information that he requests.

**Answer to Question 476 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 475**

The following investments were held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at 30 September 2010:

**SAVINGS BANK FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**  
**SHOWING MARKET VALUE ON THAT DATE**

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	MARKET PRICE ACCRUED INTEREST %	MARKET VALUE ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL MARKET VALUE ON 30 9 10
BANK OF AMERICA FRN 02/02/2011	£6,000,000.00	99.835 0.135	£5,990,090.70 £8,099.91	£5,998,190.61
HSBC FRN 11/04/2011	£5,000,000.00	99.814 0.172	£4,990,683.90 £8,577.10	£4,999,261.00
CREDIT SUISSE FRN 14/06/2011	£10,000,000.00	99.704 0.033	£9,970,401.40 £3,308.23	£9,973,709.63
CLYDES FRN 29/06/11	£7,000,000.00	99.618 0.002	£6,973,253.56 £159.54	£6,973,413.10
BANK OF SCOTLAND HBOS FLOAT 07/1	£2,000,000.00	99.313 0.049	£1,986,269.48 £979.66	£1,987,249.14
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FRN 14/12/11	£5,000,000.00	99.524 0.034	£4,976,206.05 £1,719.87	£4,977,925.92
BNS FRN 21/12/11	£1,600,000.00	99.445 0.020	£1,591,122.96 £318.33	£1,591,441.29
CITIGROUP FRN 16/01/2012	£4,000,000.00	98.716 0.172	£3,948,655.80 £6,869.90	£3,955,525.70
KBC FRN 18/01/12	£5,000,000.00	99.451 0.162	£4,972,525.75 £8,110.90	£4,980,636.65
WELLS FARGO CO FRN 25/01/12	£4,000,000.00	99.362 0.150	£3,974,487.60 £6,012.33	£3,980,499.93
LLOYDS TSB FRN 26/01/12	£45,900,000.00	100.377 0.203	£46,073,158.67 £93,060.68	£46,166,219.35
Carried Forward	£95,500,000.00		£95,584,072.32	£95,584,072.32

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Contd Answer to Question 475

SAVINGS BANK FUND  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2010  
SHOWING MARKET VALUE ON THAT DATE

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	MARKET PRICE ACCRUED INTEREST %	MARKET VALUE ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL MARKET VALUE ON 30 9 10
Brought Forward	£95,500,000.00		£95,584,072.32	£95,584,072.32
GE CAPITAL UK FRN 30/01/12	£6,400,000.00	99.138 0.144	£6,344,831.62 £9,187.93	£6,354,019.55
BARCLAYS FRN 13/02/12	£20,000,000.00	100.517 0.149	£20,103,333.40 £29,763.42	£20,133,096.82
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC FRN 2	£24,000,000.00	100.610 0.127	£24,146,368.08 £30,520.02	£24,176,888.10
TESCO PERSONAL FINANCE FRN 27/2/1	£6,000,000.00	100.637 0.114	£6,038,231.40 £6,852.67	£6,045,084.07
DEUTSCHE BANK FRN 26/04/12	£5,000,000.00	99.391 0.142	£4,969,544.15 £7,122.67	£4,976,666.82
JP MORGAN CHASE FRN 27/06/12	£6,000,000.00	98.924 0.007	£5,935,432.08 £410.18	£5,935,842.26
BANK OF SCOTLAND GBP INTEREST BEARING CURRENT A/C	£7,012,752.35	100.000	£7,012,752.35	£7,012,752.35
CROWN AGENTS BANK	£353.10	100.000	£353.10	£353.10
NATWEST WESTMINSTER OFFSHORE	£19,631,849.16	100.000	£19,631,849.16	£19,631,849.16
BARCLAYS BANK PLC	£80,707,657.46	100.000	£80,707,657.46	£80,707,657.46
BANK OF ENGLAND	£49,755,074.55	100.000	£49,755,074.55	£49,755,074.55
	£320,007,686.62		£320,313,356.56	£320,313,356.56

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**Answer to Question 476**

The level of Savings Bank Deposits stood as follows:

	<b>Non-Govt Deposits (tentative) £'M</b>	<b>Govt Deposits (tentative) £'M</b>
September 2010	75.95	243.10
October 2010	75.92	238.99
November 2010	75.17	235.50
December 2010	74.72	264.59

**NO. 477 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PUBLIC DEBT – GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CARE LIMITED**

Has there been any change in the level of public debt held by Gibraltar Community Care Limited, since the answer to Question No. 1158 of 2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Community Care no longer holds Government of Gibraltar debentures.

ORAL

**NO. 478 OF 2011**

**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. 1580 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 479 to 481 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 479 OF 2011**

**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 each month, since August 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 478, 480 and 481 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 480 OF 2011**

**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. 1581 of 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 478, 479 and 481 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 481 OF 2011**

**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. 1578 of 2010, what was the level of a) aggregate public debt; and b) net public debt?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information requested.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 478 to 481 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 478 of 2011**

Government has issued the following Debentures to the public since September 2010:

	<b>Total Issues (Sales)</b>
September 2010	£4,367,200
October 2010	£4,120,400
November 2010	£4,063,400
December 2010	£3,438,300
	<b>£15,989,300</b>

#### **Answer to Question No. 479 of 2011**

The amount held on deposit with the Bank of England at the end of the month since August 2010 is as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>GSB</b>	<b>NSF</b>	<b>Total</b>
August 2010	£59,741,644	£22,109,310	£81,850,954
September 2010	£49,755,075	£22,114,292	£71,869,367
October 2010	£49,765,868	£22,119,140	£71,885,008
November 2010	£49,778,026	£22,125,656	£71,903,682
December 2010	£49,789,648	£22,130,864	£71,920,512

#### **Answer to Question No. 480 of 2011**

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loans from local banks since September 2010 is as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Barclays</b>	<b>Natwest</b>	<b>Total</b>
September 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
October 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
November 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
December 2010	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000

#### **Answer to Question No. 481 of 2011**

The amount of a) aggregate public debt and b) net public debt at the end of each month since September 2010 is as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Aggregate Public Debt  £'M</b>	<b>Tentative Cash Reserves  £'M</b>	<b>Tentative Net Public Debt  £'M</b>
September 2010	458.0	260.7	197.3
October 2010	462.1	260.2	201.9
November 2010	466.2	254.5	211.7

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 478 TO 481 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the hon Member clarify that the column headed NSF, in answer to Question No. 479 of 2011, is the Note Security Fund?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 482 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**WAGE SUBSIDIES – GDC FUNDING**

Can Government state how many persons were covered by wage subsidies from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Wages Subsidies (18)(b) and (19)(b), in the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

There were 37 persons covered by wage subsidies from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Wage Subsidies (19)(a) and none from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Wage Subsidies (19)(b) in the last financial year.

I believe that the question erroneously refers to (18)(b) Vocational Cadets and not Wage Subsidies.

ORAL

**NO. 483 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRAINEES – GDC FUNDING**

Can Government state how many trainees were covered by the funding from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Training & Development Courses (20)(b), in the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 484 of 2011.

**NO. 484 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRAINEES – GDC FUNDING**

Can Government state how many trainees were covered by the funding from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Construction Training Centre (20)(a) and (21)(b), in the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

No trainees were covered by the funding from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Training & Development courses (20)(b) and (20)(a) in the last financial year.

The funding for 65 trainees of the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre in the last financial year is included under 18(a) Vocational Cadets.

I believe that the question erroneously refers to (20)(a) Training and Development Courses and not Construction Training Centre.

ORAL

**NO. 485 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**VOCATIONAL CADETS**

Can Government state how many vocational cadets completed their training in the last financial year, giving a breakdown by sex and age, length of time as a vocational cadet and skills acquired and whether those completing their training were taken on by the employer that provided the training?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 486 and 566 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 486 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VOCATIONAL CADETS**

Can Government state how many vocational cadets started training in the last financial year, giving a breakdown by sex, age and nature of training?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 485 and 566 of 2011.

**NO. 487 OF 2011**

**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. 4 of 2011, how many detached workers were in employment and provide a breakdown by industry and nationality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND 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 487/2011**

**Detached workers by Nationality**

**January 2011**

Industry	British	Spanish	Other EEC	Other Non- EEC	Total
Electricity Supply					0
Water Supply					0
Shipbuilding etc.				63	63
Other Manufacture					0
Construction	1	59		2	62
Wholesale Trade					0
Retail Trade					0
Hotel Trade					0
Restaurants, Bars etc					0
Repairs of Consumer Goods					0
Sea Transport and Related Services			1		1
Air Transport and Related Services					0
Road Transport and Related Services					0
Post and Communications		7			7
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2			2	4
Public Administration and National Defence					0
Police and Fire Service					0
Sanitary Services					0
Education					0
Medical and Health Services					0
Other Services					0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>137</b>

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**Detached workers by Nationality**

**February 2011**

Industry	British	Spanish	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply					0
Water Supply					0
Shipbuilding etc.			5	106	111
Other Manufacture					0
Construction	2	43	5	2	52
Wholesale Trade					0
Retail Trade					0
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		5			5
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1			1	2
Public Administration and National Defence					0
Police and Fire Service					0
Sanitary Services					0
Education					0
Medical and Health Services					0
Other Services	4				4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>174</b>

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**Detached workers by Nationality**

**March 2011**

Industry	British	Spanish	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Electricity Supply					0
Water Supply					0
Shipbuilding etc.			6	138	144
Other Manufacture					0
Construction	2	41	5	2	50
Wholesale Trade					0
Retail Trade					0
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		5			5
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2			2	4
Public Administration and National Defence					0
Police and Fire Service					0
Sanitary Services					0
Education					0
Medical and Health Services					0
Other Services	11				11
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>214</b>

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**Detached workers by Nationality**

**April 2011**

Industry	British	Spanish	Other EEC	Other Non- EEC	Total
Electricity Supply					0
Water Supply					0
Shipbuilding etc.			6	143	149
Other Manufacture					0
Construction	2	41	5	2	50
Wholesale Trade					0
Retail Trade		1		1	2
Hotel Trade					0
Restaurants, Bars etc.					0
Repairs of Consumer Goods					0
Sea Transport and Related Services	2				2
Air Transport and Related Services					0
Road Transport and Related Services					0
Post and Communications		5			5
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2			2	4
Public Administration and National Defence					0
Police and Fire Service					0
Sanitary Services					0
Education					0
Medical and Health Services					0
Other Services	8				8
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>220</b>

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**Answer to Question 487/2011**

**Detached workers by Nationality**

**May 2011**

Industry	British	Spanish	Other EEC	Other Non- EEC	Total
Electricity Supply					0
Water Supply					0
Shipbuilding etc.			7	132	139
Other Manufacture					0
Construction	4	42	5	2	53
Wholesale Trade		3			3
Retail Trade		2			2
Hotel Trade					0
Restaurants, Bars etc					0
Repairs of Consumer Goods					0
Sea Transport and Related Services	2				2
Air Transport and Related Services					0
Road Transport and Related Services					0
Post and Communications		5			5
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2			2	4
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	9	52	12	136	209

**NO. 488 OF 2011**

**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. 5 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 489 of 2011.

**NO. 489 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED**

Can Government state the number of frontier workers registered with the Employment Service as at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 6 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND 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 489/2011****Answer to Question 488/2011****Frontier Workers by Nationality**

Nationality	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11
American	8	8	8	8	8
Argentinian	1	1	1	1	1
Australian	2	1	1	2	2
Austrian	14	13	13	12	11
Belgian	9	10	11	11	11
Brazilian	2	2	2	2	2
Bulgarian	14	13	15	15	15
Canadian	3	3	3	3	3
Colombian	1	1	1	1	1
Czechoslovakian	31	35	35	35	35
Danish	37	37	36	37	38
Dutch	35	35	34	34	36
Equatorian	2	2	2	3	3
Estonian	8	7	7	8	9
Finnish	9	9	9	9	9
French	73	70	72	67	70
German	114	115	114	115	114
Gibraltarian	132	140	138	141	144
Greek	26	28	29	28	31
Greek Cypriot	6	6	6	7	7
Hungarian	48	48	53	55	58
Indian	2	2	2	3	3
Irish	61	61	63	62	61
Israeli	4	4	4	4	4
Italian	62	67	65	64	67
Japanese	2	2	1	1	1
Korean	1	1	1	1	1
Latvian	7	7	11	11	14
Lithuanian	43	45	49	44	48
Luxembourg	1	1	1	2	2
Macedonian	1	1	1	1	1
Maltese	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals C/F</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>811</b>

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION 489/2011****Answer to Question 488/2011****Frontier Workers by Nationality**

Nationality	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11
B/F Totals	760	776	789	788	811
Moroccan	2	1	2	3	3
New Zealander	3	3	3	3	3
Norwegian	3	3	3	3	2
Other British	2024	2073	2086	2074	2061
Philipino	1	1	1	1	1
Polish	204	194	204	188	199
Portuguese	245	239	241	253	245
Romanian	73	87	86	87	88
Russian	4	4	4	4	4
Slovakian	20	20	24	24	25
South African	1	1	2	2	2
Spanish	4072	4106	4195	4261	4190
Swedish	17	18	18	22	25
Swiss	9	10	10	10	10
Tunisian	0	0	0	1	1
Ukranian	6	6	6	6	6
Uruguayan	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	7445	7543	7675	7731	7677

ORAL

**NO. 490 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – MOD DIRECT EMPLOYMENT**

Can Government state the number of persons in direct employment in the MOD as at the end of March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 491 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 491 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – MOD DIRECT EMPLOYMENT**

Can Government state the number of persons in direct employment in the MOD as at the end of April 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of persons in direct employment in the MOD as registered with the Employment Service is: 705 as at end of March 2011 and 704 as at end of April 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 492 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CATA REDUNDANCY TERMS APPLICABLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government clarify whether the CATA redundancy terms are considered applicable by the Employment Service to administrative and managerial employees in the construction industry or only to the industrial grades?

**ANSWER**

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

Yes, the CATA redundancy terms are considered applicable by the Employment Service to both the industrial grades and administrative and managerial employees in the construction industry.

ORAL

**NO. 493 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED TAKEN ON BY REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES**

Can Government state in respect of the 11 employees from the long-term unemployment list who were taken on by the registered construction companies allocated Government projects, what was the range of the length of time they had been unemployed and can Government provide a breakdown by gender and whether under or over 25?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 494 and 495 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 494 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED EXPECTED TO BE  
TAKEN ON BY REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES**

Can Government state, in respect of the 30 employees expected to be employed from the long-term unemployment list who were taken on by the registered construction companies allocated Government projects, what was the range of the length of time they had been unemployed and can Government provide a breakdown by gender and whether under or over 25?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 493 and 495 of 2011.

**NO. 495 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED TAKEN ON BY REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES**

Can Government state, in respect of the any additional employees over and above the anticipated 41 expected to be employed from the long-term unemployment list who were taken on by the registered construction companies allocated Government projects, what was the range of the length of time they had been unemployed and can Government provide a breakdown by gender and whether under or over 25?

**ANSWER**

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

In respect of the 11 employees selected from the long-term unemployment list who were taken on by the registered construction companies allocated Government projects, 10 persons are over 25 years of age and one person is under 25 years of age. (All male.)

Five out of the 11 had been registered unemployed for over 12 months and six were registered unemployed from 6 to 12 months.

In respect of the 30 employees expected to be employed from the long-term unemployed list by the registered construction companies allocated Government projects, 16 persons have already been employed.

Eleven persons were over 25 years of age and five were under 25 years of age. (All male.)

Eleven persons had been registered unemployed over 12 months and five had been registered from 6 to 12 months.

Regarding the additional employees over and above the anticipated 41 expected to be employed from the long-term unemployment list by the registered construction companies allocated Government projects, I can confirm that such continues to be the expectation. The scheme is ongoing, of course, and as and when suitable/willing persons are identified they will be referred to the relevant construction companies for employment. The hon Member will understand that not every long-term registered unemployed person will want to work, or indeed may be able to work, in the construction industry.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 493 TO 495 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the hon Member say whether the contracts that are awarded, as a result of this work, are related to the period of the work that has been obtained by the construction company? That is, the employment contract, is it the same period as the construction contract?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

When a person from the unemployment list is sent for employment, he is employed as any ordinary employee. The contract is indefinite and, of course, he becomes an employee of the employer, of the contractor.

ORAL

**NO. 496 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
EMPLOYERS**

Can Government state how many construction industry employers were registered with the Employment Service at the end of September 2009?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 497 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 497 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
EMPLOYERS**

Can Government state how many construction industry employers were registered with the Employment Service at the end of March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 and 498 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 498 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
EMPLOYERS**

Can Government state how many construction industry employers were registered with the Employment Service at the end of September 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496, 497 and 499 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 499 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – REGISTERED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
EMPLOYERS**

Can Government state how many construction industry employers were registered with the Employment Service at the end of March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 498 and 500 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 500 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYEES REGISTERED AS WORKING IN  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many employees were registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in September 2009, giving a breakdown by full-time and part-time and by gender and nationality?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 499 and 501 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 501 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYEES REGISTERED AS WORKING IN  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many employees were registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in March 2010, giving a breakdown by full-time and part-time and by gender and nationality?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 500 and 502 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 502 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYEES REGISTERED AS WORKING IN  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many employees were registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in September 2010, giving a breakdown by full-time and part-time and by gender and nationality?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 501 and 503 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 503 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYEES REGISTERED AS WORKING IN  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many employees were registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in March 2011, giving a breakdown by full-time and part-time and by gender and nationality?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 502 and 504 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 504 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED AS WORKING  
IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many of the employees registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in September 2009 were frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 503 and 505 to 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 505 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED AS WORKING  
IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many of the employees registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in March 2010 were frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 504, 506 and 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 506 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED AS WORKING  
IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many of the employees registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in September 2010 were frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 to 505 and 507 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 507 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – FRONTIER WORKERS REGISTERED AS WORKING  
IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many of the employees registered with the Employment Service as working in the construction industry in March 2011 were frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

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

Perhaps, I should explain to him that in the case of a number of employers, that refer to previous years, I will provide an answer with Question No. 549 of 2011.

**Answer to Question 507/2011**

**Answer to Question 496 to 499**

**Registered employers in the Construction Industry**

Industry	As at 30/09/09	As at 31/03/10	As at 30/09/10	As at 31/03/11
Construction	326	364	411	466

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.../Contd. Answer to Question 507/2011

.../Contd. Answer to Question 500/2011

Registered employees in the Construction Industry as at 30th September 2009

Industry	Gender	British		Spanish		Moroccan		Other EEC		Other Non-EEC		Total
		F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
Construction	Male	1075	20	778	5	141	1	460	5	47	0	2532
	Female	125	26	37	2	1	1	10	1	1	1	205
	Totals	1200	46	815	7	142	2	470	6	48	1	2737

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Answer to Question 501/2011

Registered employees in the Construction Industry as at 31st March 2010

Industry	Gender	British		Spanish		Moroccan		Other EEC		Other Non-EEC		Total
		F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
Construction	Male	1054	27	782	5	136	2	472	5	64	0	2547
	Female	127	26	29	4	1	1	13	2	0	1	204
	Totals	1181	53	811	9	137	3	485	7	64	1	2751

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.../Contd. Answer to Question 507/2011

.../Contd. Answer to Question 502/2011

Registered employees in the Construction Industry as at 30th September 2010

Industry	Gender	British		Spanish		Moroccan		Other EEC		Other Non-EEC		Total
		F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
Construction	Male	1073	22	1026	6	135	1	394	6	65	0	2728
	Female	126	24	35	4	1	1	10	1	3	1	206
		1199	46	1061	10	136	2	404	7	68	1	2934

Answer to Question 507/2011

Answer to Question 503/2011

Registered employees in the Construction Industry as at 31st March 2011

Industry	Gender	British		Spanish		Moroccan		Other EEC		Other Non-EEC		Total
		F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
Construction	Male	1106	21	1362	7	124	0	370	5	71	0	3086
	Female	126	24	33	4	1	1	7	1	1	0	198
		1232	45	1395	11	125	1	377	6	72	0	3284

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.../Contd. Answer to Question 507/2011

.../Contd. Answer to Question 504 to 507/2011

**Frontier workers registered in the construction industry**

Industry	As at 30/09/09	As at 31/03/10	As at 30/09/10	As at 31/03/11
Construction	1542	1551	1759	2075

ORAL

**NO. 508 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(A) ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (A) Electricity Supply in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 509 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 509 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(A) ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (A) Electricity Supply in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 and 510 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 510 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(B) WATER SUPPLY**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (B) Water Supply in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508, 509 and 511 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 511 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(B) WATER SUPPLY**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (B) Water Supply in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 510 and 512 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 512 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(C) SHIPBUILDING**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (C) Shipbuilding et cetera in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 511 and 513 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 513 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(C) SHIPBUILDING**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (C) Shipbuilding et cetera in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 512 and 514 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 514 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(D) OTHER MANUFACTURE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (D) Other Manufacture in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 513 and 515 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 515 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(D) OTHER MANUFACTURE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (D) Other Manufacture in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 514 and 516 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 516 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(E) CONSTRUCTION**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (E) Construction in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 515 and 517 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 517 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(E) CONSTRUCTION**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (E) Construction in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 516 and 518 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 518 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(F) WHOLESALE TRADE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (F) Wholesale Trade in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 517 and 519 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 519 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(F) WHOLESALE TRADE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (F) Wholesale Trade in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 518 and 520 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 520 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(G) RETAIL TRADE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (G) Retail Trade in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 519 and 521 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 521 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(G) RETAIL TRADE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (G) Retail Trade in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 520 and 522 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 522 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(H) HOTEL TRADE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (H) Hotel Trade in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 521 and 523 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 523 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(H) HOTEL TRADE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (H) Hotel Trade in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 522 and 524 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 524 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(I) RESTAURANT BARS**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (I) Restaurant Bars et cetera in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 523 and 525 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 525 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(I) RESTAURANT BARS**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (I) Restaurant Bars et cetera in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 524 and 526 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 526 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(J) REPAIRS OF CONSUMER GOODS**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (J) Repairs of Consumer Goods in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 525 and 527 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 527 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(J) REPAIRS OF CONSUMER GOODS**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (J) Repairs of Consumer Goods in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 526 and 528 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 528 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(K) SEA TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (K) Sea Transport and Related Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 527 and 529 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 529 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(K) SEA TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (K) Sea Transport and Related Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 528 and 530 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 530 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(L) AIR TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (L) Air Transport and Related Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 529 and 531 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 531 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP (L) AIR TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (L) Air Transport and Related Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 530 and 532 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 532 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(M) ROAD TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (M) Road Transport and Related Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 531 and 533 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 533 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(M) ROAD TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (M) Road Transport and Related Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 532 and 534 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 534 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(N) POST AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (N) Post and Communications in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 533 and 535 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 535 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(N) POST AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (N) Post and Communications in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 534 and 536 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 536 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(O) BANKING, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (O) Banking, Finance and Insurance in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 535 and 537 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 537 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(O) BANKING, FINANCE AND INSURANCE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (O) Banking, Finance and Insurance in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 536 and 538 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 538 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(P) PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL DEFENCE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (P) Public Administration and National Defence in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 537 and 539 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 539 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(P) PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL DEFENCE**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (P) Public Administration and National Defence in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 538 and 540 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 540 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(Q) POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (Q) Police & Fire Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 539 and 541 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 541 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(Q) POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (Q) Police & Fire Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 540 and 542 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 542 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(R) SANITARY SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (R) Sanitary Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 541 and 543 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 543 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(R) SANITARY SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (R) Sanitary Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 542 and 544 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 544 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(S) EDUCATION**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (S) Education in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 543 and 545 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 545 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(S) EDUCATION**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (S) Education in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 544 and 546 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 546 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(T) MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (T) Medical & Health Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 545 and 547 to 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 547 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(T) MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (T) Medical & Health Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 546, 548 and 549 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 548 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(U) OTHER SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (U) Other Services in September 2009 and March 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 508 to 547 and 549 of 2011.

**NO. 549 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYERS REGISTERED IN INDUSTRY GROUP  
(U) OTHER SERVICES**

Can Government state how many employers were registered with the Employment Service in the industry group (U) Other Services in September 2010 and March 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

As it is presently set up, the Employment Services computer system does not provide the information easily. The information requested can only be retrieved by going to the saved “back-up” data as at the end of months requested. To do this, the back-ups have to be restored to the system which would require all users to be locked out of it during the process, thus disabling the work of the department.

I attach a schedule showing the data requested, but only as at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011. In other words, the number of requested employers as at the dates requested, who were still registered as at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

In any case, and as a further development to the system, the department is already working on the necessary programming that will allow it to produce such statistics in the ready manner that is already produced of other statistical information as [*inaudible*]. So we are working on the system.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr Speaker, can I just repeat the last sentence given by my hon Colleague to ensure that the hon Member has understood because he did use the word “requested” when it should have been “registered” and that might have made the answer difficult for the hon Member to follow. In other words, the number of registered employers as at the dates requested who were still registered as at 17<sup>th</sup> June. In other words, the system nets out those who have left. So, even though it is as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009, it is only those that were there at the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and who are still there in June 2011.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 549/2011**

**Answer to Questions 508 to 549/2011**

**Employers registered with the Employment Service, as at 17th June 2011, by Industry Groups**

Industry Group	As At 30/09/09	As At 31/03/10	As At 30/09/10	As At 31/03/11
A Electricity Supply	5	5	5	5
B Water Supply	1	1	1	2
C Shipbuilding etc.	20	20	21	23
D Other Manufacture	45	47	54	58
E Construction	326	364	411	466
F Wholesale	82	85	91	95
G Retail Trade	397	411	431	446
H Hotel Trade	8	8	8	8
I Restaurants, Bars etc.	153	166	177	192
J Repairs to Consumer Goods	57	57	62	66
K Sea Transport & Related Services	63	67	70	79
L Air Transport & Related Services	5	6	7	8
M Road Transport & Related Services	49	55	65	66
N Post and Communication	13	13	14	16
O Banking, Finance and Insurance	816	857	909	952
P Public Admin and National Defence	6	6	6	6
Q Police and Fire Service	9	12	14	17
R Sanitary Services	4	4	5	5
S Education	16	20	25	26
T Medical and Health Services	88	91	98	109
U Other Services	489	516	573	634
<b>Total</b>	<b>2652</b>	<b>2811</b>	<b>3047</b>	<b>3279</b>

ORAL

**NO. 550 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – VACANCIES FILLED**

Can Government provide, in respect of the 950 vacancies filled which were registered with the Employment Service in January this year, a breakdown by sex and identify for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 551 and 552 of 2011.

**NO. 551 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – VACANCIES FILLED**

Can Government provide, in respect of the 831 vacancies filled which were registered with the Employment Service in February this year, a breakdown by sex and identify for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 and 552 of 2011.

**NO. 552 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – VACANCIES FILLED**

Can Government provide, in respect of the 838 vacancies filled which were registered with the Employment Service in March this year, a breakdown by sex and identify for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers?

**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 552/2011**

**Answer to Questions 550 to 552/2011**

**Vacancies filled by gender broken down into residents and frontier workers**

January 2011				February 2011				March 2011			
Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
Resident	Frontier Worker	Resident	Frontier Worker	Resident	Frontier Worker	Resident	Frontier Worker	Resident	Frontier Worker	Resident	Frontier Worker
174	566	122	88	196	413	123	99	151	505	103	79

ORAL

**NO. 553 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS IN  
WATER SUPPLY INDUSTRY**

Can Government explain the termination of employment contracts of 54 Gibraltarians and 15 Moroccans in the water supply industry recorded by the Employment Service in February this year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 554 to 560 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 554 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS IN  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL DEFENCE SECTOR**

Can Government explain the termination of employment contracts of 28 Gibraltarians in the public administration and national defence sector recorded by the Employment Service in February this year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 553 and 555 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 555 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS IN  
EDUCATION SECTOR**

Can Government explain the termination of employment contracts of 63 Gibraltarians in the education sector recorded by the Employment Service in February this year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 553, 554 and 556 to 560 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 556 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS IN  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL DEFENCE SECTOR**

Can Government explain the termination of employment contracts of 20 Gibraltarians in the public administration and national defence sector recorded by the Employment Service in February this year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 554 to 555 and 557 to 560 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 557 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS IN  
RETAIL TRADE**

Can Government explain the termination of employment contracts of 33 Gibraltarians in the retail trade in March this year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 554 to 556 and 558 to 560 of 2011.

**NO. 558 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – CONTRACTS TERMINATED AND REGISTERED**

Can Government provide, in respect of the 417 contracts terminated and registered with the Employment Service in January this year, a breakdown by sex and identify for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 554 to 557, 559 and 560 of 2011.

**NO. 559 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – CONTRACTS TERMINATED AND REGISTERED**

Can Government provide, in respect of the 631 contracts terminated which were registered with the Employment Service in February this year, a breakdown by sex and identify for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 554 to 558 and 560 of 2011.

**NO. 560 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – CONTRACTS TERMINATED AND REGISTERED**

Can Government provide, in respect of the 566 contracts terminated which were registered with the Employment Service in March this year, a breakdown by sex and identify for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

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

In attempting to provide an answer to the hon Member, I must start by explaining two issues that affect some of the termination figures referred to and in relation always to terminations in respect of Government public sector.

Firstly, it has come to light that such termination figures included Vocational Trainees who clearly should not show as terminations given that they do not show as 'in employment' in the first place. The system was, however, picking them up in clear error and this has now been corrected.

Secondly, in the reconciliation exercise that is periodically carried out with employers generally, including Government departments, it can happen that a number of old terminations, that is terminations that occurred some time back but not registered at the time, come to light and appear in the terminations for the current month. This is the result of the ongoing tidying up process, if you like.

This then would explain the unexpected number of terminations appearing under 'public administration' and 'education sector'.

As for the 54 Gibraltarians and 15 Moroccans in the water supply industry recorded by the Employment Service in February this year, apart from 21 of these being of 'reconciliation' of records nature, I can advise that the rest, that is 34 Gibraltarians and 14 Moroccans, are in connection with the early exit scheme offered to Buildings and Works employees. It appears that these workers were originally registered as under water supply industry, perhaps from the old water section of the Public Works Department at the time.

In respect of the 33 Gibraltarians in the retail trade appearing as terminating employment in March of this year, quite apart from the turnover of staff in this sector, the Government, as the hon Member will appreciate, is not able to offer any kind of informed explanation.

In any case, statistics relating to terminations, in the manner sought by the hon Member, are not readily available. Terminations as reported in one particular month, can be wholly different if requested again for that month at a future date. Further, the information sought by Question Nos. 558 to 560 is not readily available and obtaining this would require a disproportionate administrative effort and resources.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 554 TO 560 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not know whether I have understood the hon Member, but he seemed to be saying, just now, that information recorded in one month can be totally different if asked for on a different occasion? Presumably, the fact that 33 people are recorded as having left or having lost their jobs in the retail trade in a particular month, that does not change? Or is it that you do not know when it happened and you only know when it was registered?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

It is how the computer system records the termination. I do not have a very clear explanation for that but that is it. That is the reality of the situation. I am told that terminations ... the information given may not be same if asked for in a different month. I have not been able to establish the reason why.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does anybody monitor the level of employment in different industries and does anybody ... I would have thought, given that the hon Member is interested in maximising employment, that if he suddenly finds that in one month 33 people are registered, he would want to be given an explanation without me having to ask him. Did he not ask why there are so many this month? I am only asking for the months that appear to be unusually high, obviously.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr Speaker, could we just clear up the previous point. What the hon Member said was that terminations, as reported in one particular month, can be wholly different if requested again for that month at a future date, which appears to be another example of the previous point about the netting out. In other words, if you ask today what the terminations were for a month that has passed, you get the answer as it appears today on the computer in respect of that month. If you ask three months from now for the same information about the same month that has already passed, the answer could be different if terminations, the tidying up exercise subsequently are attributed to that month. But, of course, that would suggest, to me at least, that the tidying up exercise can work in one of two ways or in two ways at the same time because, earlier on in the answer, the hon Member was told that one of the possible explanations for the high numbers is the tidying up exercise which are recorded in the month in which the tidying up takes place, not in the month in which the termination actually occurred of employment. So, yes, the hon Member was told earlier on in the answer that it can happen that a number of old terminations, that is,

terminations that occurred some time back but not registered at the time, come to light and appear in the terminations for the current month. In other words, that would suggest that terminations are not attributed to the month in which they happen, but rather to the month in which they are recorded and that would be the opposite of getting a different answer. In the future ... which suggest that the terminations are attributed to the month in which they are recorded, which suggests that both things could be happening haphazardly and the system has to decide whether the tidying up exercise always attributes all the terminations to the month in which the tidying up takes place or always attributes them to the month in which the termination ... But they cannot do both because then the figures cease to be comparable for any meaningful purpose.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am grateful for that further explanation. Perhaps, the hon Member can find out whether indeed there is this dual methodology being provided.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of Question No. 560 of 2011, for example, is the hon Member saying that for March this year he cannot provide a breakdown of the people that were registered. Or is that something that is given to me separately? Vacancies filled. In the written answer to Question No. 550 of 2011, for example, I am being given the breakdown for vacancies filled showing the frontier workers and the *[inaudible]*. Is he saying he is not able to do the same thing for the contracts terminated for as recent as March?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

No. What I have been informed is that whereas we have developed information in the computer system for employees, for example, if we have not developed the same procedure for companies, for example, so there are different processes which are being improved all the time and as and when we start to tidy up the system we will be able to offer more and more information on the system.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I have not asked anything about companies. I have asked about people. People whose contracts are terminated.

**HON L MONTIEL:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The hon Member is able to tell me that in March 2011 there were 505 frontier workers filling vacancies but is not able to tell me of the 566 people who lost their jobs or whose termination was recorded, how many were frontier workers? He is not able to give me that for same month. It has nothing to do with companies.

**HON L MONTIEL:**

If they do not have the breakdown that is what I have been told. That it involves too much work, too many resources and that, therefore, at the moment, at this precise moment, I cannot give this information.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the resources that are required to do one half of the exercise, he can give me for January, February and March. But the resources that are required for the other half of the same exercise ... Does anybody look at what comes in and what goes out of the labour market in the Employment Service?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

Yes. They do. But you see the information that the Employment Service gets is for the purpose that the Government or the Ministry requires. But, as you see, the hon Gentleman, the more information we give, the more breakdowns they want, the more resources, the more changes that need to be done. Although we always comply in order to facilitate as much information as we possibly can, there is a limit as to when the hon Member wants the information and, therefore, if we say to him we cannot at this point give you this information but we will eventually give you this because we will be able to do it ... I think the hon Member should accept that there are certain limitations in the computer systems that ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

With all due respect to the hon Member, I get the impression that he does not look at any of these figures until I ask him a question about it and then he tells me what he has been told and is not sure whether what he is telling me is right or wrong. I do not understand how the Minister for Labour has not wanted to know, in March of this year, the movement of people in and out of the labour market and that the Department can tell me how many of the people that filled vacancies were frontier workers but they are not able to tell me how many of the people whose contracts were terminated in that very same month were frontier workers because this is so much extra work for the Department and so complex that they cannot cope with it. Well look, if he says, I cannot go back a few years or I cannot go back, but I would have thought at least he would be able to give me one month to give some idea that I can say, well look, I know now that the department registered 500 workers coming in and 400 workers who stopped coming in. It does not seem to be an excessive amount of information to try ... and to be able to make that comparison. I would have thought he would want to be doing that himself without prompting from me.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, Mr Speaker, for a start terminations do not describe movements in and out of the labour market. They describe movements between jobs, perhaps, in the labour market. Termination is not necessarily a person that leaves the labour market, just as a registration is not necessarily a person who enters the labour market because as he knows that they include the churns within jobs. The point that is being made is not that the information is not available but that it cannot be produced in five days. In other words, the computer system of the Employment Service ... We can debate whether it should be so or it should not be so but the reality of it is that the computer system of the Employment Service does not allow, in respect of a month as recent as March, even though that is three months ago, a breakdown in respect of 566 terminated contracts, which is not the fact that 566 people have left the labour market as the question suggested, a breakdown by sex and identified for each gender whether the persons concerned were resident or frontier workers. So, in other words, the sex and then in respect of males and females, how many males were frontier workers, how many males were resident, how many females were frontier workers and how many females were resident. That is the breakdown that the computer ... I would not have thought that it takes too much to rewrite the programme to provide that information but it does not, and, therefore, if the hon Member asks for that detail, the staff have got four days in which to produce the answer and they physically ... Of course, the information can be accessed manually but it means, sort of, deploying an army and that is what the answer means.

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**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I just go back to an earlier supplementary where the hon Member said that one of the things in the figures that had come to light was that the termination of vocational cadets was included. Does he have the number of vocational cadets that were included so that I can correct the figure?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

No. I do not have the information with me but I can provide it if he wants it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So that we have got the accurate figure.

ORAL

**NO. 561 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – GIBRALTARIANS EMPLOYED FROM  
UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER**

Can Government confirm whether the 47 Gibraltarians employed in January 2011 from the unemployment register are all included in the 151 shown under vacancies filled for the same month?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 562 and 563 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 562 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – GIBRALTARIANS EMPLOYED FROM  
UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER**

Can Government confirm whether the 70 Gibraltarians employed in February 2011 from the unemployment register are all included in the 151 shown under vacancies filled for the same month?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 561 and 563 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 563 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – GIBRALTARIANS EMPLOYED FROM  
UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER**

Can Government confirm whether the 71 Gibraltarians employed in March 2011 from the unemployment register are all included in the 135 shown under vacancies filled for the same month?

**ANSWER**

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

The Gibraltarians employed in January, February and March 2011 from the unemployment register are all included in the respective vacancies filled figure for the month.

ORAL

**NO. 564 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – PROVISION OF CLEANERS BY CONTRACT  
CLEANING COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many cleaners were provided in Government Departments, Authorities and Agencies by contract cleaning companies in the last financial year, and how many of these employees were Gibraltarians?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 565 of 2011.

**NO. 565 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – EMPLOYMENT OF GIBRALTAR RESIDENT LABOUR  
IN CLEANING COMPANIES**

Can Government state whether it has taken steps to rectify what it has described as the abysmal record of cleaning companies in employing Gibraltar resident labour, and, if so, what remedies have been introduced and as from what date?

**ANSWER**

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

A total of 70 cleaners were provided for Government Departments, Authorities and Agencies by contract cleaning companies in the last financial year.

It is not possible to confirm the nationalities of the employees as these may vary depending on the availability of the staff of the cleaning contractor and the places of work to be covered.

Mr Speaker, in order to rectify the abysmal record of cleaning companies in employing Gibraltar resident labour, the Government are to introduce a scheme whereby cleaning companies wishing to be selected to perform Government offices cleaning contracts will be required to employ persons registered as unemployed from the Employment Service's lists.

All associated documentation is currently being drafted and Government will then be accordingly contacting all companies that have already indicated an interest in participating in this scheme.

Government expect this new scheme to come on line during the next two or three weeks.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 564 AND 565 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that the Employment Service is not able to tell us the nationality breakdown of the cleaners in the cleaning companies that are working in Government Agencies, presumably, they have arrived at the conclusion that there is an abysmal record through some other methodology. How abysmal is the abysmal record?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That supplementary does not reflect what the hon Member has said in his answer. The answer refers to cleaners deployed in Government Departments by private cleaning companies not how many foreigners or residents there are employed directly by Government as cleaners. So what the hon Member said was that he could not say the nationalities that a contracted private cleaning company deploys this afternoon down in the Port Department. They will send one of their staff and the Government does not monitor on a daily basis today ABC Cleaners or Mediterranean Cleaners or whatever they are called, whether they have sent a Spanish national, a French national or a local to clean the Port Department this morning. The questions relate to how many cleaners were provided in Government Departments, Agencies et cetera by contract cleaning companies?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So, obviously, the Government know the nationality of the people that it has employed directly as Government employees but that is neither what the original question nor the original answer related to, but it is what the supplementary suggested was the case.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But given that the Government have come to the conclusion that these cleaning companies that are supplying cleaners on contract for Government entities have got an abysmal record in employing cleaners, I do not know whether it means an abysmal record in employing cleaners in Government offices or employing cleaners from Gibraltar generally?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it is the latter. I have seen the employment record of a locally owned, locally managed, locally controlled cleaning company that does not employ a single resident Gibraltar person. Not one.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So it is then really intuitive rather than statistically that we know that this is going on?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, it is not intuitive. If there are companies that employ no local labour and they have contracts with the Government to clean offices, then *ipso facto*, they must be cleaning the Government offices with non-local labour. When did it come to light? Well, I do not know when it ... I suppose the information has always been there but

when I have seen the statistics, frankly, I have been appalled by the fact that ... of what the apparent systematic and policy employment decisions appear to be. I cannot believe ... Normally, the answer is local people do not want to work in this sort of thing. I cannot believe that there are no local people willing to work in this when they are willing to work in this, for example, for the Government. There are lots of people in Gibraltar who, quite rightly, consider cleaning work to be perfectly dignified employment and they may not enjoy doing it for a private contractor whose terms of employment maybe less good. The Government are not going to force people to work for such contractors if they do not want to. But, certainly, to the extent that the Ministry of Employment have on their books local unemployed people who are willing to take those jobs, that is the scheme that is going to be addressed to make sure that those people who are willing, who are unemployed and who are on the books of the Employment Service are given the opportunity to take those employments as a pre-condition of participation in this scheme.

**NO. 566 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VOCATIONAL CADETS – GDC FUNDING**

Can Government state how many vocational cadets were funded from the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Vocational Cadet EU Projects (18)(a), in the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

In order to put the answer into context, let me start by explaining that during the last financial year a total of 165 trainees left the scheme. Of these, only 61 vocational cadets completed their training made up of 30 females and 31 males, 6 being under 18 and 55 over 18 years of age. Forty seven were taken on by the employer that provided the training. The length of time as a vocational cadet can be up to 12 months; exceptionally this period can be extended a few more months.

Five hundred and sixteen vocational cadets have gone through the scheme. Have been funded by the Gibraltar Development Corporation – Vocational Cadets EU Projects (18)(a), in the last financial year.

In respect to Question No. 486, the statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 566/2011

Answer to Question 486/2011

306 Vocational Cadets commenced their training in the last financial year

Male	Female	Total											
157	149	306											
Under 18yrs	Over 18yrs	Total											
53	253	306											
Admin	I.T.	Nursing	Shop Asst	Hairdressing	Manual Work	Catering	Tele Coms	Social Care	Health & Tourism	Gaming	Maritime	Total	
124	11	21	19	17	66	7	4	13	5	13	6	306	

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 485, 486 AND 566 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the hon Member say, given that he has told us that 165 finished or left the Vocational Cadet Scheme and 306 have commenced their training in the last financial year, is this 306 exceptionally high or given that if 165 left, one would have expected the 165 or something like that would have come in?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

Perhaps that can be explained by saying that 306 started the course from the very beginning. During the course some left the scheme. That is the only way I can explain the 306. One hundred and sixty five left during the course.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know, but the hon Member has told the House that, other than in exceptional cases, people are kept on as a vocational cadet for one year. So one would expect that if 165 leave in one year, the normal thing would be that the annual, the average, the normal level is about 165 a year. I am asking him whether the 306 is abnormally high, given that if 165 left one would have expected 165 would come in, given that the course is a year and that they cannot stay on more than a year? Presumably, the 165 had been there one year or less. The ones who left that he has told us because not everybody completed.

**HON L MONTIEL:**

The 165 are those that started during the financial year. You could have others from previous years staying in the scheme because every trainee does not start at the same time. They start at different times during the year but during that financial year 165 left the scheme and 306 started the scheme in that same financial year. Of those, 61 vocational cadets completed the scheme and, eventually, 47 in that financial year were taken on by the employers. That is the way I see the figures.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

All he is doing is repeating the information in the original answer and, therefore, the supplementary is to try and get more information, not to get him to say the same thing again. My question to him is, if 165 people have left ... I know they did not all start on 1<sup>st</sup> January but if they all left during the year, presumably, some of them would be on the anniversary of the month in which they had started in the previous year. Right. So, is a turnover of vocational cadets of 165 the normal thing and, therefore, the 306 is unusually high? Does he know what is the average that comes in and out every year?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

If I say that 306 started ... Well, it means that it is a high number of trainees that started in that financial year. So, you could say that it is unusually high, yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So that in previous years it has been closer to the figure of 165 that have finished in the last financial year. Is that correct? Can I ask, in terms of the numbers, he said that 61 had completed. That means that 104 people left before they had completed the one year that they are entitled to have. Does he have any idea whether these people completed it because they found jobs or is it just that they did not like what they were being ...?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

We have not actually checked in detail but from experience we know that there are a number of things happening at the time. Some actually apply for other jobs and they take the jobs. Others are not happy with their employers and they leave the employers. It is very difficult to ascertain precisely the reason why people leave the scheme. I have no clear information as to why those people left the scheme.

ORAL

**NO. 567 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

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

Can Government say how many persons were registered with the Employment Service as being employed in the local hotel industry on a monthly basis, since the information supplied at the last Question time in this Parliament, with a breakdown in each case showing how many are part-time and how many are full-time staff?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 568 and 569 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 568 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – PERSONS REGISTERED AS BEING EMPLOYED IN HOTELS**

Can Government say whether the figure of 287 persons registered with the Employment Service as being employed in hotels in December 2010 includes temporary/casual labour to cover for the festive season and, if so, how many?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 567 and 569 of 2011.

**NO. 569 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – PERSONS REGISTERED AS BEING EMPLOYED IN HOTELS**

Can Government provide a breakdown as between part-time and full-time staff for the figure of 287 persons registered with the Employment Service as being employed in hotels in December 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 schedule that I now hand to him.

As the hon Member will appreciate, there is no way of ascertaining whether the casual labour is specific to the festive season, as casual labour is used during the course of the year. Furthermore, the Employment Service records do not record employment to cover for the festive season and nor do employers provide such information at the time of registration of employees.

**Answer to Question No. 569 of 2011**

**Answer to Question Nos. 567 to 569 of 2011**

**Hotel industry employment broken down by full-time and part-time**

<b>Hotel Industry</b>	<b>Full-Time</b>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<b>Casual</b>	<b>Total</b>
December 2010	239	32	16	287
January 2011	240	33	20	293
February 2011	238	34	19	291
March 2011	240	35	19	294
April 2011	244	34	16	294
May 2011	249	37	16	302

**NO. 570 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE – REGISTERED EMPLOYERS REPORTED TO  
LABOUR INSPECTORATE**

Have any employers registered in Gibraltar been reported to the Labour Inspectorate for non-payment of employees?

**ANSWER**

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

The question does not specify in respect of what period or what type of payment. My answer then is limited to a recent period, that is since the start of 2011 and in respect of a variety of due payments to employees by their employers.

Thus between January and June of this year a total of 19 employers were reported to the Labour Inspectorate in relation to the non-payment of monies to an employee, such as non-payment of wages, annual leave and/or notice.

Of course, if the hon Member gives me more information and writes to me on this question I can give him more information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 570 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am obliged to the hon Gentleman for the information he has provided. Does the hon Gentleman have the information with him to tell us of those 19 reports, how many related to wages?

**HON L MONTIEL:**

No. All I can tell him is that of the 19 reports received, nine have been resolved and ten are being dealt with by the Labour Inspectors. But if he wants some details and he writes to me with more specifics, I will be able to respond.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am sure that the hon Gentleman will agree with me that it is surprising that in Gibraltar there should be employers who have to be reported for non-payment of wages.

**HON L MONTIEL:**

I do agree with the hon Member. Unfortunately, we import a lot of things from outside Gibraltar.

**NO. 571 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**YOUTH CLUBS**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on youth clubs in the last four financial years giving a breakdown by club and year in which it was spent?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 737 of 2011.

**NO. 572 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR QUALIFIED TEACHER**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of Qualified Teacher within the Care Agency which was advertised on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

There were eight applicants for the post of Qualified Teacher within the Care Agency, six of these applicants were Gibraltarian. There was only one vacant post and a Gibraltarian person was selected for the post.

**NO. 573 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – BRUCE’S FARM**

How many members of staff are presently employed at Bruce’s Farm?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 574 of 2011.

**NO. 574 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****CARE AGENCY – BRUCE’S FARM**

How many individuals have been treated at Bruce’s Farm in each calendar year since 2003 to 2010?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS****Answer to Question No. 573 of 2011**

There are 19 members of staff presently employed at Bruce’s Farm.

**Answer to Question No. 574 of 2011**

The total number of admissions since 2003 has been of 310.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ADMISSIONS</b>
2003	27
2004	57
2005	50
2006	52
2007	41
2008	32
2009	24
2010	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 573 AND 574 OF 2011****HON N F COSTA:**

Mr Speaker, in respect of Question No. 573 of 2011 members of staff employed, are these employed on a full-time basis, part-time basis?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I think there is another question in the Order Paper, much later on, which asks for full-time and part-time, so if he could park that supplementary question now and leave it for afterwards, we can probably deal with that later.

**HON N F COSTA:**

I am grateful to him, Mr Speaker.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of the numbers that have been given, can he say what is the average at any one time ...? He said the number that have entered the system in any year. For example, of the 27 or of the people who have entered in 2011, can he say how many, at any one time, how many people on average would there be?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I did not catch the first part as I was talking to my colleague next to me. Are you referring to people going through the rehabilitation process?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is right.

**HON J J NETTO:**

It is a 12 week course.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. So they come in and how many people can you handle at any one time in the 12 weeks? Presumably, there is a physical limit to the ...

**HON J J NETTO:**

Off the top of my head, as I am standing up, obviously, the course will be determined by the total number of beds for men and women. I am not one hundred per cent sure but I think it will be between 12 to 15 but I would need to check it out.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the 19 employees, can the hon Member confirm that there is a policy of compulsory retirement at any given age?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I am not in a position right now to confirm that. I would need to check it out with the Agency. Obviously, I would need notice of that. So, I would not want to jump to conclusions without being certain about it.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Gentleman tell us whether there has been any change in the criteria for admissions which may have resulted in the numbers being admitted annually coming down?

**HON J J NETTO:**

None whatsoever.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can he tell us if he accepts, on the basis of the information provided by him that the course lasts twelve weeks, that this will produce an average of six to twelve individuals presently on each course and is that the right sort of number that we should be looking at?

**HON J J NETTO:**

This is not based on maximising the bed occupancy at Bruce's Farm. The process is completely different. The process is, as and when someone is wishing to go through a particular programme and having gone through the particular criteria of going in, then they are moving in. So, obviously, they may be, instead of twelve, there could be at any moment in time, three, four, five, six. So it is something that fluctuates. It goes up and down all the time.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Just to understand. Twelve is the number of weeks, nothing to do with the number of individuals. It is a question of how many individuals are enrolled for that 12 week course. But can I just ask him, for the purposes of understanding the numbers better, is it that the courses last 12 weeks and it is one course and you have to be in at the beginning of that course or is it that, when you go into the course, you spend 12 weeks whenever it is that you may go in.

**HON J J NETTO:**

You have to spend 12 weeks, individually as a person, to fulfill the full course.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes. But is it ... I am just trying to understand how the course works. Is it that, for example, one course starts the second week in January and goes through for 12 weeks and the next one starts after that or whenever you are admitted your 12 weeks start to tick?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The latter part.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Thank you.

ORAL

**NO. 575 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

Can Government say 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 604 and 605 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 576 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – SOCIAL WORKERS**

Are Out of Hours Social Workers who are resident outside of Gibraltar required to attend to cases in person or are they allowed to deal with matters on the phone?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 577 of 2011.

**NO. 577 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – SOCIAL WORKERS**

How are Social Workers, who are not bilingual and are recruited from outside Gibraltar, dealing with issues that do require bilingualism?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 576 of 2011**

The response by the Social Worker is based on professional judgement and not location. They are based within a radius of Gibraltar that ensures an effective and efficient response.

On a request being reviewed, the Social Worker will gather all available information from all the relevant people and use this information in their assessment of the situation. They use their professional judgement to decide on the best course of action and will attend when necessary.

They hold information on all the children who are on the Child Protection Register and who are accommodated to include Child Protection Plans, Placement Plans, and Care Plans to inform their professional judgement.

They are given a thorough induction so as to be aware of the different service provisions and community resources that are available so they can make robust decisions. They have been instructed to always physically attend if there is any doubt about any situation and always err on the side of caution.

**Answer to Question No. 577 of 2011**

All Social Workers recruited from outside Gibraltar are required to speak/write English, which is the official language in Gibraltar.

In cases where assistance may be required with regards to issues of bilingualism, if the cases involve people only speaking Spanish, there are local staff within the Care Agency who would assist. If it is any other language, we would require to engage the services of a translator.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 576 AND 577 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

In relation to Question No. 577, the cases that may require urgent attention of a bilingual Social Worker, how is that able to be done if you also need to obtain the services of an interpreter?

**HON J J NETTO:**

As I said, perhaps he was not paying much notice to the previous question, but I did say in the figures quoted that, obviously, the Social Workers ... If it is found that there is a need to communicate with that particular person, I am sure that, if the matter is urgent, that particular Social Worker will immediately get in touch either with a police officer or with another person working in the Care Agency to ensure that communication is fluent in order to make the professional decision, judgement that is necessary. So that particular person is not working in a vacuum. He is always working in relation to what he has to say but if there are problems of communication because someone can only speak Spanish, I am sure common sense will prevail and that particular Out-Of-Hours Social Worker will communicate with other members of staff.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Yes, but how does that deal with the situation, for instance, when somebody calls on the phone, and there is already, initially, a problem with communication because that person, the Social Worker assigned to a particular case, is not particularly fluent in one language which is the language in which the person who is calling that Social Worker speaks. How does that Social Worker deal with the communication problem on the phone? Does she have an interpreter sitting by her side at home that can deal with it at that moment, when it is an urgent case? Those are the cases I am referring to. Not to the cases where there are two or three [*inaudible*] where, perhaps, the Social Worker can get in touch with another Care Worker or another Social Worker or the officer. Those are perfectly [*inaudible*] routine cases which, obviously, should be taken care of. The Hon Minister does not need to tell me that. But I am talking about those urgent cases where communication is a problem.

**HON J J NETTO:**

Someone in an emergency case, perhaps, does not speak Spanish either. He might be speaking in Swahili. So the other Social Worker may not know Swahili, or may not know Russian, or may not know Chinese. But if the case is so urgent, so urgent, I am sure that the person who requires the urgent action will, at least, call the police or someone else because you cannot expect the Social Worker to know Spanish, Russian, Swahili, French, Italian.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Could the Hon Minister tell me the number of cases of Russian people that require social service work or Swahili for that matter? This is not a funny situation at all. It makes the situation even worse.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I will have to give me prior notice of that supplementary question.

ORAL

**NO. 578 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – ELIMINATION OF TIME OFF IN LIEU**

Can the Government confirm that the Care Agency has eliminated time off in lieu for professionals in the Agency, which had previously enabled professionals to see “clients” during lunch times and after hours?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 579 and 580 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 579 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – TANGIER VIEW**

Are any of the flats at the top floor of Tangier View let or occupied by any Care Agency employee(s) and, if so, on what terms is any such flat occupied by any such employee(s) and what is the composition of such a flat?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 578 and 580 of 2011.

**NO. 580 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – DAY CARE CENTRE KITCHEN**

Which local kitchen supplier was contracted to provide the kitchen at the Day Care Centre at Social Services at 16 Governor's Parade and at what cost?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 578 of 2011**

The Care Agency has not eliminated time off in lieu for professionals in the Agency.

Time off in lieu is controlled by the Team Leader responsible for each area of service and it will be at the discretion of the Team Leader to approve this, if appropriate, in accordance with the overall needs for that area of work.

**Answer to Question No. 579 of 2011**

The Clinical Standards and Compliance Director of the Care Agency is occupying a flat at Tangier View.

The terms agreed by the occupant of this flat is that there is a presence of senior Care Agency management on site specifically on the onset of this project. The flat composition is like all in Tangier View which is a 3RKB.

**Answer to Question No. 580 of 2011**

The Care Agency contracted "New Venture Products Ltd" to carry out partial refurbishment works of the basement at Social Services at 16 Governor's Parade.

The sum of £3,636 was quoted to supply and fit new carcassing doors, work tops, sink and mixer top for the kitchen in this area.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 578 TO 580 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Gentleman tell us whether it was ever intended that that flat in Tangier View should be occupied by members of staff of the Care Agency as their home?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The decision to have a very senior manager of the Care Agency, which is the Clinical Standards and Compliance Director, was a very wise decision taken by the Chief Executive because moving children from the community to Tangier View, to the very high quality standard of flats that we are providing, obviously, is an important aspect. Providing new procedures and policy for vulnerable children in Tangier View is also very important. But equally important, as with those two things which we have done, is the management of change. If the hon Member knows anything about the management of change, he would know that first, one has got to unfreeze standards of work that existed before and which one does not want to bring in to Tangier View, to mould them into the new standards that are being provided by senior management and, thirdly, one has got to stay there long enough to ensure that those standards become part of the culture of the staff working there. We make no apologies for the fact that we have the most senior ranking members of the Care Agency in Tangier View because we value the welfare of the children there and I make no apologies for that. I take full political responsibility and, for as long as the Chief Executive deems necessary to have the second ranking officer there, I will support her in that decision.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I congratulate the hon Gentleman in his accession to the rank of those who speak political gobbledegook. I welcome him to the talk of the management of change, the unfreezing of earlier standards et cetera. Now, let us get down to brass tacks. Accepting for one moment, for the purposes of this discussion only, that there is a very high quality of flats provided at Tangier View. As I have not seen them, I will rely on what the hon Gentleman tells me and that those that are being used to house children from our community who require this care which, as we all know, is not something that any family would welcome when that has to happen. Is it not true, therefore, that one of those flats is now being taken up by an employee of the Agency and that what we need to do is to free it up as soon as possible so that it is available for children to use when necessary?

**HON J J NETTO:**

If the time were to arrive, at a future date, when it becomes necessary, obviously, we will look into that. But such a situation has not arrived at the moment.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is this not actually a situation where we do not know what is going to happen in terms of the need of care for children? The hon Gentleman will have made a decision himself when Tangier View was developed of what number of flats were required and

now we find that a person referred to as a very senior manager of the Agency is using a property there as their home. Not when it is necessary because there are children there. Not on this occasion for a period of time because we are, I am sorry to say I do not speak this language but I am going to try and repeat it, managing the change and unfreezing the previous standards or whatever, that this person is actually using that flat as their home. And though I might agree with the hon Gentleman that there might be a period during which it may be necessary to have a very senior manager in locus so that she can see through new rules, new standards et cetera, is that not one thing which is completely different to actually allowing that person to use that property as their home on a, sort of, open-ended basis?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I have not said and neither has the Chief Executive said that it is on an open-ended basis. All I have said is that, for as long as it is necessary, she will continue to occupy a flat there. At the moment, the situation has not yet arisen which might prevent children from coming to Tangier View because she is occupying a place there. Now, I have to say this, Mr Speaker, the question is whether the Member opposite wishes to become the advocate ... or perhaps any disgruntled Social Worker or any disgruntled Care Worker who may find it intrusive to have the Clinical Standards and Compliance Director poking her nose into every nook and cranny of the Care Agency. As far as I am concerned, from this side of the House, we are here to provide the best standard of care for vulnerable people and if that means that any disgruntled Social Worker or any Care Worker finds it obnoxious to have the Clinical Standards and Compliance Director poking her nose into the standard of work that we do, well that is their problem. We speak for vulnerable people on this side of the House.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I want to associate myself, from this side of the House, with every word that the hon Gentleman has said now. If this were an issue of a Social Worker being disgruntled because a more senior person is somehow affecting the work that they do, which is not of the highest standard, if that were the case, then the hon Gentleman would be absolutely right. I hope that every member of this House speaks for vulnerable people and for the whole community because that is what we are here for. But the issue is this and we have whittled it down and there is no need for the hon Gentleman to get hot under his collar. If this is not an open-ended use of this property as a home, when does he think, I do not know whether Mr Beltran would like to say something or whether he is just happy to continue to try and perform from a sedentary position, ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, I have not heard him say anything really.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I was trying to follow the question.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Hon Mr Picardo has a very vivid imagination.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I was concentrating on the Hon Leader of the Opposition's question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It does not need to be too vivid when you are waving your hands. The performance is there for all to see. Anyway, I think ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

You should ignore waving of hands.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Anyway, what we have whittled it down to is whether this is an open-ended issue or whether it is for as long as may be necessary which is what the hon Gentleman said in his last reply.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I have already answered the question. It is not for an open-ended ...

**HON F R PICARDO:**

That is not the question. I have said that we have whittled it down from it being an open-ended issue to it being for as long as is necessary which is what the hon Gentleman said last time. The question now is for how long does he think it is going to be necessary?

**HON J J NETTO:**

For as long as it is necessary.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does he have any idea in terms of time?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I am not prepared to make rough judgements as if I had a crystal ball in front of me looking into the future. For as long as it is necessary, it will be the case that she will be occupying a place there. As I said, the most important thing here, which we have got to keep focused on, is that the very high value of the project, the model that we have done for the benefit of vulnerable children is maintained into the present and into the future. No problem exists with the fact that she is occupying a flat. It does not mean that there are children in the community who are being denied access to a flat there because there is spare capacity as we speak today. So it is not a problem. What we need to focus on is that the very high standards we have introduced are maintained for the benefit of children.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So what the hon Gentleman is saying is that this is not for an open-ended period. Just for as long as is necessary. But for however long it may be necessary, is an open-ended period. Is that right?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Mr Speaker, I am not prepared to answer hypothetical legal talk.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

No. This is not hypothetical legal talk, Mr Speaker, because I am not prepared to engage in political hyperbole of the sort the hon Gentleman referred to before, the management of change, the unfreezing of standards. But I want to get to the bottom of this because from different sides of the House we are both trying to do the same thing which is to defend vulnerable people. If the issue is that the hon Gentleman is going to tell the House, on the one hand, that this is not a commitment for an open-ended period but, on the other hand, that it is for as long as it is necessary, but that he cannot tell us for how long it is necessary, does he not agree with me, therefore, that it is for an open-ended period?

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think we can argue the point as often as you like. I think the answer is fairly clear that it is not open-ended. It is for as long as is necessary and I think the Hon Minister used the words, I do not have a crystal ball, I do not know how long it will be necessary. So we can draw whatever conclusion you like from that. I do not think there is a proper supplementary after that.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Namely, that it is open-ended Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

That is your conclusion.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Well, Mr Speaker, you are surmising. You are summarising what the hon Gentleman has said. So I am trying to analyse whether your summary is one that accords with my interpretation. You have chosen to summarise it.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, that is what I understood the answers to be that the Minister says he does not have a crystal ball. He does not know how long this is going to go on.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

We will leave the management of change and the unfreezing of standards at that then, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Thank you.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the hon Member say how long this Clinical Standards Director has been in post?

**HON J J NETTO:**

It was at the beginning of the creation of the Care Agency. When we set out to amalgamate the Elderly Care Agency, Social Services Agency and bring in Bruce's Farm from the private sector, within the structure, the new management structure. It was set out from the very beginning of the Care Agency.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, I mean, the unfreezing of the previous system, whatever that may mean, seems to be connected with the provision of the accommodation. Is that correct? Whoever the person may be cannot unfreeze the previous unsatisfactory methodology unless he lives in this flat. Is that the answer?

**HON J J NETTO:**

No, Mr Speaker, I have not said that the previous model was not satisfactory because you are not comparing like with like. It is a completely different model. So I am not making any comments whatsoever on previous models in the past. I have

limited my contribution to say that this is the new model. We have put in a lot of effort. A lot of new policies. A lot of new practices. We have even brought in extra resources, which are in the Order Paper later on, like a teacher and a cook and this and the other, by providing a resource centre there. It is a very important project as far as the Care Agency is concerned. Although the Clinical Standards and Compliance Director has an overall role, not just in Tangier View, in fact, throughout the Care Agency, one of the things that she constantly does is to go to every single place, to every single section within the Care Agency and ensure that she observes, she monitors, she looks and if she is not satisfied with policies, she will update the policies. In many cases, they provide training to the staff in different areas of the Care Agency and it is an on going process. That is part of the profile of that particular person's job.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If what the hon Member is saying is that, since the job was created and the Agency was amalgamated into one body, this person has been responsible for the maintenance and the improvement of clinical standards, then surely this is an on going thing that is happening all the time.

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I then, therefore, do not see what the relevance of that has to have for the decision to provide this person with accommodation in a particular place. Why cannot she do that from some other flat?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well, as I said before, the children's services, we feel, require that particular extra help by having her there and, obviously, if the Chief Executive takes that decision, I think it is a very good decision to give that initial support, for as long as it takes, to ensure that we maintain the new standards, the new policies implemented and that, eventually, they form part of the culture of the people working there to the standards that we want them to be.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So obviously ... The hon Member says there is an improvement in standards and the improvement is going on. That she is there to ensure that the standards get to where he wants them to be but that he is not saying there was anything wrong with the previous standards. He is saying both things. Well look, by definition, he must have identified that the standards that existed were not sufficient, or enough. Otherwise it would not need improving. Now, if this person is engaged in improving it, is it that, out of all the areas of the Agency, this particular area has been identified as requiring more of her time and attention because it requires more improvement and that is why

she has to be there? Is it that she is there during the working hours and not anywhere else or is it that she just lives in the place when she finishes work?

**HON J J NETTO:**

No, Mr Speaker. The work she does is not just limited, as I said before, to Tangier View. She is actually going to every single department of the Care Agency, whether it is up in Mount Alvernia, whether it is the Jewish Home, whether it is St Bernadette's, whether it is the Dr Giraldi Home, whether it is Bruce's Farm. Everywhere and she is constantly having meetings with the staff, looking at the policies and there has been, in the short period of time that the Care Agency has been put together, an enormous amount of work in updating policies which is an on going thing. But we still feel, as far as Tangier View is concerned, that it is a very important project as far as the Care Agency is concerned, and requires her to spend some more time over there in order to make a success of this particular project into the future.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The hon Member has not yet explained why it is that she needs to live in the place. In spite of the traffic chaos that we have got, it is not too difficult to get from A to B. Surely, the person does not have to live on the premises, unless that particular area, the hon Member is saying, requires more attention in terms of the improvements that are required, in which case the reason for having that there, presumably, cannot be open-ended, unless he thinks the improvement that is required is going to take a very long time. I can understand what he says in a different kind of context of not having a crystal ball, but if he knows what the problem is and has decided that the problem in Tangier View is such that this person that is responsible for the whole of the Care Agency needs to be on top and on the spot to the extent that she lives on the premises in Tangier View and not in Mount Alvernia, or in the Jewish Home or anywhere else, then there must be something that has been identified in respect of what needs to be done to bring about this improvement, that he mentioned before, and if he knows the size of the problem, then surely he ought to have some idea of the time it takes to put it right.

**HON J J NETTO:**

Mr Speaker, what is the question?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My question is that he says it is open-ended but the explanation that he has given is that this person is not just there to put improvements in Tangier View. This person is in the Agency to ensure clinical standards are maintained everywhere but is based in Tangier View because, presumably, that requires more of her time and attention than other places. Well, then that must mean you have identified what it is that needs to be improved there. That you want that woman to be there improving it to the extent that she has to sleep in the premises and, presumably, be there at breakfast to start the improving of the place. If you know what the problem is, you must have some idea of how difficult the problem it is to put right and how much time it is going to

take. How is it that he is not able to give us an estimate of whether the improvements that are required are likely to take months or years?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Mr Speaker, I am not prepared to venture into the future in terms of saying for how long she is going to be there because we are dealing with how people psychologically or emotionally work on a day-to-day, week-by-week, month-by-month basis. I am not prepared to time how long this particular person is going to be there. I am not going to repeat myself again. I have said it is not on a permanent basis but she will be there for as long as we ensure that we have maintained the new standards into the future and I am not prepared to say it is going to be six months, twelve months. It will be as necessary. It is not causing a problem in terms of depriving other children from getting flats, because we have got extra capacity. It is not a question that she only goes there to sleep. It is a question that she goes there during the afternoons, in the mornings or whenever she goes. She goes to different places. There is not a problem. The Opposition is creating a problem. It is obvious they are upset that she happens to be there. Again, I just do not know whether they are talking in relation to any disgruntled person that may have gone to them. There is not a problem here. We are working very hard to create better standards and we will continue to do that for the welfare of our children.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The problem is that this, presumably, means that a Government employee in the Agency is now being given a Government quarter in which to live. Quarters for public servants were abolished 20 years ago. To my knowledge, this is the first time that it has been reinstated in one case. Is it the case that this person pays rent or does there have to be a disgruntled employee, somewhere, for Parliament to then have to be told whether an employee, that previously had a job in which they had their own accommodation, now has been provided with accommodation on the premises by the Government. If the Government's justification for doing this in this case or the Minister, who seems to have been the person that has taken political responsibility for this and, therefore, he has authorised this, then he has authorised this on the basis that the work that needs to be done in Tangier View cannot be done by this person unless she sleeps there, which is a very unusual state of affairs.

**HON J J NETTO:**

No, Mr Speaker. It is not for the purpose of sleeping there and I have given an answer.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. Can the hon Member say whether rent is being paid by this person?

**HON J J NETTO:**

No, Mr Speaker.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No rent. I see. Does the contract of the person provide for rent-free accommodation?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I will have to look it up.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. Was the person previously ..., before this person moved to this area and was in the employment of the Agency, was that person getting paid any sum of money in respect of the accommodation she was occupying then?

**HON J J NETTO:**

He would have to give me notice, Mr Speaker?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. Can the hon Member say whether the person has been told that whatever her home was previously, she should not get rid of it because this is a temporary arrangement?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I believe that is the case.

ORAL

**NO. 581 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – CARE WORKERS**

How many Care Workers are employed by the Care Agency, how many are male and how many are female and where are the staff deployed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 582 to 586 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 582 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – CARE WORKERS**

Can Government say how many Care Workers are employed by the Care Agency as a whole with a breakdown by nationality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 581 and 583 to 586 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 583 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – CARE WORKERS**

Can Government say of the Care Workers employed by the Care Agency, how many are part-time and how many are full-time with a breakdown by nationality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 581, 582 and 584 to 586 of 2011.

**NO. 584 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

Can Government say how many staff are employed at Mount Alvernia with a breakdown by nationality, showing how many are Spanish, how many are Gibraltarian, how many are UK British as well as any other nationality and what posts they hold?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 581 to 583, 585 and 586 of 2011.

**NO. 585 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

Can Government say how many staff are employed at Mount Alvernia, with a breakdown by post showing the number of staff in each and how many are part-time and how many are full-time?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 581 to 584 and 586 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 586 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

Can Government say how many Care Workers are employed at Mount Alvernia with a breakdown by nationality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 586 OF 2011****Answer to Question 581**

The number of Carers employed by the Care Agency is 304. Breakdown as follows:

AREA	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
St. Bernadette's O.T.C	-	20	20
Dr. Giraldi Home	14	55	69
Children's Residential	5	41	46
Elderly Services	15	145	160
Bruces Farm	5	4	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>304</b>

**Answer to Question 582**

There are 304 Care Workers employed by the Care Agency. The breakdown by nationality is as follows:

NATIONALITY	NUMBER
Gibraltarian	169
British	44
Spanish	85
Others	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>304</b>

**Answer to Questions 583**

The following is a breakdown of the number of Care Workers employed by the Care Agency as Part Timers and Full Timers.

PLACE	NO. OF P/ TIMERS	NO. OF F/TIMERS	NATIONALITY
St. Bernadettes	18	2	19 Gibraltarians 1 Spanish
Dr. Giraldi Home	21	48	41 Gibraltarian 20 British 7 Spanish 1 Other
Children's Residential	6	40	35 Gibraltarian 5 British 6 Spanish
Elderly Services	-	160	69 Gibraltarian 18 British 68 Spanish 5 Other
Rehabilitation	-	9	5 Gibraltarian 1 British 3 Spanish

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 586 OF 2011.**

**Answer to Question 584 and 585**

There are 274 staff employed at the Elderly Care Services, breakdown as follows:-

NON INDUSTRIALS	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	NO. OF P/TIMERS	NO. OF F/TIMERS	NATIONALITY
RGNS	49	2	47	GIBALTARIAN 4 UK 15 SPANISH 27 OTHER 3
CARE WORKERS	160	0	160	GIBALTARIAN 69 UK 18 SPANISH 68 OTHER 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>207</b>	

INDUSTRIALS	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	NO. OF P/TIMERS	NO. OF F/TIMERS	NATIONALITY
CATERING	22	1	21	GIBALTARIAN 9 BRITISH 1 SPANISH 8 OTHER 4
MAINTENANCE	10	1	9	GIBALTARIAN 8 BRITISH 2
STORES	7	0	7	GIBALTARIAN 5 BRITISH 1 OTHER 1
DOMESTICS	25	1	24	GIBALTARIAN 13 BRITISH 3 SPANISH 7 OTHER 2
SEAMSTRESS	1	1	0	GIBALTARIAN 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>	

**Answer to Question 586**

160 Care Workers are employed in Mount Alvernia, breakdown is as follows:-

NATIONALITY	NUMBER
Gibraltarian	69
British	20
Spanish	68
Other	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>

**NO. 587 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

Can Government confirm that there is a requirement to pass a training course before employment as a Care Worker at Mount Alvernia and can they say whether the course is conducted in English?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 588 of 2011.

**NO. 588 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

Can Government say whether the ability to speak, read and write in the English language is a necessary qualification for employment at Mount Alvernia?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 587 of 2011**

There are no training courses prior to employment. Core Induction Programmes are held for new employees post-employment and these are held in English.

**Answer to Question No. 588 of 2011**

Government can confirm that all qualified nursing staff are able to speak, read and write in English and it is a necessary qualification for employment at Mount Alvernia.

In respect of the Care Workers, this requirement applies since January 2010. For industrial employees it is preferable but not essential.

**NO. 589 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR SOCIAL WORKER**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of Out of Hours Social Worker which was advertised on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

There were two applicants for the post of Out of Hours Social Worker. There was only one vacant post and none of the applicants were Gibraltarian. The successful applicant was a British national.

**NO. 590 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – VACANCY FOR SOCIAL WORKER**

How many persons applied for the post of Out of Hours Social Worker with the Care Agency that was advertised on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 with a closing date of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

There were two applicants for the post of Out of Hours Social Worker advertised on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011. There was only one vacant post and none of the applicants were Gibraltarian and none were successful.

**NO. 591 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**CARE AGENCY – COST OF EMPLOYMENT OF AGENCY NURSE**

What is the cost of employing an agency nurse per month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

The Care Agency does not employ agency nurses.

ORAL

**NO. 592 OF 2011**

**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. 9 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 593 to 596 of 2011.

**NO. 593 OF 2011**

**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. 10 of 2011, from the Statutory Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of pre-1969 Spanish pensioners and locally funded pensioners, showing the number of Gibraltarians/UK nationals, Moroccans and other nationals for the months in question?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 592, 594 to 596 of 2011.

**NO. 594 OF 2011**

**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 given to Question No. 14 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown of their age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 592, 593, 595 and 596 of 2011.

**NO. 595 OF 2011**

**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. 15 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown by age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 592 to 594 and 596 of 2011.

**NO. 596 OF 2011**

**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. 16 of 2011, 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**

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

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 596 of 2011**

### **Answer to Question 592**

The monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Statutory Benefits Fund as from January to May 2011 is as per the following tentative statement:

(\*For the purpose of this statement the contribution from the Consolidated Fund up to March 2011 has been calculated pro-rata although the contribution has been effected at the end of the financial year. The contribution for April and May 2011 has not been reflected pending the approval of the Estimates for 2011-12).

#### **STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND**

	<b><u>31-Jan-11</u></b>	<b><u>28-Feb-11</u></b>	<b><u>31-Mar-11</u></b>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£16,319,868.88	£18,574,808.81	£18,382,974.31
<b><u>Add</u></b>			
* Contribution from the Consolidated Fund	£625,000.00	£625,000.00	£625,000.00
Contributions collected in cash (Insurance contr.)	£1,700,984.22	£1,348,170.57	£1,851,264.49
Misc Receipts	<u>£20,580.86</u>	<u>£2,997.72</u>	<u>£19,316.87</u>
	£18,666,433.96	£20,550,977.10	£20,878,555.67
<b><u>Less</u></b>			
Payments	<u>(£91,625.15)</u>	<u>(£2,168,002.79)</u>	<u>(£2,891,686.63)</u>
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<u>£18,574,808.81</u>	<u>£18,382,974.31</u>	<u>£17,986,869.04</u>
	<b><u>30-Apr-11</u></b>	<b><u>31-May-11</u></b>	
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£17,986,869.04	£17,055,129.72	
<b><u>Add</u></b>			
* Contribution from the Consolidated Fund	£0.00	£0.00	
Contributions collected in cash (Insurance contr.)	£1,404,505.91	£1,584,407.44	
Misc Receipts	<u>£3,205.69</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	
	£19,394,580.64	£18,639,537.16	
<b><u>Less</u></b>			
Payments	<u>(£2,339,450.92)</u>	<u>(£2,315,057.73)</u>	
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<u>£17,055,129.72</u>	<u>£16,324,479.43</u>	

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 596 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 593**

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Statutory Benefits Fund for the months of January 2011 to May 2011.

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11
<b>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</b>	216	212	207	204	200
<b>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nationals)</b>	5953	5970	6001	6025	6058
<b>Moroccan Pensioners</b>	2124	2159	2171	2174	2187
<b>Other Nationalities</b>	771	786	795	797	803
<b>Total</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>9127</b>	<b>9174</b>	<b>9200</b>	<b>9248</b>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 596 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 594**

Persons receiving disability allowance under the social assistance arrangements for the months of January 2011 to May 2011 giving a monthly breakdown of their age and sex.

2011	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	Total	Males	Females
January	27	32	28	29	17	15	3	151	103	48
February	27	32	28	29	17	15	3	151	103	48
March	27	33	27	30	18	15	3	153	104	49
April	27	31	30	30	18	15	3	154	104	50
May	26	32	30	30	18	16	3	155	105	50

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 596 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 595**

Persons receiving social assistance for the months of January 2011 to May 2011 by month, age and sex.

2011	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60	Total	Males	Females
January	103	147	143	159	552	234	318
February	104	143	142	158	547	230	317
March	102	142	140	159	543	226	317
April	104	141	138	157	540	224	316
May	101	143	135	153	532	222	310

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 596 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 596**

Persons in receipt of social assistance for the months of January 2011 to May 2011.

2011	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60	Total	Males	Females
January	103	147	143	159	552	234	318
February	104	143	142	158	547	230	317
March	102	142	140	159	543	226	317
April	104	141	138	157	540	224	316
May	101	143	135	153	532	222	310
As at 16 June	103	141	136	152	532	222	310

Persons employed during the months of January 2011 to May 2011.

2011	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60	Total	Males	Females
January	4	3	1	1	9	7	2
February	0	2	1	1	4	4	0
March	4	1	1	0	6	6	0
April	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
May	2	5	0	2	9	4	5

**NO. 597 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**CARE AGENCY – SCAFFOLDING AT MOUNT ALVERNIA**

In connection with the scaffolding at Mount Alvernia, can Government say what works are being carried out at present and what is the estimated date of completion of such works?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

No works are presently being carried out. The works will be carried out during this financial year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 597 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Will this work consist of doing repair work on balconies and window ledges and things like that? Because when I asked the question a couple of years ago in connection with awnings being fitted at some of the floors, I was told that this would happen when the refurbishment works would be carried out. So, is the Minister then more or less saying that when this refurbishment work to the outside of the building is done during the financial year, then may be they will proceed to the placing of awnings at Mount Alvernia?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well, I am not quite sure whether I did say that. I remember that the works have always been in relation to works on the balcony and, if I recall rightly, what I did say to the hon Gentleman some time ago ... I think I recall saying that, as far as the awnings are concerned, it was an ongoing programme and whenever and wherever it would be done independently, it would be done and some had already been done. So, I can see what the hon Member is trying to get at, in trying to ensure the awnings are part and parcel of that. I am not quite sure whether that is the case because, fundamentally, the work has always been for the purpose of the balconies. Whether that can be maximised or not, I am not quite sure whether that is the case but I can look into that, certainly.

ORAL

**NO. 598 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – INSOLVENCY PAYMENTS**

Can Government state what payments were made out of the Statutory Benefits Fund for each month since the answer to Question No. 12 of 2011 arising from the insolvency of any employer?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 599 to 602 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 599 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STATUTORY BENEFITS FUND – INSOLVENCY PAYMENTS**

Can Government provide a statement of the payments made from the Statutory Benefits Fund, in respect of employers' insolvency, in the months of September and October 2010, showing the amount paid due to redundancy pay obligations and the amounts paid in respect of other sums payable to employees?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 598 and 600 to 602 of 2011.

**NO. 600 OF 2011**

**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. 25 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 598, 599, 601 and 602 of 2011.

**NO. 601 OF 2011**

**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 May 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 598 to 600 and 602 of 2011.

**NO. 602 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE**

Can Government state the excluded level of income of single and married couple pensioners, in the context of eligibility to the current rates of Minimum Income Guarantee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question Nos. 598 to 601 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 602 of 2011**

The excluded level of income of single and married couple pensioners, in the context of eligibility to the current rates of Minimum Income Guarantee is:

- The income from savings up to £10,000; and
- The 65.2 per cent pensions increase in 2007.

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 602 of 2011**

### **Answer to Question 598**

The following payments were made out of the Statutory Benefits Funds from January 2011 to May 2011 arising from the insolvency of employers:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
January 2011	£0.00
February 2011	£0.00
March 2011	£261,618.73
April 2011	£107,307.73
May 2011	£172,989.84

### **Answer to Question 599**

The following is a breakdown of the payments made from the Statutory Benefits Fund, in respect of employers' insolvency, in the months of September and October 2010 showing the amount paid due to redundancy pay obligations and the amounts paid in respect of other sums payable to employees.

2010	Company Name	No. of Beneficiaries	Redundancy	Annual Leave	Notice	Wages	Total
September	Company 1*	9	£1,176.48	£0	£2,338.77	£0	£3,515.25
October	Company 1*	2	£145.92	£0	£493.34	£0	£639.26

\*These refer to the same company.

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## **Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 602 of 2011**

### **Answer to Question 600**

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 January 2011 to May 2011 is as follows:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Couples</b>	<b>Total</b>
£161 - £165	0	0	0
£156 - £160	0	0	0
£151 - £155	0	0	0
£146 - £150	0	0	0
£141 - £145	0	0	0
£136 - £140	0	0	0
£131 - £135	0	0	0
£126 - £130	0	0	0
£121 - £125	1	0	1
£116 - £120	0	0	0
£111 - £115	0	0	0
£106 - £110	0	0	0
£101 - £105	0	0	0
£96 - £100	0	0	0
£91 - £95	0	0	0
£86 - £90	0	0	0
£81 - £85	0	0	0
£76 - £80	0	0	0
£71 - £75	0	0	0
£66 - £70	0	0	0
£61 - £65	0	0	0
£56 - £60	2	0	2
£51 - £55	0	0	0
£46 - £50	0	1	1
£41 - £45	1	0	1
£36 - £40	0	0	0
£31 - £35	0	0	0
£26 - £30	0	0	0
£21 - £25	0	0	0
£16 - £20	2	0	2
£11 - £15	0	0	0
£6 - £10	0	0	0
£0- £5	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

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## **Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 602 of 2011**

### **Answer to Question 601**

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 May 2011 is as follows:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Couples</b>	<b>Total</b>
£161 - £165	0	2	2
£156 - £160	0	0	0
£151 - £155	0	0	0
£146 - £150	0	0	0
£141 - £145	0	0	0
£136 - £140	0	0	0
£131 - £135	0	0	0
£126 - £130	0	0	0
£121 - £125	31	0	31
£116 - £120	3	0	3
£111 - £115	0	0	0
£106 - £110	0	0	0
£101 - £105	0	0	0
£96 - £100	0	1	1
£91 - £95	0	1	1
£86 - £90	0	0	0
£81 - £85	0	0	0
£76 - £80	14	0	14
£71 - £75	0	0	0
£66 - £70	2	0	2
£61 - £65	0	4	4
£56 - £60	15	2	17
£51 - £55	10	2	12
£46 - £50	11	3	14
£41 - £45	20	0	20
£36 - £40	10	1	11
£31 - £35	15	1	16
£26 - £30	19	0	19
£21 - £25	28	1	29
£16 - £20	217	2	219
£11 - £15	12	3	15
£6 - £10	14	8	22
£0- £5	9	0	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>461</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 598 TO 602 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have I understood him right in relation to the £10,000, is it the income derived from a capital of £10,000 or an income of £10,000?

**HON J J NETTO:**

It is the first part, Mr Speaker.

**NO. 603 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CARE AGENCY – FAMILY CENTRE**

Has any “family centre” been established as provided for under section 115 of the Children Act 2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

A partial refurbishment has been carried out to the basement of 16 Governor's Parade. The purpose of this was to double up on the use of this area and use it as a family centre as required under section 115 of the Children Act 2009. However, although this is seen as an interim measure, the Agency has got some other long-term plan for future growth in this area.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 603 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Gentleman tell us what those plans are?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes and no, I suppose. I am not trying to be awkward in any sense. It is just that the Chief Minister has been very gracious in providing us with a building which is still under occupation by civil servants. So there is a bit of musical chairs in the sense that they have to move to another place. Then it has to become vacant. Presumably, the refurbishment will have to take place and then, obviously, we will move and develop further the concept of the family centre. When I say I do not want to be awkward, it is just that I do not want to be awkward because, as we speak, we have got this building but in politics, in Government there are all sorts of pressures and priorities and just as it is assigned today, does not mean that another bigger priority may or may not happen and then I may or may not get the building. I am not trying to ... All I am saying is that, as things stand today, we have done this interim measure but, obviously, we have got plans to develop it much further.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful for the hon Gentleman's remarkable candour, Mr Speaker. Can I just ask him, does the partial refurbishment or the partial refurbished area now operate as a family care centre, even if it is temporary?

**HON J J NETTO:**

That is my understanding, yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Has it, therefore, been designated as such because I have not seen a designation? Has it been designated?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I would assume so, yes, Mr Speaker.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In terms of timetable, does he have any idea when he expects that the refurbished ... A long [*inaudible*] date of two years, three years, fifteen years. Take out the crystal ball again and may be.

**HON J J NETTO:**

No. I do not expect it to be in terms of two or three years. I would hope not. But I am not in control as to the movement of buildings, as to when civil servants leave one particular building to go to another. I know that the first part of the musical chairs has already happened. So there is currently a building which is empty. I do not know whether it is in a good state of refurbishment for the current people. I should imagine that, perhaps, it would not be unreasonable to suggest that twelve months might be the case. But I am not in control of events in that quarter, Mr Speaker.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful. Can the hon Gentleman tell us which building it is that it is likely that they will be moving to?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Again, I do not want to be awkward. I would not want to say that because, as I said before, if there are sudden changes in priorities, the Government has to juggle in terms of allocating what has already been allocated to this particular project, that can happen. This is part of Government, it does happen all the time. It is not that I want to be awkward, it is just that I do not want to enter into that particular game, right now.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I appreciate that Mr Speaker. But would he be minded to inform the House that this is the use of tax payers' assets. Would he be minded to inform the House which of those assets it is that they may be moving to, with the caveat which I would accept in terms of this answer of course, that it is only where it is believed at the moment that they may be moving to, subject to potential other changes and alterations in the way the Government necessarily needs to change priorities and change how it uses its assets.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I do not want to be awkward but I do not think it is right for me to try and ... It is not a question of tax payers' money. The question is that you take some decisions but we are, obviously, always in a constant state of looking again at priorities, decisions and things can change. I do not think it is right for me to mention particular buildings right now.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful that the hon Gentleman has at least considered telling us. Can he tell us, at least, whether it is in the town area or is it outside of town?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes. It is in the town area and, in many ways, it is ideal because it is close to the Care Agency. It is close to the courts. It is in the town area. So, in many ways, it lends itself ... Perhaps, I have given too much away right now. But it lends itself to being in an ideal spot for the concept of a family centre.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Thank you.

ORAL

**NO. 604 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

How many people are on the waiting list for admission at Mount Alvernia and what is the estimated time before the last person on the list is admitted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 575 and 605 of 2011.

**NO. 605 OF 2011****THE HON F R PICARDO****CARE AGENCY – MOUNT ALVERNIA**

How many foreign nationals are presently resident at Mount Alvernia?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS****Answer to Question No. 575 of 2011**

There are 561 applicants on the waiting list. The breakdown is as follows:-

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL	45
KGV	20
JOHN COCHRANE UNIT	29
HOME	467

However, this does not mean that they are currently "waiting for a place" since many people place their name on the list in the hope of being at or near the top when they have a need at some time in the future, even though they have no need or desire to be admitted now.

**Answer to Question No. 604 of 2011**

There are presently 561 names on the waiting list for Mount Alvernia. It is not possible to predict when the last person on the list will be admitted, however, we are presently admitting applicants from 2008.

**Answer to Question No. 605 of 2011**

All residents at Mount Alvernia/Jewish Home/John Cochrane Ward are British nationals.

ORAL

**NO. 606 OF 2011**

**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. 607 to 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 607 OF 2011**

**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. 606 and 608 to 619 of 2011.

**NO. 608 OF 2011**

**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. 31 of 2011, 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 Nos. 606, 607 and 609 to 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 609 OF 2011**

**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. 32 of 2011, 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 606 to 608 and 610 to 619 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 610 OF 2011**

**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. 606 to 609 and 611 to 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 611 OF 2011**

**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. 606 to 610 and 612 to 619 of 2011.

**NO. 612 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS REMOVED FROM SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 35 of 2011, 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. 606 to 611 and 613 to 619 of 2011.

**NO. 613 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS PLACED ON SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST**

Since the answer given to Question No. 36 of 2011, 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. 606 to 612 and 614 to 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 614 OF 2011**

**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. 606 to 613 and 615 to 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 615 OF 2011**

**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. 606 to 614 and 616 to 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 616 OF 2011**

**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. 606 to 615 and 617 to 619 of 2011.

**NO. 617 OF 2011**

**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. 606 to 616, 618 and 619 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 618 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS PLACED ON MEDICAL LISTS**

Since the answer given to Question No. 41 of 2011, 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. 606 to 617 and 619 of 2011.

**NO. 619 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICANTS REMOVED FROM MEDICAL LISTS**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 42 of 2011, can Government state how many applicants, since that date, have been removed from the various Medical Housing Lists “A+”, “A”, “B” and “C”, because a suitable dwelling has been found for them and give the dates?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 619**

**Answer to Question 606**

There are currently 1174 applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists as follows, compared to 1301 in answer to question 29 of 2011:

1RKB	-	772
2RKB	-	69
3RKB	-	173
4RKB	-	119
5RKB	-	39
6RKB	-	2

**Answer to Question 607**

There are currently 259 applicants on the Housing Pre-list as follows, compared to 285 in answer to question 30 of 2011:

1RKB	-	189
2RKB	-	12
3RKB	-	43
4RKB	-	13
5RKB	-	2
6RKB	-	Nil

**Answer to Question 608**

None.

**Answer to Question 609**

None.

**Answer to Question 610**

There are currently 68 persons on the Housing Social Category 'A' List.

**Answer to Question 611**

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

December 2006	-	1
November 2007	-	1
February 2008	-	1
March 2008	-	1
June 2008	-	2
October 2008	-	2
December 2008	-	3
March 2009	-	1

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 619****Cont'd Answer to Question 611**

September 2009	-	2
October 2009	-	1
November 2009	-	1
January 2010	-	1
February 2010	-	3
March 2010	-	1
May 2010	-	4
June 2010	-	6
July 2010	-	1
August 2010	-	2
September 2010	-	1
October 2010	-	1
November 2010	-	11
December 2010	-	3
January 2011	-	2
March 2011	-	7
April 2011	-	2
May 2011	-	6
June 2011(up to 17.6.11)	-	1

**Answer to Question 612**

A total of 11 applicants have been removed from the Social 'A' Category List, as follows:

January 2011 (since 8.1.11)	-	1
February 2011	-	6
March 2011	-	4
April 2011	-	Nil
May 2011	-	Nil
June 2011 (up to 17.6.11)	-	Nil

**Answer to Question 613**

A total of 18 applicants have been placed on the Social 'A' List, as follows:

January 2011 (since 8.1.11 )	-	2
February 2011	-	Nil
March 2011	-	7
April 2011	-	2
May 2011	-	6
June 2011 (up to 17.6.11)	-	1

**Answer to Question 614**

A total of 22 applications for housing from homeless persons are currently being dealt with.

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 619**

**Answer to Question 615**

A total of 32 applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, are medically recommended, as follows:

A+	-	7
A	-	10
B	-	7
C	-	8

**Answer to Question 616**

A total of 111 applicants, to date, are medically recommended, apart from those who are described as applicants on the Housing Waiting List, as follows:

A+	-	26
A	-	31
B	-	22
C	-	32

**Answer to Question 617**

A total of 143 persons are currently on the Housing Medical Lists, as follows, compared to 187 in answer to question 40 of 2011:

<b>Medical A+</b>	
July 2007	1
May 2008	1
July 2008	1
May 2010	1
June 2010	3
July 2010	1
September 2010	2
October 2010	2
November 2010	1
January 2011	5
February 2011	2
March 2011	10
May 2011	3

<b>Medical A</b>	
March 2001	1
March 2004	1
February 2005	1
March 2005	1
November 2005	1
March 2006	1

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 619**

**Cont'd Answer to Question 617**

August 2006	1
February 2008	1
April 2008	2
October 2008	1
September 2009	3
February 2010	1
March 2010	1
May 2010	2
July 2010	1
September 2010	5
October 2010	1
November 2010	1
January 2011	3
February 2011	3
March 2011	5
May 2011	4

<b>Medical B</b>	
February 1998	1
March 2005	1
September 2005	1
March 2006	1
September 2006	1
December 2007	2
February 2008	2
December 2008	1
September 2009	2
October 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	3
June 2010	2
October 2010	1
November 2010	1
January 2011	1
February 2011	1
March 2011	3
May 2011	3

<b>Medical C</b>	
January 1997	1
November 1998	2
January 1999	1
May 1999	2
May 2000	1

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 619****Cont'd Answer to Question 617**

March 2001	2
May 2001	1
October 2004	1
February 2005	1
June 2005	1
October 2005	1
April 2006	1
October 2006	1
December 2007	3
February 2008	1
April 2008	2
July 2008	1
September 2009	2
October 2009	1
February 2010	1
March 2010	1
August 2010	1
September 2010	2
October 2010	3
November 2010	1
February 2011	2
March 2011	2
May 2011	1

**Answer to Question 618**

An extraordinarily high total of 48 applicants have been placed on the various Medical Housing Lists as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
January 2011 (since 8.1.11)	5	3	1	-
February 2011	2	3	1	2
March 2011	10	5	3	2
April 2011	-	-	-	-
May 2011	3	4	3	1
June 2011 (up to 17.6.11)	-	-	-	-

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 619**

**Answer to Question 619**

Forty-eight applicants have been removed from the various Medical Housing Lists, as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
January 2011 (since 8.1.11)	1	2	-	1
February 2011	1	2	-	-
March 2011	2	-	-	-
April 2011	1	1	2	5
May 2011	1	5	4	5
June 2011 (up to 17.6.11)	1	7	4	3

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NO. 620 OF 2011

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NO. 621 OF 2011

UNALLOCATED

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NO. 622 OF 2011

UNALLOCATED

**NO. 623 OF 2011**

**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. 46 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 624 to 627 of 2011.

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**NO. 624 OF 2011**

**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. 47 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 623 and 625 to 627 of 2011.

**NO. 625 OF 2011**

**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. 48 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 623, 624, 626 and 627 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 626 OF 2011**

**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. 49 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 623 to 625 and 627 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 627 OF 2011**

**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. 50 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 627****ANSWER TO QUESTION 623**

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

January (as from 08/01/11)	-	4 active
February 2011	-	4 active
March 2011	-	9 (8 active)
April 2011	-	8 (3 active)
May 2011	-	10 (5 active)
June (up to 10/6/11)	-	11 (7 active)

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 624**

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

January (as from 08/01/11)	-	660
February 2011	-	668
March 2011	-	652
April 2011	-	632
May 2011	-	639
June (up to 10/6/11)	-	635

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 625**

The number of households that were on full Rent Relief, to date, is as follows:

January (as from 08/01/11)	-	76
February 2011	-	80
March 2011	-	78
April 2011	-	77
May 2011	-	80
June (up to 10/6/11)	-	80

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 626**

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

January (as from 08/01/11)	-	6
February 2011	-	4
March 2011	-	11
April 2011	-	9
May 2011	-	5
June (up to 10/6/11)	-	16

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 627**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 627**

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

January (as from 08/01/11)	-	12
February 2011	-	13
March 2011	-	11
April 2011	-	11
May 2011	-	9
June (up to 10/6/11)	-	8

ORAL

**NO. 628 OF 2011**

**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. 51 of 2011, giving a monthly breakdown and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question No. 628 of 2011**

The total number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent is 47.

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

	<b>Total Agreements</b>	<b>Amount</b>
January (as from 14.1.11.)	2	£3084.75
February 2011	14	£27395.43
March 2011	7	£63020.16
April 2011	10	£53513.95
May 2011	14	£91198.92
June 2011	Nil	Nil
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**NO. 629 OF 2011**

**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 given to Question No. 52 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 630 to 632 of 2011.

**NO. 630 OF 2011**

**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. 53 of 2011, providing a monthly breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629, 631 and 632 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 631 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – FLATS ALLOCATED**

Can Government state how many Government flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Authority, on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee, since Question No. 54 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629, 630 and 632 of 2011.

**NO. 632 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – FLATS ALLOCATED**

Can Government state how many Government flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Authority, other than on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee, since Question No. 55 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 629 of 2011**

Eight pre-war housing units have been allocated since the answer given to Question No. 52 of 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 630 of 2011**

Eleven post-war housing units have been allocated to applicants on the social list, as follows:

January 2011 (since 8.1.11)	-	Nil
February 2011	-	5
March 2011	-	4
April 2011	-	1
May 2011	-	1
June 2011 (up to 18.6.11)	-	Nil

**Answer to Question No. 631 of 2011**

Since the answer given to Question No. 54 of 2011, a grand total of 256 flats have been allocated to applicants by the Housing Authority on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee.

**Answer to Question No. 632 of 2011**

None. All flats have been allocated on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee.

**NO. 633 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 56 of 2011, 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**

Eight applicants have been offered an existing Government flat of which five have accepted.

**NO. 634 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – REINSTATEMENTS INTO HOUSING WAITING LISTS**

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 57 of 2011, 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 Nos. 635 and 636 of 2011.

**NO. 635 OF 2011**

**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. 58 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 634 and 636 of 2011.

**NO. 636 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICATIONS REJECTED**

Can Government state how many applicants for housing were rejected on the grounds that they were home owners who had chosen to sell their homes, giving a breakdown by month since the answer to Question No. 59 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 634 of 2011**

Eight applicants have been re-instated.

**Answer to Question No. 635 of 2011**

A total of nine applicants were accepted, as follows:

January 2011 (since 8.1.11)	-	1
February 2011	-	1
March 2011	-	Nil
April 2011	-	Nil
May 2011	-	4
June 2011 (up to 18.6.11)	-	3

**Answer to Question No. 636 of 2011**

Two applicants for housing have been rejected.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 634 TO 636 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

In connection with Question No. 636 of 2011 is it ... The question may sound a little theoretical but I am thinking of a specific case which the Minister may be aware of. If a certain period of time passes and the conditions of a particular applicant are now different, even though at the time in the judgement of the Allocation Committee the sale was not necessary, would the Department consider that the time maybe has come for this person to be reinstated in the Housing Waiting List.

**HON F J VINET:**

For the Housing Allocation Committee to formulate that view, it would have to disassociate itself and not comply with housing policy. The housing policy, as it stands at present and as it has stood for a number of years, is that former home owners are not eligible for Government rental housing unless they can prove to the Housing Allocation Committee that, at the time of the sale, that sale was necessary because of financial hardship or as a result of a divorce or a separation. At the moment, the fact is that there is no room for manoeuvre in terms of moving away from that policy which I have to say is adhered to very strictly.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Even if ten years go by or twenty years go by, just because way back the Housing Allocation Committee did not consider that the sale was necessary, no way are these Gibraltarians ever going to go on to the Housing Waiting List.

**HON F J VINET:**

I think we ought to go back and understand why this policy was introduced by this Government. What used to happen in the past was that home owners would sell their private properties, pocket whatever profits were made, possibly use that profit to buy a house across the border or elsewhere and then join the waiting list. The Government at the time decided that that situation was not acceptable and changed the policy accordingly. I understand what the hon Member is alluding to but there is no scope for flexibility in the policy as it stands. Either you sold your private property at the time because you genuinely had to or because you chose as a matter of improving a lifestyle or whatever. If the sale was not necessary because of financial hardship or because it was imposed upon you as part of a legal separation or divorce, it, therefore, follows that you chose to sell that property and if you did so, you are no longer eligible for Government housing.

**NO. 637 OF 2011**

**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. 60 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 638 of 2011.

**NO. 638 OF 2011****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. 61 of 2011?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING****Answer to Question No. 637 of 2011**

- (a) 210 phone calls have been received.
- (b) 93 cases were found to be correct.

The breakdown is as follows:

Month	Calls	Correct	Incorrect	Pending further Investigation
January 2011 (since 8.1.11)	3	-	3	-
February 2011	1	-	-	1
March 2011	-	-	-	-
April 2011	1	-	-	1
May 2011	-	-	-	-
June 2011 (up to 18.6.11)	-	-	-	-

**Answer to Question No. 638 of 2011**

None.

ORAL

**NO. 639 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

Can Government state how many times the Housing Allocation Committee has met since the answer to Question No. 62 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

The Housing Allocation Committee has met 10 times.

ORAL

**NO. 640 OF 2011**

**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. 63 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 643 and 644 of 2011.

**NO. 641 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNMENT TENANCIES**

How many people have been told, since October 2007, that the Housing Authority, based on the recommendation of the Housing Allocation Committee, has decided that they will not be included in a Government tenancy because to do so would cause gross overcrowding?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 642 of 2011.

**NO. 642 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNMENT TENANCIES**

Of those people who have been told, since October 2007, that they will not be included in a Government tenancy because to do so would cause overcrowding, how many have been told that the Housing Authority, based on the recommendation of the Housing Allocation Committee, will however accept the relevant address for “application purposes only” but that they will not attain any rights over the said property and that no overcrowding points will be allotted to their application?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Thirteen people, all 13 of whose relevant addresses have been accepted for “application purposes only”. So the answer is 13 on both counts.

ORAL

**NO. 643 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING TRIBUNAL**

Can Government state if individuals who have appealed to the Housing Tribunal are given an opportunity to have their say when their case is being considered?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 640 and 644 of 2011.

**NO. 644 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING TRIBUNAL**

Since the answer to Question No. 64 of 2011, 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. 640 of 2011**

I am informed by the Secretary of the Housing Tribunal that since the answer given to Question No. 63 of 2011, the Housing Tribunal has dealt with and completed 11 cases and is currently dealing with 25 cases.

**Answer to Question No. 643 of 2011**

I am also informed by the Secretary that the Housing Tribunal does hold hearings in which appellants are allowed to express their views and address the Tribunal. However, in some circumstances, where it is immediately and plainly evident that the Housing Authority's decision was not "wrong in law" or "in excess of jurisdiction", the Tribunal might consider the case without a hearing.

**Answer to Question No. 644 of 2011**

None. There are no pending decisions of the Housing Tribunal requiring action by the Housing Department.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 640, 643 AND 644 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Can the Minister confirm that those cases where the appellant is not given the opportunity to have a say, are these linked with medical categorisations where the tenant does not agree with the decision of the Allocation Committee that they have decided not to give them a medical category?

**HON F J VINET:**

I am totally unable to say. I have and my Ministry has no involvement whatsoever with the Tribunal for obvious reasons, other than providing information that is requested from us and I have not been advised of what the cases that have been allowed that ... where appellants have been allowed to address the Tribunal are and which are not? I also add, however, in relation to medical cases, that the Housing Tribunal is not there to substitute the views of the Housing Allocation Committee. Bear in mind that the Housing Allocation Committee is formed of a number of members including occupational therapists, including doctors whereas the Tribunal has no doctors, has no *[inaudible]*. The Tribunal is not concerned with simply allowing appellants a second throw of the dice as it were. What the Tribunal is concerned about is whether the Housing Allocation Committee or the Housing Authority acted properly or in excess of jurisdiction or whether the decision was wrong in law. But it is not there to simply express a different personal opinion to what the members of the Committee may have expressed. So, although I understand if a particular person is aggrieved that the Housing Allocation Committee has not recommended that they be medically categorised, or sufficiently highly categorised, perhaps, as a "B" instead of an "A+" or an "A". They may disagree with the decision of the Committee. But that does not mean that, if the Committee acted properly within law and within established procedures, the Tribunal ought to take a different view. The Tribunal will only involve itself if the Authority or the Committee acted wrongly in law or in excess of jurisdiction.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

I appreciate that the Minister does not get involved with matters appertaining to the Housing Tribunal, but the Minister is the Housing Minister and he or his predecessor and the Chief Minister were very much involved in formulating the Housing Act which went through Parliament three years ago. What saddens me is that people now show me letters whereby they are told in a letter that the Housing Tribunal agrees with the Housing Authority because the Housing Tribunal does not get involved in making decisions on medical categorisations. But the Housing Act does say that, under the heading of right of appeal, if a person is aggrieved by such a decision and those decisions include refusing to categorise the applicants' application as either medical or social. So, does the Minister not agree that it might be better if the person applies to the Tribunal concerning the non-conceding of a medical category, that he should be told, do not appeal.

**HON F J VINET:**

No. I do not agree because for someone to appeal to the Tribunal and for the Tribunal to accept that appeal, it is not simply necessary for the person to have been aggrieved by the decision. The person has to be aggrieved with the decision and the decision must have been wrong in law or in excess of jurisdiction. If the second half of the jigsaw, as it were, is not present then it is not a matter for the Tribunal to take on board. So, I am afraid I do not agree with the view expressed by the hon Member.

ORAL

**NO. 645 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS**

Since the answer to Question No. 65 of 2011, how many times have faults been reported, to date, in connection with the lifts in Government estates, giving a breakdown by estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 646 and 647 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 646 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – LIFT CONTRACT WITH OTIS**

How many times have the lifts in Government housing estates required corrective maintenance/repairs since Question No. 66 of 2011, with a breakdown by estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 645 and 647 of 2011.

**NO. 647 OF 2011****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. 67 of 2011, with a breakdown by estate?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING****Answer to Question No. 645 of 2011**

A total of 86 faults have been reported in the six months since the answer to Question No. 65 of 2011, many due to the improper use by tenants, as follows:

<b>Estate</b>	<b>Faults reported (up to 16.6.11)</b>
Alameda Estate	8
Penney House	1
Varyl Begg Estate	33
Glacis Estate	38
St John's Court	4
Mid-Harbour Estate	2

**Answer to Question No. 646 of 2011**

All of the faults I have just detailed in the schedule have had the required corrective repairs undertaken.

**Answer to Question No. 647 of 2011**

As the hon Member already knows from my identical replies to his identical questions, Question Nos. 67 of 2011 and 1358 of 2010, all lifts in Government housing estates have regular preventive maintenance as part of the Lift Maintenance Contract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 645 to 647 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Did the Minister insinuate that some of these faults were due to the unruly or bad behaviour of tenants? Or words to that effect?

**HON F J VINET:**

I was simply highlighting that a significant number of the faults reported at lifts in Government housing estates have been caused because of the improper use of the lifts by tenants. Certainly, it is not the position in all faults but in quite a number of them and in some estates more than others.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Can the Minister identify which estates he is referring to in his answer.

**HON F J VINET:**

No, Mr Speaker. I have not been given an official list of reasons but the information that I have been given verbally, informally, will appear as ... For example, historically, the lifts in the Tower Blocks in Referendum and Constitution House have been the subject of vandalism. They are not the only ones. Other lifts in other estates have equally been subjected to vandalism but I would not like to scientifically point towards specific estates.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Obviously, the lifts in Constitution House and Referendum House have a lot of more climbing to do because they are very tall buildings, so maybe the use of the lifts ... I would like to hope that the breakage or the non-working of lifts in Alameda House is not down to the Hon Mr Beltran or myself [*inaudible*] bad behaviour because we both live there.

**HON F J VINET:**

I would hope so too, Mr Speaker. But I can confirm that in relation ... because I would not dare to [*inaudible*]. But in relation to the Tower Block lifts, I referred to misuse as opposed to excessive use and the fact that it happens to be a tall building has nothing to do with the lifts being misused by some tenants.

**NO. 648 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – DECANTING OF GOVERNMENT TENANTS**

Since the answer to Question No. 69 of 2011, 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. 649 of 2011.

**NO. 649 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – DECANTING OF GOVERNMENT TENANTS**

Since the answer to Question No. 70 of 2011, 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**

**Answer to Question No. 648 of 2011**

Three Government tenants have been decanted. Two flats were gutted in a fire while one flat required extensive repairs.

**Answer to Question No. 649 of 2011**

None. No decanting notices have been issued and, therefore, none have been appealed against.

ORAL

**NO. 650 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 651 to 653 of 2011.

**NO. 651 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ALBERT RISSO HOUSE**

Can Government state how many flats are currently empty at Albert Risso House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 650, 652 and 653 of 2011.

**NO. 652 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 650, 651 and 653 of 2011.

**NO. 653 OF 2011**

**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 our senior citizens moving into Albert Risso House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 650 of 2011**

There are currently four empty flats at Bishop Canilla House, all of which are under offer.

**Answer to Question No. 651 of 2011**

There is currently one empty flat at Albert Risso House, which is currently under offer.

**Answer to Question No. 652 of 2011**

All 140 of the original tenants at Albert Risso House signed the contracts for the new homes. Since then a small number of flats have become available because tenants have either sadly passed away or they may have moved elsewhere and those vacant flats have been either reallocated already or are currently under offer.

**Answer to Question No. 653 of 2011**

A total of 121 flats have now become available as a result of our senior citizens moving into Albert Risso House.

ORAL

**NO. 654 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Since the answer given to Question No. 75 of 2011, 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**

Answered together with Question No. 655 of 2011.

**NO. 655 OF 2011**

**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. 654 of 2011**

A further two flats have become available as a result of Waterport Terraces purchasers moving into new homes.

**Answer to Question No. 655 of 2011**

Four flats have become available as a result of purchasers moving into Cumberland Terraces.

ORAL

**NO. 656 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ALAMEDA HOUSE**

Can Government state if the restoration works at Alameda House, which has resulted in scaffolding being erected around that section of the building facing the Fire Station, have commenced?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 657 to 659 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 657 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNOR’S MEADOW HOUSE**

Can Government say what work, if any, is being carried out at present at Governor’s Meadow House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 656, 658 and 659 of 2011.

**NO. 658 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BADO’S BUILDING**

Can Government give details of the work now in progress at Bado’s Building, stating what parts of the building are currently being repaired?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 656, 657 and 659 of 2011.

**NO. 659 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BADO’S BUILDING**

Can Government state what is the current estimated date of completion of the restoration work being carried out at Bado’s Building?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 656 of 2011**

The Alameda House refurbishment is about to be allocated to a private contractor.

**Answer to Question No. 657 of 2011**

A contract for the external refurbishment of Governor’s Meadow House has been awarded to Profield Contractors Limited in the sum of £1,001,015. The contractor has now mobilised and works will proceed accordingly. The project is contracted to take 12 months to complete.

**Answer to Question Nos. 658 and 659 of 2011**

Part of the roof has already been replaced, and the remainder of refurbishment works on Bado’s Buildings will now be undertaken by GJBS Ltd. Works are expected to take 12 months to complete.

ORAL

**NO. 660 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WITH SCAFFOLDING**

How many Government buildings used for rental accommodation currently have scaffolding?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 661 and 662 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 661 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WITH SCAFFOLDING**

In connection with Government buildings used for rental accommodation, can Government give a list of all such buildings that currently have scaffolding, stating when the scaffolding was first erected and give details of the cost, to date, in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 660 and 662 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 662 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WITH SCAFFOLDING**

In connection with Government buildings used for rental accommodation that currently have scaffolding, can Government state in how many such buildings is work being carried out at present and what is the estimated date of completion, in each case, of this work?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 660 TO 662**

Location	Date erected	Estimated Removal	Cost to date
Bado's Building	12/01/2010	Completion date pending	£2,375.00
Willis's Road 27	01/12/2010	Completion date pending	£1,004.25
Falcon House 1/6	16/06/2011	Completion date pending	£904.26
Medview Terrace 6	30/11/2010	Completion date pending	not invoiced
Catalan Bay 80	12/05/2010	Completion date pending	£162.00
Alameda House	20/11/2010	Completion date pending	£3,672.00
Flat Bastion Road 47	12/07/2010	Completion date pending	£7,558.00
Victoria House 3	20/10/2010	Completion date pending	£234.00
St Joseph's 18	05/11/2010	Completion date pending	£680.00
St Joseph's 16	05/11/2010	Completion date pending	£900.00
Post Office	14/09/2010	Completion date pending	£942.22
Scud Hill 11/17	30/09/2010	Completion date pending	£332.00
Victoria House 10	20/12/2010	Completion date pending	£256.00
Goole House 17	19/01/2011	Completion date pending	not invoiced
Kingsway House 6	14/01/2011	Completion date pending	not invoiced
Red Sands 52	14/03/2011	Completion date pending	not invoiced
Wilson's Ramp	12/12/2009	Completion date pending	£386.25
Governor's Meadow	20/05/2011	20/05/2012	cost inclusive
Churchill House	25/05/2011	15/01/2012	cost inclusive
Schomberg	10/03/2011	15/09/2011	cost inclusive
Bishop Canilla	15/11/2011	30/09/2011	cost inclusive
Rosia House	12/12/2009	30/10/2011	cost inclusive

**NO. 663 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government state how many flats will become available for applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists as a result of Government tenants moving into the flats of phase one of the Government's new rental estate and give a breakdown by room composition?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 664 of 2011.

**NO. 664 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government state how many flats will become available for applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists as a result of Government tenants moving into the flats of phase two of the Government's new rental estate and give a breakdown by room composition?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 663 of 2011**

A total of 96 flats will become available for applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists as a result of Government tenants moving into the flats at phase 1. The breakdown by room composition is as follows:

1RKB -	6
2RKB -	19
3RKB -	41
4RKB -	26
5RKB -	4

**Answer to Question No. 664 of 2011**

If all applicants with offers of flats at phase 2 accept those offers, we have not yet reached that stage, a total of at least 43 flats will become available for applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists as a result. The breakdown by room composition is as follows:

1RKB -	2
2RKB -	4
3RKB -	30
4RKB -	6
5RKB -	1

ORAL

**NO. 665 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government state what conditions are being applied in connection with the allocation of flats at the Government's new rental estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 666 of 2011.

**NO. 666 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government state what criteria has been used in connection with the allocation of flats in the Government's new rental estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 665 of 2011**

I am pleased to provide hon Members opposite with copies of the Tenancy Agreement so they may have sight of all the conditions applicable to this Estate.

**Answer to Question No. 666 of 2011**

As the hon Member knows, the original offers of accommodation for this Estate were made in 2007. This was done via the respective waiting lists at the time. In some cases the lists were exhausted and offers made via the pre-list. Subsequent offers, in other words, offers of the flats that were not taken up by those who received original offers, those subsequent offers have equally been made via the respective waiting lists.

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**THIS AGREEMENT** is made the                      day of                      Two Thousand and Eleven  
**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR ACTING BY THE HOUSING  
MANAGER** (hereinafter called "the Landlord" which expression shall where the context so  
admits include his successors in office for the time being) of the one part and the person or  
persons named in Section 1 of Schedule 1 (hereinafter called "the Tenant" which expression  
shall include where the context so admits his/her heirs administrators executors and assigns)  
of the other part

**WHEREAS:**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

In this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 "the Additional Rent" shall mean the sums payable under the provisions of Clause 5.3
- 1.2 "Agreement" shall mean this agreement
- 1.3 "the Block" shall mean block within the Estate, named in Section 2 of Schedule 1 of which the flat forms part
- 1.4 "the Estate" shall mean all that piece or parcel of land situate at C.P. No. 1391 in Gibraltar together with the blocks of flats erected thereon or on some part thereon and known collectively as Mid Harbour Estate
- 1.5 "the Estate Management" shall mean the Facilities Manager or such other company or entity appointed by the Government of Gibraltar from time to time to provide estate management services in the Estate
- 1.6 "the Flat" shall mean the flat identified in Section 3 of Schedule 1, the subject of this Agreement and flats shall mean the flats within the Estate
- 1.7 "Gender" in this Agreement the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa
- 1.8 "Liability" unless otherwise stated shall where there is more than one person be joint and several

1.9 "the Parking Space" shall mean the parking space identified in Section 4 of Schedule 1, the subject of this Agreement and forming part of the Premises

1.10 "the Premises" shall mean the Flat and the Parking Space

1.11 "Rates" shall mean any general rates and any brackish water rate levied by the Government of Gibraltar or its lawful agent pursuant to the Public Health Ordinance

1.12 "the Rent" means the rent payable in accordance with Section 5 of Schedule 1

1.13 "the Tenancy" means the tenancy created by this Agreement

1.14 "the Tenants' Association" shall mean the tenants' association referred to in recital 3 of this Agreement

## **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Estate consists of 492 Flats comprised within six blocks and the Landlord intends to grant tenancies of the flats and associated parking spaces within the Estate on terms substantially in the form of this Agreement and in accordance with inter alia its powers under the Housing Act.

2.2 It is envisaged the management of the Estate will be carried out on the Government's behalf by a company or body acting under the terms of a contract between the Government and that body

## **3. TENANTS' ASSOCIATION**

3.1 With the object and intent of giving tenants of the flats an opportunity to take an active role in the running of the Estate there will be formed a tenants' association called the Mid Harbour Estate Tenants' Association in accordance with Schedule 3 of this Agreement

**NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED** as follows:

4. The Landlord agrees to let and the Tenant agrees to take the Premises described in Schedule 1 **TOGETHER** with the use of the fixtures and fittings situate in or upon the Premises **SUBJECT TO** the covenants and agreements on the part of the Tenant contained in Clause 3 herein with effect from the date specified in Section 6 of Schedule 1 for the term of 12 months (subject nevertheless to the rights of the Landlord under the provisions of Clause 5 herein) and thereafter unless otherwise determined from month to month, without prejudice to the date of first payment of rent being that referred in Section 7 of Schedule 1

#### **5. CONSIDERATION**

- 5.1 The Tenant agrees to pay to the Landlord the Rent and the Additional Rent monthly in advance to a Rent Collection Office specified by the Landlord from time to time for the purpose or in such other manner as shall be determined by the Landlord
- 5.2 Where the Rates payable in respect of the Premises are increased or decreased at any time hereafter the rates payable under this Agreement and included in the Rent shall be increased or decreased accordingly with effect from the date of such change
- 5.3 Where the Landlord provides services in respect of the cleaning and keeping of refuse bins refuse chutes passages staircase yards patios or other common parts swept and clean and where the Landlord also provides services in respect of the electrical lighting of common parts the Tenant will pay to the Landlord a weekly contribution the amount of which shall be determined by the Landlord towards the cost of such services which amounts shall be payable in the manner aforesaid

#### **6. TENANT'S AGREEMENTS**

The Tenant covenants and agrees with the Landlord as follows:

- 6.1 to pay the Rent and the Additional Rent at the times and in the manner specified in this Agreement

- 6.2 to pay all outgoings including all water and electricity consumption and all outgoings of a generally recurring nature
- 6.3 to use the Premises in a proper and acceptable manner to the Landlord and in particular
- 6.4 to use and occupy the Flat as a private dwelling house and for no other purpose
- 6.5 to comply with any rules made for the Estate by the landlord or the Tenants' Association
- 6.6 not to use the Parking Space for anything other than a parking space for the parking of a motor car van motorcycle or motor scooter
- 6.7 not to share assign under-let licence or part with the possession or howsoever else allow others the use of the Premises or any part thereof
- 6.8 without prejudice to Clause 6.7 not to permit or allow or leave caretakers in the Flat without the previous consent in writing of the Landlord
- 6.9 not to exchange or attempt or agree to exchange the Flat or the Parking Space for any other Flat or Parking Space outside the Estate. If the Tenant wishes to have a tenancy of a flat outside of the Estate the Tenant must apply to the Landlord for an exchange with the Landlord. If the Tenant surrenders the tenancy of the Flat, the tenancy of the Parking Space is automatically terminated. Exchanges of Flats and or Parking Spaces within the Estate may be done subject to the consent of the Landlord.
- 6.10 not to allow persons other than those specifically mentioned in Section 7 of Schedule 1 herein to reside or sleep in the Flat without the previous consent in writing of the Landlord
- 6.11 to keep the interior of the Flat and all fittings and fixtures therein in tenantable repair and to carry out all internal decorations and repairs as stipulated in Schedule 2 herein and upon determination of this tenancy to deliver the Premises to the Landlord in tenable repair in accordance with the provisions of this clause. In the event that the Tenant fails or neglects to leave the Premises in such tenable repair

the Landlord may carry out the said repairs or any of them and the cost thereof shall be recoverable as a debt by the Landlord from the Tenant

- 6.12 during the subsistence of the Agreement to permit the Landlord or his agents with or without workmen or other persons to enter upon and view the state of repair of the Premises at any reasonable hour in the daytime and if in respect of any of the matters specified in this Agreement the Landlord shall give notice in writing to the Tenant of any repairs decorating or cleaning required to be done to carry out the same at his own expense with all reasonable dispatch to the satisfaction of the Landlord. In the event that the Tenant fails neglects or refuses to carry out to the satisfaction of the Landlord within a reasonable period (which period shall be decided by the Landlord in his absolute discretion) any or all of the matters specified in the said notice the Landlord may elect to carry out the said repairs or any of them and in such case the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord the cost of repairs as carried out
- 6.13 to permit the Landlord or his Agent with or without workmen at all reasonable times to enter the Flat to repair the inside or outside of the Block
- 6.14 not to cover up or obstruct in any way access to the service duct panels in the Flat
- 6.15 to pay promptly all charges incurred for electricity telephone and fresh water
- 6.16 not to store deposit or use in the Flat any liquid or solid inflammatory or explosive substances save paraffin in small quantities not exceeding one pint provided that such paraffin is brought or kept in a properly stopped bottle or suitable container (not being plastic) and not to do or suffer or permit to be done in the Flat anything which may constitute a fire hazard
- 6.17 not to do or permit to be done any act or thing which may be or grow to be an annoyance damage or nuisance disturbance to the occupiers of the adjoining or neighbouring premises
- 6.18 not to play or allow to be played any musical instrument or any radio television set gramophone or other sound reproducing equipment to the annoyance nuisance or disturbance of the occupiers of adjoining premises

- 6.19 to be responsible for the orderly conduct in any part of the Estate of children living in the Flat and in particular for any nuisance or annoyance that may be caused to other tenants or to members of the public or any damage to or defacement of any building wall door window lift or other property of the Landlord and to repay to the Landlord the cost of making good any such damage or defacement
- 6.20 to abide by any rules and regulations made by the Tenants' Association with the approval of the Landlord for the good management of the Estate
- 6.21 not to throw or allow dirt rubbish rags or other refuse to be thrown down any water closet or use spirits of salt (hydrochloric acid) for the cleaning of sinks lavatory pans baths metal fittings or fixtures or any external part of the Flat
- 6.22 not to keep or permit to be kept in the Flat or any part thereof without the previous consent in writing of the Landlord any animal or bird such consent if given to be revocable at the behest of the Landlord whose decision shall be final
- 6.23 if provided not to substitute or alter in any way the lock to the main entrance door of the Flat
- 6.24 not to nail or fix anything to any plasterboard partition save with the use of special toggles or other system previously approved by the Landlord

## **7. TENANTS FURTHER AGREEMENTS**

The Tenant further covenants and agrees with the Landlord as follows:

- 7.1 to use the drying/utility room provided within the Flat for the drying and airing of clothes and other things and not to hang out or permit to be hung out from any window or out of any balcony or in or on any area outside the Flat or in any other manner that is visible from outside the Flat any washing or other item nor allow any board placard sign or notice to be affixed to any external part of the Flat or the Block

- 7.2 not to enclose or attempt to enclose or curtail the ventilation into or otherwise modify the drying/utility room provided within the Flat, nor to use the drying/utility room as a bedroom, living room, dining room or any other purpose which curtails its availability for use as a drying/utility room
- 7.3 not to affix anything whatsoever including but not limited to any aerial to any part of the exterior of the building. This is important to the preservation of the water tightness of the Block and the Flat
- 7.4 not to make or permit to be made any structural alterations or additions to the Flat (including but not limited to the removal or erection of walls, panels, partitions, doorways) without the previous consent in writing of the Landlord and of the Development and Planning Commission and without previously submitting to the Landlord all necessary plans and specifications for any such proposed additions and or alterations
- 7.5 not to erect or affix any aerial inside or outside the Flat or on any part of the Estate but to use the communal aerial when installed by the Landlord or such other aerial or satellite system previously approved by the Landlord and the Development and Planning Commission
- 7.6 not to paint colourwash or otherwise vary the external decorative scheme of the Flat or the Block
- 7.7 not to allow or cause any box parcel flowerpot refuse rubbish or any obstacle whatever to be left in the passage or on any landing outside the Flat or any communal areas
- 7.8 not to affix or otherwise place outside the Flat any water heater or air conditioning unit or related equipment
- 7.9 not to alter vary or adjust any of the services in the Flat without the consent of the Landlord having been previously given
- 7.10 not to remove the front door or any internal doors, all of which are fire doors

## 8. LANDLORD'S AGREEMENT

The Landlord agrees with the Tenant that the Tenant paying the Rent and the Additional Rent and performing and observing the covenants and agreements on his part contained in this Agreement shall peaceably hold and enjoy the Premises for the duration of the Agreement without any interruption by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for him save as may be permitted by legislation

## 9. PROVISOS AND DECLARATIONS

- 9.1 Subject to the provisions of the Housing Act this tenancy may be determined at any time by either party giving to the other not less than one month's notice in writing. **PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT** if any part of the Rent is in arrears for two months after becoming due whether formally demanded or not or if any of the covenants or agreements on the Tenant's part are not performed the Landlord may at any time thereafter re-enter the Premises or any part thereof in the name of the whole and thereupon this tenancy shall absolutely be determined but without prejudice to the right of action of the Landlord in respect of the Rent the Additional Rent or any antecedent breach of the Tenant's covenants contained herein.
- 9.2 Without prejudice to the Landlord's rights under Clause 9.1 in respect of any other matter, the Landlord will consider any breach by the Tenant of his agreements under Clause 7 of this Agreement to be especially serious which will result in the Landlord terminating this Agreement, and if the Landlord considers it appropriate to do so decanting the Tenant to another flat outside the Estate.
- 9.3 Any notice to the Tenant under this tenancy shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if it is left at the Flat or at the last known place of abode or business in Gibraltar of the Tenant or affixed on the front door of the Flat or sent by post in a registered letter addressed to the Tenant by name at the Flat or aforesaid place of abode or business.

9.4 The terms and conditions of this Agreement may be altered or modified by the Landlord from time to time as circumstances may require or by rules and regulations made by the Tenants' Association with the consent of the Landlord but no such alteration or modification or rules or regulations shall impose any unreasonable or unusual burden on the Tenant or bind the Tenant until made known to him in writing by the Landlord or by the Tenants' Association as the case may be.

**IN WITNESS** whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year before written

**Housing Manager:**

**Housing Officer:**

**Name of Tenant/s:**

**Housing Officer:**

## **SCHEDULE 1**

**Section 1      NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS OF TENANT(S):**

**Section 2      NAME OF BLOCK:**

**Section 3      THE FLAT:** all that the **Flat No.** consisting of    rooms, kitchen, bathroom and drying/utility room situate on level    of the Block within the Estate

**Section 4      THE PARKING SPACE:**

**Section 5      THE RENT AND ADDITIONAL RENT:** the sum of    £ per month inclusive of rates together with the monthly sum payable under Clause 5.3

**Section 6      DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TENANCY:**

**Section 7      DATE OF FIRST PAYMENT OF RENT:**

**Section 8      PERSONS PERMITTED TO RESIDE IN THE FLAT:**

## **SCHEDULE 2**

Repairs to be carried out by the Tenant

### **Flushing cisterns WC Fittings**

Renewal or repairs to WC Cistern seat chain  
Renewal of Broken WC pan

### **Wash hand basin and kitchen sink and bath**

Renewal of cracked or chipped basin or sink  
Renewal of washers  
Renewal or fixing chain and plug  
Repairs to draining board  
Unblocking and renewal of taps

### **Taps generally other than stop cock**

Renewal of washers

### **Drain**

Unblocking blocked traps and pipes from connecting to fittings to underground connection or stack pipes if under the control of the Tenant

### **Meters**

Repairs to damaged meters if under the control of the Tenant

### **Electrical Fittings**

Renewal of or repairs to broken or defective sockets switches plugs pendants lamp-holders fuses cooker control unit and consumer unit

### **Door window and cupboard fittings**

Repairs to doors lock hinges bolts buttons door frames etc

### **Glass**

Replacement of broken glass to doors and windows including louvers to window

### **Plaster and Plasterboards**

Repairs to damaged internal plaster

### **Tiling**

Renewal of broken tiles

### **Decorating**

Interior decoration

#### **Generally**

In addition the Tenant is also responsible for any damage to the Flat including fixtures and fittings caused by neglect or carelessness or wilfulness

#### **NOTE:**

1. The Tenant will not be responsible for any damage or defects, which in the opinion of the Landlord are due to the reasonable wear and tear or to defective workmanship or materials. The decision of the Landlord in these aspects will be final. The Landlord shall not be responsible for the replacement of deteriorated or broken canvas to awnings
2. Access must be available at all times to the service ducts in the kitchen bathroom entrance passage or cupboards for inspection of and repairs to the electric and other services pursuant in particular to Clause 6.11 herein

### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **The Mid Harbour Estate Tenants' Association**

##### **1. OBJECTS**

- 1.1 The objects of the Tenants' Association are to provide Tenants with an opportunity to take an active and constructive part in the effective running and management and regulations of the Estate

##### **2. MEMBERS**

- 2.1 The first named tenant in the tenancy agreement of each flat shall be a member of the Tenants' Association unless that Tenant nominates his or her co-tenant
- 2.2 A member shall cease to be a member in the event:
  - 2.2.1 the Agreement is terminated
  - 2.2.2 he transfers his membership

##### **3. COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 The Committee shall consist of the following:
  - 3.1.1 the Housing Manager of Gibraltar or his appointed delegate who shall be Chairman
  - 3.1.2 the Estate Manager or his representative
  - 3.1.3 six tenants being one member from each Block elected by the Tenants of that particular Block
- 3.2 A quorum of the Committee shall be five one of whom must be the Housing Manager or his appointed deputy

##### **4. SECRETARY**

- 4.1 There shall be appointed a Secretary by the Committee for the purpose of keeping a record of the minutes of meetings and other secretarial duties

##### **5. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 5.1 Subject to the overriding approval of the Chairman the Tenants' Association shall have powers to make rules for its own management and for the better regulation and management of the Estate

##### **6. DISSOLUTION**

- 6.1 The Tenants' Association shall be dissolved at the request and sole discretion of the Landlord

**SIGNED** by the within-named **LANDLORD**  
in the presence of:

**Housing Manager:**

**Housing Officer:**

**SIGNED** by the within-named **TENANT**  
in the presence of:

**Name of Tenant/s:**

**Housing Officer:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 665 AND 666 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I just bring to the attention of the hon Gentleman, I think it is by inadvertence, if he wants us to hand it back perhaps we should. But the agreement which he has very kindly provided so that we can see the terms has actually at the back got all the details of one particular tenant. I know that there has been some care taken to clear the top but all the details are there at the back. If he wants them back ... I am sure we can treat them as generic, if he wishes, or he can have them back and we can receive clear ones.

**HON F J VINET:**

Yes, Mr Speaker. I would be grateful if I could have them back and I apologise and the persons concerned will be suitably chastised. I ought to say that I just realised, shortly before making my way to Parliament, that the schedule, rather the Tenancy Agreement was not part of my bundle nor of any of my colleagues' bundles and I asked for new copies to be made. I can only assume that in the haste of doing so, before I stood to ask questions, they had not checked ... We can either remove the relevant pages or I am happy to have new copies printed out and handed over.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I think without those pages you cannot read the whole thing. So it will probably be better if...

**HON F J VINET:**

I am happy to get new copies printed and delivered to you later this afternoon.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

We will hand these back.

**HON F J VINET:**

I am obliged, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

The draftsman may wish to be informed as to the material error in clause 6.10.

**NO. 667 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government say how many people who have been allocated homes in the Mid Harbour rental estate are categorised as social cases, showing how many there are in each of the two phases?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

A total of seven applicants on the social list have been allocated a flat in the Mid Harbour rental estate. Two in phase 1 and five in phase 2. Those in phase 2 have been offered a flat. They have not yet been allocated.

Their respective offers, however, were made by virtue of their position on the normal waiting list and not via the social list. Of course, it is possible to be on both lists at the same time.

**NO. 668 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NEW GOVERNMENT RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government say how many people who have been allocated homes in the Mid Harbour rental estate are on rent relief, showing how many there are in each of the two phases?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

With regards to phase 1 of the Mid-Harbour estate, there are three tenants currently on rent relief.

It is impossible to give an answer in respect of phase 2 at this stage. No applications have been received in respect of phase 2. Applications for rent relief in respect of phase 2 cannot be entertained until the flats are allocated.

ORAL

**NO. 669 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – MAINTENANCE**

Can Government state whether any of the maintenance on Government rented housing estates, previously done by the Buildings and Works Department, has been contracted out since 1<sup>st</sup> April and, if so, provide a breakdown of the work, stating the value, the estate and nature of the work and the construction company or companies contracted to do the work?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 670 of 2011.

**NO. 670 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – MAINTENANCE**

Can Government state in respect of any work on Government rented housing estates contracted out since 1<sup>st</sup> April, whether the contract is made with the Housing Maintenance Agency and whether the cost of the contract is funded from the budget of the Housing Maintenance Agency or some other Head of Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

The only works that were previously programmed to be done by the Buildings and Works Department but which have not been allocated to another contractor is Bado's Building, which has been allocated to GJBS Limited.

Works contracted to contractors other than the Agency, will be paid for by the Housing Department's head of expenditure. The cost of this project, Bado's Building to GJBS Limited, has not yet been established.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 669 AND 670 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Government say whether the fact that nothing other than Bado's Building has been put out to contract to date is an indication that it is not the policy to contract out the work?

**HON F J VINET:**

No, Mr Speaker. There are a number of other works that are about to be contracted out and I understand discussions are ongoing and measure term contracts are being drawn up. We are not there yet but we are very close to that actually happening. So, there is no policy not to contract out further works.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of these other works, is it the intention to allocate it to GJBS Limited which, presumably, then does not require the tendering process or is it the intention to put it out to tender?

**HON F J VINET:**

I myself am not involved in discussions with contractors. But my understanding is that there is no need to go out to tender because this forms part of the new arrangements with the list of approved contractors. So there is already in place a list of the possible contenders who will be receiving this contract.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So it will be on the basis of the statement that was made at the last meeting of the House when there was a list of contracts made?

**HON F J VINET:**

That is right.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not very clear what the position would then be in terms ... If the nature of the work is one that, for example, in last year's approved expenditure was part of the Housing Department's maintenance budget, would it appear in future in the Housing Agency budget or would it appear somewhere else?

**HON F J VINET:**

No. It would not appear under the budget of the Housing Works Agency but rather under the budget of the Housing Department who will officially be contracting out the work. Not via the Agency itself.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Housing Department then have people that it has retained who are not in the Agency that will be responsible for monitoring this work?

**HON F J VINET:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there any, sort of, kind of criteria that determines whether the work that enters the Department, as it were, is of a nature that would be better done by the Agency or better done by a contractor or is it just a random process?

**HON F J VINET:**

Well, it is not necessarily random. Nor should we read into this that the Housing Works Agency will not carry out ... All of these works that are about to be contracted out are external works. But we should not read into that, that the Agency may not carry out external works in the future. What is true is that there is a backlog of major external works and, as part of ensuring the backlog is cleared as soon as possible, those works are being contracted out. So, at the moment, the thinking behind the contracting out of those works is simply designed to deal with the backlog of the work and that may not necessarily be the case looking to the future.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, at the moment, all the work that needs to be done within the houses, within the specific flats, that is done by the Agency. Is that correct?

**HON F J VINET:**

I would have to check whether, perhaps, there may be an overlap because there may be some external works which require an element of internal works as well. As I stand on my feet, my belief, although I stand to be corrected, but from the information I have, all the current internal works, subject ... other than those linked, as I have said, to external works, will be carried out by the new Housing Works Agency.

**NO. 671 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – TRAINING EXERCISES**

Can Government state how many times the Gibraltar Fire Service have conducted training exercises or practised in the last four years, for tackling fires such as the one that occurred at the port on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 672 and 673 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 672 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – TRAINING EXERCISES USING SIMULATOR**

Can Government state how many times the Gibraltar Fire Service have conducted training exercises using the simulator which it acquired a few years ago for this purpose?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 671 and 673 of 2011.

**NO. 673 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – TRAINING EXERCISES WITH DEFENCE FIRE SERVICE**

Can Government state how many times the Gibraltar Fire Service has conducted training exercises together with the Defence Fire Service to be in a position to coordinate for when the need arises?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 671 of 2011**

Since 2010 there have been two occasions when the brigade has been involved in training for incidents of a similar nature to that of the port, comprised of two familiarisation/risk visits to the area of North Mole, specifically Gib Oil fuel installations. Additionally, an exercise was held at the Shell petrol station at Winston Churchill Avenue.

Prior to this, other visits and exercises have been carried out with both fuel barges and road fuel tankers, however, dates for these are not available.

**Answer to Question No. 672 of 2011**

The City Fire Brigade has not yet used the Fire Simulator for training purposes as this has still not been commissioned.

The unit underwent a pre-commissioning inspection and test in April 2011. The company conducting this has submitted a report and the brigade is awaiting a second visit for final commissioning and training, which I am told is now imminent.

**Answer to Question No. 673 of 2011**

During the past two years the City Fire Brigade has carried out joint training exercises with the Defence Fire Service on six occasions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 671 to 673 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I take this opportunity that the hon Lady has answered these questions about the Gibraltar Fire Service to, I think, rise and speak on a cross party basis, simply, to say this, that all of us across the floor of the House would have been extremely impressed and grateful for the work done by the City Fire Brigade and not just by the City Fire Brigade, but by the Defence Fire Service, the GHA which the Hon Lady also speaks for and the Ambulance Service, the Police, in particular, of course, P C MacKintosh who has been mentioned on a number of occasions and it is right to mention him here today as well. But every member of the Police that was on duty on the day of the fire at North Mole. The Gibraltar Services Police, the Customs Department, the Port Department and a whole host of private agencies that also became involved on the day.

There are a number of questions on the Order Paper that touch and concern the events of that day. As our community starts to analyse what occurred and the response to it and we all, I am sure, agree that we want to ensure that next time we are, if we need to be at all, better prepared to deal with such a situation. I think we all are grateful for the service given by those that helped us to deal with the incident this time round and from all sides of the House, I am sure the hon Lady will agree with me, we have to be circumspect in the way that we deal with this, whilst being as auto critical as we can be to ensure that, in the future, matters are handled, if at all possible, better.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

It goes without saying that I second the sentiments expressed by the hon Member and, obviously, in congratulating the essential services which the Government have already publicly done.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In relation to Question No. 673 of 2011, can the hon Lady tell us when was the last occasion that the Gibraltar Fire Service and Defence Fire Service carried out an exercise together?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes. In May 2001 of this year.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

May 2011?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Of this year.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Lady tell us whether those were just air, not just, but whether those were specifically air disaster exercises?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No. They were not.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What nature of exercise was it then.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Just to quote a few which are obviously not, because there were some airfield disaster exercises conducted jointly. There was a familiarisation visit and an exercise involving the MOD Generating Station. There was a FosseWay Magazine exercise, a foam equipment and application exercise and a table top workshop dealing with aircraft, this one obviously falls within the category of aircraft.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So none of those joint exercises had a maritime nature to them or were in any way related to the Port?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I do not have that information with me. I can speculate that maybe the foam equipment and application exercise was simulating a similar incident. But I stand to be corrected.

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to the simulator, is the simulator still functioning? Is it still one hundred per cent? Because it was purchased in 2006 and it is now five years on, is it in good working order?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes. I think I mentioned that the pre-commissioning and testing by the company had just been carried out a few months back.

ORAL

**NO. 674 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – FIRE FIGHTING FOAM**

Can Government state how much fire fighting foam has been purchased in the last four financial years for the Gibraltar Fire Service's use, giving a breakdown by quantity bought, supplier and date of purchase?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 675 to 677 of 2011.

**NO. 675 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – FIRE FIGHTING FOAM**

How many units of fire fighting foam were held in stock by the Gibraltar Government or its Agencies immediately prior to the fire at the North Mole on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 674, 676 and 677 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 676 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – FIRE FIGHTING FOAM**

What is the length of time that it takes to exhaust one unit of fire fighting foam when in use to tackle a fire such as the one that occurred at the North Mole on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 674, 675 and 677 of 2011.

**NO. 677 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – FIRE FIGHTING FOAM**

Can Government confirm that the fire fighting foam held in stock prior to the fire at the North Mole on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 was expired and was received second hand from the Ministry of Defence?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 674 of 2011**

In the last financial years, the City Fire Brigade has purchased the amount of foam that it considered necessary for their needs, that is, two tonnes. This was purchased in March 2010 from Angus Fire UK.

**Answer to Question No. 675 of 2011**

The City Fire Brigade held seven and a half tonnes of foam immediately prior to the recent fire at the North Mole.

**Answer to Question No. 676 of 2011**

If one unit containing 25 litres of concentrate is used, dependent on the discharge rate and the rate of application which is generally three per cent, the following would apply.

Using the Jet Master foam monitor, working at 10.5 bar pressure with AR-FFFP foam concentrate, the consumption of concentrate would be 46 litres per minute at three per cent.

**Answer to Question No. 677 of 2011**

The firefighting foam held in stock by the City Fire Brigade was not stock that was expired or that was received second hand from the MOD.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 674 TO 677 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

So the Minister can confirm then that all the stock that they had and they currently have is not out of date? There is not a single unit of foam that is out of date?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Not the foam that is, or has been acquired, or is in the possession of the City Fire Brigade.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Lady confirm that, in fact, when the Defence Fire Service has foam that is expired, it is used by, or it is given by the Defence Fire Service to the City Fire Brigade and that they use it for training purposes, which makes a lot of sense?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, that is correct. There is a quantity of ex-MOD expired foam which is used for training purposes but not very frequently because of environmental restraints. It is used in a specific area. I think it is in some sort of [*inaudible*]. But it is not normally used for training purposes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can that foam, as far as the hon Lady is aware, be used in an emergency as if it were not out of date? Is it a little bit like something one sees in the shelf of a supermarket that might continue to be useful even after its best before date. Or is it that chemically the compounds that make up the foam are no longer useful in the event of the need to use them in anger, so to speak, against the fire.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The information that I have is that the foam concentrate has a shelf life of ten years and it is certainly not desirable to use it after that date. I do not know whether a few years or a few months after the expiry date, as we have with some goods on supermarket shelves, it could be used. I do not have that information with me.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the hon Lady aware, or has she got any information that SERCO were storing foam. I think that the figures being given to the Opposition are 7,500 litres of foam but that this information was not made available to the City Fire Brigade at the time. Does she have any information about that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The only information that I have of some foam or allegations of foam not being available or rather, being available and nobody, extraordinarily, being aware of its existence, is something that I read in the hon Member's political organ newspaper and which referred to the tug Capable having foam which nobody was aware of. That is a ridiculous, if I may say so, proposition to make. To make such a proposition that the Chief Fire Officer, the C3 Co-ordinator, the Government, nobody in the essential services was aware that there was foam available to us. I mean, the proposition is rather absurd.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am not going to get into the minutiae of what the hon Lady has talked about. I do not think these are the sort of questions where we should be talking about what is, according to them, our party political organ and what might be, according to us, their party political organ which, of course, is funded by them using tax payer's money, although, what they say is our party political organ, is not. But the simple issue ...

**HON XXX**

Perish the thought.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes, perish the thought that we might talk about spending tax payers' money on doing your campaigning publicity. Anyway, those things are best swept under the carpet. The issue is a simply one, is it not, and it is not generally an issue where we are trying to make party political points because I think this is an important issue for both of us across the floor of the House and every member of this community. Is there a possibility, has the hon Lady, other than in a newspaper, had any information to suggest that, because of miscommunication, an agency in Gibraltar was holding foam which was not made available to the City Fire Brigade? That is the simple issue.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

For the record, I was not trying to make or score any political points. I was just stating a fact. The fact being that the hon Member has asked me a question on whether I was aware of any vessel or hideout containing foam which I was aware of and I am just stating the fact that the only time that I had been made aware of, through speculation, through their paper, is what I have just described. I am not aware of any other situation where foam has been held in Gibraltar that the essential services have not been aware of.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful. I just want to clarify, I was not talking about any vessel or any hideout. I mentioned exactly what I meant. I said SERCO and not on the vessel that the hon Lady mentioned or otherwise. But I am grateful that she has given the clarification

that, as far as she is aware, no agency in Gibraltar was holding foam which was not made available by miscommunication or otherwise to the City Fire Brigade. I am grateful for those clarifications.

**NO. 678 OF 2011****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 January 2011 inclusive?

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

Yes Mr Speaker. As follows:

	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	TOTAL
Total	1	1	5	1	1	9

ORAL

**NO. 679 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CLOSURE OF WARDS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL**

Can Government confirm that one or more wards at St Bernard's Hospital were closed earlier this year, can they say how many wards were closed, which wards were they and provide the reasons for the closure and the dates during which they were closed?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 680 to 682 of 2011.

**NO. 680 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – PRESUMED NOROVIRUS INFECTION AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL**

Can Government confirm at what facility in the UK confirmatory tests were conducted in order to establish whether the virus presumed to be the Norovirus had affected patients at St Bernard’s Hospital, on what date was the first sample sent for testing, on what date was the first result received and what was the conclusion?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 679, 681 and 682 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 681 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – PRESUMED NOROVIRUS INFECTION AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL**

Can Government say on what date the GHA took the decision to close down a ward at St Bernard’s Hospital because of the presumed Norovirus infection and on what date the GHA issued its first public statement on the matter to alert the general public of the situation?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 679, 680 and 682 of 2011.

**NO. 682 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – PRESUMED NOROVIRUS INFECTION AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL**

Can Government say how many patients were infected by the virus presumed to be the Norovirus that affected St Bernard's Hospital earlier this year, with a breakdown showing the number of patients per day that were affected, the date when this was diagnosed and the ward that the patients were in?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 679 of 2011**

Wards were never closed. Restricted visiting was implemented. The advice given was that one relative per patient could visit and only those relatives with no symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

Advice was also received to restrict unnecessary movement of patients in the affected wards to other departments unless absolutely necessary.

Wards affected were mainly Victoria Ward and Captain Murchison Ward, with smaller outbreaks in the acute wards of John and Dudley Toomey.

The reason for the restriction was due to an outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting in the wards, which had originated from cases in the community. The dates of restriction were from 8 February 2011 to 23 February 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 680 of 2011**

The tests were conducted at:

**Enteric Virus Unit  
Virus Reference Department  
Centre for Infections  
Health Protection Agency  
61 Colindale Avenue  
London NW9 5HT**

The first samples were sent to the Enteric Virus Unit on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 for Norovirus investigations.

All the results on all eight (8) samples were received on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011. In three (3) of the samples, out of the eight (8), Norovirus was detected.

**Answer to Question No. 681 of 2011**

As already answered in Question No. 582, the GHA did not close down any wards.

The GHA issued a public statement on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 682 of 2011**

The total number of reported symptomatic cases per ward with the following varied symptoms, that is, vomiting, diarrhoea, vomiting and diarrhoea, nausea and stomach cramps, were detected in the following wards:-

Victoria Ward	26 patients	8 staff
Captain Murchison Ward	16 patients	4 staff
John Ward	14 patients	6 staff
Dudley Toomey Ward	6 patients	2 staff

No cases were reported in Rainbow Ward, Maternity, ITU, John Cochrane Ward or KGV Hospital.

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**Continued Answer to Question No. 682 of 2011**

Breakdown of new symptomatic cases by day.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Victoria Ward</b>	<b>John Ward</b>	<b>Captain Murchison Ward</b>	<b>Dudley Toomey Ward</b>
01/02/11	1	0	0	0
02/02/11	1	0	0	0
03/02/11	0	0	0	0
04/02/11	3	1	0	0
05/02/11	1	0	0	0
06/02/11	3	0	0	0
07/02/11	4	1	0	0
08/02/11	7	0	0	0
09/02/11	5	2	4	0
10/02/11	5	4	5	3
11/02/11	2	6	0	0
12/02/11	1	0	1	2
13/02/11	0	1	0	2
14/02/11	0	4	0	1
15/02/11	0	0	0	0
16/02/11	0	0	0	0
17/02/11	0	1	0	0
18/02/11	0	0	6	0
19/02/11	0	0	3	0
20/02/11	0	0	1	0
21/02/11	0	0	0	0

No new symptomatic cases were reported after the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

May I add that, as mentioned above, the symptoms were very varied and probably not all the cases were norovirus infection. Eight representative samples were sent; 3 from Victoria Ward; 2 from John Ward; 2 from Dudley Ward and 1 from Captain Murchison Ward.

Of the eight samples sent, three (3) were positive; the two (2) from John Ward and one (1) from Dudley Toomey Ward.

**NO. 683 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – REGISTERED MENTAL NURSE**

How many persons applied for the posts of Registered Mental Nurses with the GHA that was advertised on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 with a closing date of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011, how many posts were vacant, 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. 684 to 689 of 2011.

**NO. 684 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST**

How many persons applied for the post of Clinical Psychologist with the GHA that was advertised on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 with a closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011, how many posts were vacant, 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. 683 and 685 to 689 of 2011.

**NO. 685 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – COOK**

How many persons applied for the post of Cook with the GHA that was advertised on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 with a closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011, how many posts were vacant, 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. 683, 684 and 686 to 689 of 2011.

**NO. 686 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – REGISTERED GENERAL NURSE (INTENSIVE CARE)**

How many persons applied for the post of Registered General Nurse (Intensive Care) that was advertised on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 with a closing date of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the post and, if so, is the successful applicant a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 683 to 685 and 687 to 689 of 2011.

**NO. 687 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – BIOMEDICAL ASSISTANT**

How many persons applied for the post of Biomedical Assistant with the GHA that was advertised on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 with a closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011, how many posts were vacant, 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. 683 to 686, 688 and 689 of 2011.

**NO. 688 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CLINICAL PHARMACIST**

How many persons applied for the post of Clinical Pharmacist with the GHA that was advertised on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011, how many posts were vacant, 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. 683 to 687 and 689 of 2011.

**NO. 689 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CLERK**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of GHA Clerk which was advertised on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011, how many posts were vacant, how many applicants were Gibraltarian and has anyone been selected for the post?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 683 of 2011**

Applications from non-Gibraltarians were received for two vacant posts. Two candidates were successful and have been appointed.

**Answer to Question No. 684 of 2011**

One application was received from a non-Gibraltarian for one vacant post. The applicant was successful and appointed to the post.

**Answer to Question No. 685 of 2011**

A total of four applications have been received for one vacancy, two of these are from Gibraltarians and interviews will be taking place very shortly.

**Answer to Question No. 686 of 2011**

One application was received for the one vacant post from a non-Gibraltarian. The applicant was successful and appointed to the post.

**Answer to Question No. 687 of 2011**

A total of 18 applications were received, 17 of these were from Gibraltarians three of whom have been appointed to the three vacant posts.

**Answer to Question No. 688 of 2011**

A total of nine applications were received, three of these were from Gibraltarians one of whom was appointed to the vacant post.

**Answer to Question No. 689 of 2011**

A total of 93 applications have been received for two vacancies. Eighty-seven of these are from Gibraltarians and interviews will be taking place. In fact, they took place after this answer was drafted, that is, on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 683 TO 689 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

Does the hon Member have the nationality of the Clinical Psychologist that was appointed? That is Question No. 684 of 2011.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No. I am afraid not. I would need prior notice of that question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are any of these jobs on contract?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Off the top of my head, apart from the GHA Clerk, the Biomedical Assistant and the Cook, I believe that the others are all on a three year contract.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The others are what, all on contract?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Three year contract.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are these three year contracts with the 25 per cent tax free gratuity?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

With what, sorry. Could he repeat that question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes. The three year contracts for these jobs. Are they still with the 25 per cent terminal gratuity? Tax free terminal gratuity?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am afraid I do not have that information. I can find out and write to the hon Member.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Just on that point and on a perhaps wider matter, is the hon Member or any of the hon Members aware of any change of policy in the Government in awarding these three year contracts, which usually, as we understand it, have had the 25 per cent gratuity. So, is it to be assumed that, if there is a three year contract, that will have the 25 per cent gratuity unless there has been a change of policy by the Government? Has there been that change of policy?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I have just replied to the Hon Mr Bossano that I do not know the answer to his question which is similar to the one that you have just asked.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I have asked a wider question on policy. Are any of the Hon Ministers here aware of the Government policy on that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The Government policy on what. Could he repeat it please.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

On whether there has been a change that contract workers on three years are given 25 per cent tax free gratuity at the end. That has been the Government policy as we understand it. Has that changed?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

As far as I am aware, it still has not changed. What I do not know is whether the posts that I have just described fall within that category.

ORAL

**NO. 690 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – A & E DEPARTMENT**

How many patients were seen at A & E in each calendar year since January 2008?

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Answer to Question No. 690 of 2011**

The number of patients seen at A&E in each calendar year since 2008 is as follows:

2008

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
3460	3139	2639	3412	2597	2315	2699	2452	2676	2830	2588	2813

2009

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2748	2986	3015	2829	2334	2243	2304	2579	2330	2074	1969	2212

2010

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July*	Aug*	Sept*	Oct*	Nov*	Dec
2145	2269	2514	2618	2330	2310	2405	2510	2623	2730	2476	2488

2011

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
2794	2506	2867	2676	2803

\* Data for July 2010-Nov 2010 yet to be validated.

ORAL

**NO. 691 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CANCELLED OPERATIONS**

Can Government list the dates, since January 2011 inclusive 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. 692 to 694 of 2011.

**NO. 692 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – CANCELLED KEYHOLE SURGERY OPERATIONS**

Can Government state how many keyhole surgery operations have been cancelled since January 2011 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. 691, 693 and 694 of 2011.

**NO. 693 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**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. 691, 692 and 694 of 2011.

**NO. 694 OF 2011**

**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 Nos. 691, 692 and 694 of 2011**

The information requested is contained in the attached schedules.

**Answer to Question No. 693 of 2011**

The answer to this question has been provided in the written answer to Question No. W94 of 2011.

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Continued Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011

Answer to Question No. 691 of 2011

**Cancellations January 2011**

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Total
Medical Bed availability		2 1	5	6	(2)	1		14 (2) 1
Per patient			4	2	1			7
No show	1				(2)		3	4 (2)
No longer required			1	1				2
Equipment failure			3					3
Out of theatre time				1				1
Total	1	3	13	10	1 (4)	1	3	36
( ) minor ops								

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Continued Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011  
Continued Answer to Question No. 691 of 2011

Cancellations February 2011								
Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Total
Medical Bed availability		1	2	1	(2)		1	5 (2)
Per patient	1		1	1	1		1	5
No show							3	3
No longer required					(1)			(1)
Surgeon sick	6							6
Receipt of Radiology consumable delayed					1			1
Equipment failure			3					3
No surgeon due to emergency					(2)			(2)
Norovirus				4	1			5
Out of theatre time					2			2
Total	7	1	6	9	13 (5)		5	46

( ) minor ops

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Continued Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011  
Continued Answer to Question No. 691 of 2011

**Cancellations March 2011**

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Total
Medical Bed availability		2		2	1	1		6
Per patient				2				2
No show				1	1 (1)		2	4 (1)
No longer required					1 (1)			1 (1)
Total	-	2	-	7	11 (2)	1	2	25

( ) minor ops

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Continued Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011  
Continued Answer to Question No. 691 of 2011

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Cancellations April 2011					Pain Relief	Total
		Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery / Minor	Oral Surgery		
Medical Bed availability	4	1		1			1	3
Per patient		2		3	7			16
No show							1	1
No longer required	1						1	1
Out of theatre time		1		2	1			4
Orthopaedic equipment break down requiring replacement				1				1
Surgeon sick					3			3
Total	5	4	-	7	11	-	3	30
( ) minor ops								

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Continued Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011  
Continued Answer to Question No. 691 of 2011

Cancellations May 2011

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery / Minor	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Total
Medical Bed availability	2			3	1	1		7
Per patient					(1)		1	1 (1)
No show						1	4	5
No longer required			1					1
Surgeon sick				2				2
Total	2	-	1	5	1 (1)	2	5	17
() minor ops								

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Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011

Answer to Question No. 692 of 2011

Cancellations keyhole surgery

	No beds	Surgeon sick
January 2011	-	-
February 2011	2	-
March 2011	1	-
April 2011	-	2
May 2011	-	-

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**Continued Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 694 of 2011**

**Longest on waiting list and reason**

	Date listed	Reason
ENT	2/2/10	Personal choice
General Surgery Mr Sene	24/6/09	Personal choice
General Surgery Mr Grama	16/2/10	Personal choice
Minor ops	2/6/10	Waiting lists for minor ops around 6 months for non urgent cases
Gynaecology Mr White	30/9/10	Personal choice
Gynaecology Mrs Winge	26/1/09	Personal choice
Ophthalmology	12/11/10	Personal choice
Orthopaedics Mr Ruiz	4/11/10	Personal choice
Orthopaedics Mr Boerger	5/5/10	Personal choice
Plastic Surgery	1998	Extensive waiting list

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 691 TO 694 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

In answer to previous questions on the number of cancellations and the reasons why, when I have pointed out in the past, when there have been a high number of cancellations due to bed availability, the explanation has been that during the winter months it is normal that there should be more cancellations due to bed availability or non-availability because it is the flu season and so on. There seems to be quite a high number in March and April, sixteen of the total number of operations cancelled because of bed availability and ten in March with the other reasons, not being quite so high. So is there any particular reason why that would have happened during that time?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I asked the same question myself, because obviously every time I ask why they peak during the winter, and I was told that this year the flu epidemic dragged on into those months. Apart from the fact that we might have had more people with other acute illnesses and the occupancy at the hospital was higher.

**NO. 695 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – WAITING LISTS FOR ULTRASOUND TESTS / CT SCANS / MRI SCANS**

Can Government say how many people are on the GHA waiting list for Ultrasound tests, CT Scans or MRI Scans and indicate from what date the person who has been longest on each list has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

There is no waiting list for CT Scans or for MRI Scans. Urgent Ultrasounds are done immediately and there is a ten week waiting time for routine Ultrasound Scans. The person waiting for longest for a routine Ultrasound has been waiting since 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

As I speak ... I mentioned to the hon Member before, when he was questioning me on the Ultrasound waiting list, that we have periodical initiatives. Another one is being planned again to clear the backlog. But, I also appreciate that this is not a long-term solution. So basically, I want to pass on this information to the hon Member which is that following the conclusion of the appeal of the Radiologist, that was dismissed by the GHA, the GHA is now in a position to recruit the third Radiologist. Negotiations are underway with an individual who is interested in taking a one year sabbatical to come and work with us and if this materialises and hopefully it will, by the way the negotiations are going, Ultrasound waiting lists will be permanently, significantly reduced. At the end of that year, when this person hopefully comes and works with us on a sabbatical period, a competition will be held for the third Radiologist and I am already informed that there is a local who will have qualified by that time and is very interested in applying. So, hopefully, by the end of next year we will be in a position to have cleared permanently the backlog of the Ultrasound waiting list.

**NO. 696 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – BREAST CANCER SCREENING**

Can Government say with what frequency are women, who have been diagnosed with breast cancer in the past and been given the all clear, being screened again and what is the procedure in such cases?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 697 to 704 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 697 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – BREAST CANCER SCREENING**

Can Government confirm the frequency with which women, who have previously had breast cancer, are being screened if they were given the all clear more than five years ago?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696 and 698 to 704 of 2011.

**NO. 698 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – BREAST SCREENING PROGRAMME**

Can Government list the criteria that was used by the GHA to select the women who took part in the pilot breast-screening programme?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696, 697 and 699 to 704 of 2011.

**NO. 699 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – BREAST SCREENING PROGRAMME**

Can Government say how and by whom the women who took part in the pilot breast-screening programme were selected?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696 to 698 and 700 to 704 of 2011.

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**NO. 700 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government say how many persons are waiting for a mammogram under the pilot routine structured mammography service and indicate from what date the person who has been on the list for longest has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696 to 699 and 701 to 704 of 2011.

**NO. 701 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government provide a breakdown, on a monthly basis, of the number of women who have been invited for a mammogram and the number of mammograms that have been carried out since the structured routine mammography service commenced?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696 to 700 and 702 to 704 of 2011.

**NO. 702 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

How many women have had mammograms under the routine structured mammography service, on a monthly basis, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696 to 701, 703 and 704 of 2011.

**NO. 703 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government say how many persons are waiting for a mammogram after being referred by a GP and indicate from what date the person who has been on the list for longest has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 696 to 702 and 704 of 2011.

**NO. 704 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

Can Government say how many persons are currently waiting 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 Nos. 696 and 697 of 2011**

Once a patient is given the all clear, the patient would be screened depending on the age criteria. These women are screened according to European Guidelines for Breast Screening for the age group, that is, between 40 and 49 they would be screened on a yearly basis, between 50 and 64 on a two yearly basis and between 65 and 74 on a three yearly basis.

**Answer to Question No. 698 of 2011**

Women within the age groups for breast screening and who had not had a mammogram in the past year or two, were selected depending on the age groups that I have just described.

**Answer to Question No. 699 of 2011**

Women were selected by a Radiology working team. The team consisted of the Radiology Services Manager, the Mammographer and the Co-ordinating Clerk.

The team reviewed all pending routine requests which met the criteria for breast screening and selected these cases for the pilot.

**Answer to Question No. 700 of 2011**

As I already told the hon Member in answer to Question No. 93 of 2011, the pilot scheme finished in November 2010.

**Answer to Question No. 701 of 2011**

	Invited	Attended
January 2011	179	108
February 2011	210	139
March 2011	224	170
April 2011	208	143
May 2011	236	150

**Answer to Question No. 702 of 2011**

The information has already been provided in answer to Question No. 701 of 2011. In fact, I have just read out the information.

**Answer to Question No. 703 of 2011**

Women are not referred by GPs. Women are invited from the GHA registration data base.

**Answer to Question No. 704 of 2011**

Screening mammograms are reported within 48 hours of receipt of images. Ladies receive results within two weeks depending on postal times. Results of mammograms performed on symptomatic patients are provided within five working days.

**NO. 705 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

On what date did King's College London NHS Trust commence the provision of a remote mammogram reading programme for the GHA, what are the terms and conditions of the agreement and what is its duration?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 706 of 2011.

**NO. 706 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – MAMMOGRAMS**

What is the cost of the remote reading service for mammograms which is being provided to the GHA by King's College London NHS Trust?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 705 of 2011**

The programme started on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It is an annual renewable contract.

The terms of the contract include:

1. It has a fixed price for one year.
2. It has built in Clinical Governance responsibilities including Audit for Quality Assurance.
3. Mammograms have a double reading by two separate Radiologists.
4. Additional views requested are reported at no additional cost.

**Answer to Question No. 706 of 2011**

The cost per patient is £25.

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**NO. 707 OF 2011**

**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 January 2011 to date on a monthly basis?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 708 and 709 of 2011.

**NO. 708 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – SETTLEMENT OF COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES OUT OF COURT**

Can Government say how much it has paid out to claimants against the GHA for the settlement of complaints/disputes out of court in the financial year 2010/2011, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 707 and 709 of 2011.

**NO. 709 OF 2011****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 financial year 2010/2011, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question No. 707 of 2011**

Month	Formal	Informal
January 2011	2	11
February 2011	1	12
March 2011	6	11
April 2011	5	5
May 2011	7	4

**Answer to Question No. 708 of 2011**

The Government has paid out £136,685.83 for complaints/disputes settled out of court in the financial year 2010/2011.

**Answer to Question No. 709 of 2011**

There have been 14 complaints/disputes which involved a payment by the GHA to the complainant to settle the matter out of court.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 707 TO 709 OF 2011****HON N F COSTA:**

Sorry, Mr Speaker, was it that there were 14 complaints that were settled or a total of 14 complained which, in fact, have now been settled?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

There have been 14 complaints which have involved a payment by the GHA to settle out of court.

**NO. 710 OF 2011**

**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. 711 and 712 of 2011.

**NO. 711 OF 2011**

**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 January 2011, 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. 710 and 712 of 2011.

**NO. 712 OF 2011****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 January 2011 to date on a monthly basis?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question No. 710 of 2011**

The information requested is contained in the attached schedule.

**Answer to Question No. 711 of 2011**

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11
<b>NO. OF PATIENTS SEEN BY GPS</b>	15,717	14,423	15,795	13,754	14,890

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11
<b>NO. OF CHILDREN AGED 16 OR UNDER</b>	1,276	1,153	966	892	1,122

**Answer to Question No. 712 of 2011**

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11
<b>HOUSE CALLS</b>	380	206	249	238	167

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

**Continued Answer to Question No. 712 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 710 of 2011**

Dr Cortes	3	weeks
Dr Flores	3	weeks
Dr Negrette	4	weeks
Dr Penrice	4.5	weeks
Dr Fitzpatrick	6	weeks
Dr Gupta	6	weeks
Dr Thoppil	6	weeks
Dr Montero	8	weeks
Dr Robles	8	weeks
Dr Poyatos	8.5	weeks
Dr Ferrera	13	weeks
Dr Jones	13	weeks
Dr Chichon	13.5	weeks
Dr Galloway	13.5	weeks
Dr Pinto-Ocana	14	weeks
Dr Mena	15	weeks

In addition to the advance appointments, each GP has 10 appointments which are only made available on the clinic day.

**NO. 713 OF 2011****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 January 2011 to date?

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

Month	Prescriptions Provided
January 2011	89
February 2011	99
March 2011	122
April 2011	116
May 2011	100

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**NO. 714 OF 2011**

**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 and on what date was the last case diagnosed?

**ANSWER**

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

One hundred and seventeen. The last case was diagnosed on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**NO. 715 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – VACCINATION AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER**

Can Government say how many females were administered the vaccination against cervical cancer since January 2011, with a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

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

**Females vaccinated for HPV (Cervical Cancer) monthly since January 2011:**

HPV Vaccine	January 2011: <b>3</b>	February 2011: <b>0</b>	March 2011: <b>144</b>	April 2011: <b>5</b>	May 2011: <b>1</b>
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**NO. 716 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – PROVISION OF CHEMOTHERAPY SERVICES BY ALGECIRAS CLINIC**

What is the cost of the contract with the clinic in Spain (Algeciras) which provides chemotherapy services to the GHA?

**ANSWER**

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

The GHA is invoiced on a monthly basis by Clinica Radon which provides our Oncology services. The amount spent in financial year 2010/2011 was £446,610.54. This includes all costs for Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy and Oncology consultation treatment.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Could the hon Member repeat again the name of the clinic as I did not catch the name?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Clinica Radon in Algeciras.

**NO. 717 OF 2011**

**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 January 2011 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 718 of 2011.

**NO. 718 OF 2011**

**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 GHA premises by security staff when instances of verbal or threatened physical abuse have been recorded, on a monthly basis, since January 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 717 of 2011**

One zero tolerance letter was issued on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 718 of 2011**

MONTH	NUMBER OF OCCASIONS
Feb-11	2
Mar-11	1
April-11	5
May-11	1

**NO. 719 OF 2011**

**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 January 2011, 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. 720 of 2011.

**NO. 720 OF 2011**

**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 January 2011, what was the level of atmospheric pressure at these centres in each case?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 719 of 2011**

None.

**Answer to Question No. 720 of 2011**

None.

**NO. 721 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

How many children who have been placed on GHA dental waiting lists have been self-referred for elective dental treatment, on a monthly basis, for each month of 2011 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 722 of 2011.

**NO. 722 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – DENTAL SERVICE**

Can Government say how many people are currently on each of the GHA's dental waiting lists showing the date from which the person who has been on the list for longest has been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 721 of 2011**

It is not possible to distinguish between patients on the waiting lists that have been self-referred and those referred by a private dental practitioner.

The total number of children placed on the GHA dental waiting list for the first five months of this year is 129. January 32, February 62, March 35, April none and May none.

**Answer to Question No. 722 of 2011**

I am pleased to state that, currently, there is no waiting list for children's dentistry, welfare patients or for patients requiring dentures.

On the orthodontic waiting list, there are 184 patients and the patient waiting the longest was placed on the list on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009.

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**NO. 723 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – WAITING LIST TO SEE OPTICIAN**

Can Government say how many people are on the waiting list to see an optician at the GHA and from what date has the person on the list for longest been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 724 to 727 of 2011.

**NO. 724 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – EYE DEPARTMENT WAITING LISTS**

How many different waiting lists are held by the Eye Department at St Bernard's Hospital, how many persons are there on each list, what are the names of the different lists and how long has the person on each of the lists who has been there for longest been waiting?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 723 and 725 to 727 of 2011.

**NO. 725 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – APPOINTMENT TO SEE OPTICIAN**

Can Government confirm that persons requiring an appointment to see an optician with the GHA in January 2011 were being offered dates in 2013, even if they had been referred by a GP?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 723, 724, 726 and 727 of 2011.

**NO. 726 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – SUBSIDISED SPECTACLES**

Can Government provide a monthly breakdown by amount and by dispensing optician of the number of subsidised spectacles issued under the scheme for children aged 16 or under showing also the amount of money paid to each?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 723 to 725 and 727 of 2011.

**NO. 727 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – SUBSIDISED SPECTACLES**

Can Government say how many children aged 16 or under availed themselves of the opportunity for subsidised spectacles which was announced by the GHA in November 2010, with a breakdown on a monthly basis showing also the amount spent by the GHA/Government on the scheme and including those prescriptions that were issued six months before the official commencement date of the scheme?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CIVIL PROTECTION****Answer to Question Nos. 723 and 725 of 2011**

The GHA does not employ an Optician.

**Answer to Question No. 724 of 2011**

The waiting lists, with waiting times, held by the Eye Department are:

	<b>Waiting List</b>	<b>Waiting Time</b>
<b>Ophthalmologist</b>	0	0
<b>Ophthalmic Nurses</b>	0	0
<b>Orthoptist</b>	0	0

The Optometrist is the other list within the Eye Department. The Optometrist is currently away on maternity leave and it has not been possible to obtain accurate information. The information will be forwarded to the hon Member as soon as it is available.

**Answer to Question No. 726 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 727 of 2011**

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

Continued Answer to Question No. 727 of 2011

Answer to Question No. 726 of 2011

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MONTH	EYE STUDIO	EYE STUDIO SPECS	GACHE	GACHE SPECS	OPTIMEYES	OPTIMEYES SPECS	PASSANO	PASSANO SPECS
JAN	£ 452.30	10	£ 575.20	11	£ 62.60	1	£ 281.10	6
FEB	£ 1,212.40	26	£ 486.20	10	£ 469.00	9	£ 576.40	13
MAR	£ 131.10	3	£ 43.70	1	£ 349.60	8	£ 809.40	19
APR	£ 1,434.20	31	£ 1,366.10	30	£ -	0	£ 737.00	16
MAY	£ -	0	£ -	0	£ 393.30	9	£ 592.50	12

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**Answer to Question No. 727 of 2011**

**Payments for under 16 spectacle by month**

Date	Prescriptions issued before the commencement date of the scheme	Number of Payments	Prescriptions issued after the commencement date of the scheme	Number of Payments
Nov-10				
Dec-10				
Jan-11	£429.90	9	£941.30	19
Feb-11	£295.70	6	£2,448.30	52
Mar-11	£174.80	4	£1,159.00	26
Apr-11	£72.40	2	£3,464.90	76
May-11	£0.00	0	£985.80	21

ORAL

**NO. 728 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD**

Can Government say how often and on what dates the Medical Registration Board has met since January 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 729 of 2011.

**NO. 729 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD**

Can Government say how many complaints have been heard by the Medical Registration Board since January 2011 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 728 of 2011**

The Medical Registration Board met on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 729 of 2011**

No complaints have been received by the Board between January and May 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 730 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – HEALTH CARD**

Can Government confirm whether a married female who has reached pensionable age and has to renew her health card is able to do this on the basis of her own social insurance contributions as a single woman or will she be treated as a dependent of her husband and only be able to renew her health card on the basis of his contributions as opposed to her own?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 731 of 2011.

**NO. 731 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – HEALTH CARD**

Can Government confirm whether a married female pensioner who has paid for her own social insurance contributions for over six years is entitled to renew her health card without reference to whatever contributions her husband may have made?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question Nos. 730 and 731 of 2011**

In keeping with the provisions of section 5 of the Medical (Group Practice Scheme) Act, persons registered under the Scheme are required to pay contributions as prescribed by Regulations.

The entitlement of such persons is extended to “Dependants” and is defined in section 2 of the Act and includes the spouse of a registered person.

The Social Assistance Fund pays contributions on behalf of old age pensioners who are not working and who are not dependants of a working spouse.

No contributions are made by the Social Assistance Fund in respect of persons who are working and paying contributions nor are they made in respect of dependants of such contributors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 730 AND 731 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Mr Speaker, are the contributions, that the hon Member is speaking about, the ones that we see in the Estimates book which is always the same every year and is supposed to cover people who are not working and, therefore, is not actually quantified. No exercise is ever done to say, well the contribution is so much for so many people. It is just something like £3.5 million which is passed over. Is that not the case?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

He is referring to the Social Assistance Fund? Yes, that is correct, Mr Speaker. What he has just described.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

To suggest that in one case people are being paid for who are identified as if there was a record of a payment having been made on their behalf is not the case. This is just a global figure which has been there for the last fifteen or twenty years and takes no account of either the fluctuations in unemployment or fluctuations in pensioners.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

In fact, for the last, not fifteen, twenty, Mr Speaker, or a bit more than that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Or more than that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Mr Speaker, I forgot to add something which is very important. I assume that the hon Member is trying to get to the bottom of the debate that we recently had on free prescriptions and all that. I am sure the hon Member is aware that we have already announced amendments in the law to allow every pensioner or person over sixty to be entitled to free prescriptions irrespective of whether they work or not.

**NO. 732 OF 2011****THE HON N F COSTA****GHA – AMOUNT OWED BY PATIENT FOR TREATMENT RECEIVED**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £241,200 owed by one patient to the GHA as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 according to page 21 of the Report of the Principal Auditor for the year 2009/2010, with an explanation of the treatment received and the reason why it is chargeable?

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

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

Charges relate to an unregistered person who remains as an in-patient in hospital, despite having been medically discharged.

**Answer to Question No. 732 of 2011**

DATE FROM	DATE TO	No. OF DAYS	TOTAL
14/07/2009	31/07/2009	18	£ 8,100.00
01/08/2009	31/08/2009	31	£ 13,950.00
01/09/2009	30/09/2009	30	£ 13,500.00
01/10/2009	31/10/2009	31	£ 13,950.00
01/11/2009	30/11/2009	30	£ 13,500.00
01/12/2009	31/12/2009	31	£ 13,950.00
01/01/2010	31/01/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
01/02/2010	28/02/2010	28	£ 12,600.00
01/03/2010	31/03/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
01/04/2010	30/04/2010	30	£ 13,500.00
01/05/2010	31/05/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
01/06/2010	30/06/2010	30	£ 13,500.00
01/07/2010	31/07/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
01/08/2010	31/08/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
01/09/2010	30/09/2010	30	£ 13,500.00
01/10/2010	31/10/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
01/11/2010	31/11/2010	30	£ 13,500.00
01/12/2010	31/12/2010	31	£ 13,950.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 241,200.00</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 732 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

Perhaps, the hon Member can give us more particulars as to the circumstances in which a person who is being medically discharged remains in hospital, given other instances in the past where people who have been medically discharged have been taken to their homes and we do not want to go into the particulars of other historic cases but I am sure the hon Member is aware of those?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes. I do not want to give a lot of detail or any detail at all actually about this particular case, and I am happy to provide it to the hon Member once we have our break, but he must note the emphasis that I have placed on an unregistered person.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Yes.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I can explain to the hon Member when we have one of our breaks, the details surrounding this particular case.

**NO. 733 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**GHA – ANNUAL REPORT**

When was the last Annual Report of the GHA published and when will the next Annual Report be published?

**ANSWER**

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

The last Annual Report of the GHA was published in September 2009. The next Report will be published, happily, in September 2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 733 OF 2011**

**HON N F COSTA:**

So not in time for the budget session?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Sorry?

**HON N F COSTA:**

Not in time for the budget session?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Obviously not.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So the annual report is not annual?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No. I explained in the preface of the report which I know the Hon Mr Costa read very avidly because he used most of it for his budget. He is asking for it again this year. I did preface it by saying that we had moved on from the annual report to maybe two, three or four yearly, depending on the information that we had available. It happens to be that, very happily, we have loads of information to offer in September 2011. So that is why we are ...

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I think we can all support information being available. It does not have to be a partisan thing.

**HON N F COSTA:**

[*Inaudible*] for budgets where we could use it very avidly in our Budget speech.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

This is an annual report which is not annual. Yes, yes. That is right. Every four years.

ORAL

**NO. 734 OF 2011**

**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**

The Development Appeals Tribunal has not met since this question was asked last in this Parliament.

**NO. 735 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GHA – BURNS KITS AVAILABILITY**

Can Government confirm that there were no burns kits available at St Bernard's on the day of the major incident at the Port, namely 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

Government can confirm that St Bernard's Hospital, and more precisely the Accident and Emergency Department, did have burns kits to deal with burnt casualties. The A&E Department had all the resources available to them to enable them to successfully and efficiently stabilise the casualty as a result of which he was successfully transferred to the Burns Unit in Seville. I take this opportunity, Mr Speaker, to publicly thank all the staff at A&E who did such an excellent job in transferring the patient.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, I am very grateful for that answer and I want to associate this side of the House with the congratulations that the hon Lady has extended to the individuals at A&E, as she extended her own views, when I shared those thoughts, to all the emergency services, naming them all, including the GHA. So, I am very grateful for that clarification. I am very pleased to associate myself with those remarks.

**NO. 736 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD**

What is the operational status of the Medical Registration Board after the passing of the Qualifications (Rights to Practise) Act and has the relevant Competent Authority, as defined in section 2(1) of that Act, now been designated?

**ANSWER**

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

No appointment of a Competent Authority has been made yet under section 2(1) of the Qualifications (Right to Practise) Act. By virtue of section 63(2), the Medical Registration Board's responsibilities, as they relate to the medical professions, continue in force, save that it cannot enforce any provision of the Medical and Health Act which conflicts with the 2009 Act.

Section 63(2) of the Act provides that in any conflict between this Act and any existing enactment, this Act shall prevail. Subject to this, nothing in this Act shall affect the continued operation of an existing enactment which applies to professions covered by this Act.

Accordingly, the Medical Registration Board retains full competence under the Medical and Health Act, but this last mentioned Act cannot be applied in manner incompatible with the provisions of the Qualifications (Rights to Practise) Act.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 736 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Lady knows that it is now two years since the passing of the Act. When does she expect that the Competent Authority will be designated?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am informed, as the hon Member will appreciate, this is ... In fact, it is one of the most complicated pieces of legislation that has come out of Brussels in recent times and it affects a wide scope of professions in Gibraltar, not just the medical profession. I am informed by the European Union and International Department of the Government that, because of the complexity, they are looking at appointing more than one Competent Authority. In the meantime, as it relates to the GHA, I am

satisfied that the MRB is carrying out the duties that they would need to be carrying out under this Act and that they are competent to do so. In terms of whether other competent authorities are to be appointed in the future, it is not my domain and I would not know.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful for that and I will not press her in relation to areas which are not related to the GHA. But would the hon Lady have any idea when the relevant competent authority to deal with GHA matters is going to be appointed? Not the others. I understand that she would not be involved in anything to do with architects or lawyers but in respect of the GHA and the medical profession.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I think the hon Member knows as well that I am not the person that is mentioned in the Act responsible for appointing the Competent Authority, neither in the GHA or anywhere else. The EUID has explained to me that because of the complexities of the implementation of this Act, they are looking at different things to facilitate it for the competent authorities that they have in mind. For example, they have mentioned something like establishing a website portal with the links to the different appointed competent authorities so that they can each have the IT infrastructure and capability of accessing the EU network. The truth is that the decision lies with the EUID and, as far as the GHA is concerned, as I said, I am satisfied that at the moment until the Competent Authority is appointed, the MRB are doing their duties in a manner which is compatible with both the Medical and Health Act and the Qualifications (Right to Practise) Act.

ORAL

**NO. 737 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HEAD 5-B YOUTH , SUBHEAD 2(2)(a) YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND 2(2)(b) YOUTH GRANTS – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN**

Can Government give this Parliament a breakdown on what it has spent in the Government of Gibraltar Revenue and Expenditure, Family, Youth and Community Affairs on item Head 5-B Youth, Subhead 2(2) Operational Expenses, (a) Youth Activities and (b) Youth Grants, respectively in the last four financial years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

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

**Answer to Question No. 737 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 571 of 2011**

The current expenditure that has been spent on youth clubs in the last four financial years is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Plater Youth Club</b>	<b>Dolphins Youth Club</b>	<b>Youth Centre</b>	<b>Laguna Youth Club</b>	<b>Joint Projects*</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007/08	£4,303	£5,078	£6,042	£3,303	£6,851	£25,577
2008/09	£2,192	£1,485	£3,938	£2,835	£8,765	£19,215
2009/10	£3,809	£2,693	£5,069	£1,290	£8,850	£21,711
2010/11	£2,752	£3,002	£5,967	£3,306	£4,566	£19,593

- \* Joint Projects consists of expenditure between the collective youth clubs and entails: Youth Exchanges, Disadvantaged groups, Cheshire Home groups, Training initiatives, Careers PSHE Audio Visual Skills

## **Continued Answer to Question No. 737 of 2011**

### **Answer to Question No. 737 of 2011**

A breakdown of the expenditure incurred under Head 5B Youth, Subhead 2(2) Operational Expenses (a) Youth Activities and (b) Youth Grants in the last four financial years is as follows:

#### **Youth Activities**

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#### **Youth Grants**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Duke of Edinburgh</b>	<b>Catholic Young Volunteers</b>	<b>Joint Youth Club Project</b>	<b>Wellington Front Youth Project</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007/08	£4,920	£5,230	£7,330	£1,500	£1,020		£20,000
2008/09	£2,634	£4,846	£11,520				£19,000
2009/10	£4,216	£9,425	£6,359				£20,000
2010/11	£6,340	£6,330	£6,330			£1,000	£20,000

**NO. 738 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**GASA SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government state whether the full survey to the air heating/treatment by the conditioning/treatment consultant has been completed for the 25 metre Westside swimming pool?

**ANSWER**

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

The full survey to the air treatment system at the GSLA 25 metre swimming pool has not yet been fully completed. It is expected to be available shortly.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 738 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can he at least give us what he means by shortly? That was the answer he gave the last time I asked this question. It was shortly and we have now moved on nearly, I think it is six to eight months, and it is still shortly. Can he give us an indication as to what shortly means for him?

**HON E J REYES:**

I am aware that there was a meeting being held at 9.00 o'clock this morning between the Chief Executive of the Authority and the consultant who prepared the report. Unfortunately, I have not been able to talk to my Chief Executive since then. So I cannot add further. But it does remain shortly and all I can say like I have said before is, how long is a piece of string?

**NO. 739 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**25 METRE SWIMMING POOL AND POOL FOR THE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND TEACHING OF SWIMMING**

Can Government provide an itinerary of the use of both the senior citizens and Westside swimming pools giving a breakdown by people or groups using the facilities, day, time and by swimming pool, respectively?

**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 opposite. The details contained therein show the seasonal use of both the 25 metre pool and the pool for the elderly, disabled and the teaching of swimming and I stress that nomenclature so that the hon Member and myself, in future, either in correspondence or at Question Time, know exactly which pools we are talking about. The correct nomenclature is the 25 metre swimming pool and the other one, sometimes more affectionately known as the new pool, is called the swimming pool for the elderly, disabled and teaching of swimming.

**Answer to Question 739 of 2011**

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

**WINTER SEASON**

**1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2010 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2011**

SUMMER OPENING HOURS (1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER) FOR DISABLED AND ELDERLY USE BETWEEN 10AM – 8PM.- 7 days a week

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am – 10.00am	School Use	PAAMOA	Pool Maintenance	School Use	School use		CLOSED
10.00am - 12.00pm		Elderly exclusively	GHA Parent & baby				
12.00pm - 1.00pm	GHA Parent & baby	School Use	School Use	GHA Parent & baby	SDU		
1.00pm - 2.00pm				School Use 1.30 – 2.30pm	PAAMOA	PAAMOA	
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Ladies Only	GASA Mother & Toddler	PAAMOA	Disabled Exclusively 2.30 – 4.30pm	GHA Parent & baby	Disabled Exclusively	
3.00pm – 4.00pm							
4.00pm – 5.00pm	GASA Mother & Toddler		GASA Mother & Toddler		GASA Mother & Toddler		
5.00pm – 9.00pm	GASA	GASA	GASA	GASA	GASA	CLOSED	

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**Contd Answer to Question 739 of 2011**

**25-METER SWIMMING POOL**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2011  
AUGUST CLOSED**

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7.30am 10.00am	PUBLIC USE	PUBLIC USE	PUBLIC USE	PUBLIC USE	PUBLIC USE	9am – 3pm GASA + Waterpolo	CLOSED
10.00am 12.30pm	----- SCHOOL USE -----						
12.30pm 5.00pm	PUBLIC USE 4pm – 5pm Special Olympics	PUBLIC USE 4pm – 5pm 1 Lane DSSGG	PUBLIC USE 4pm – 5pm 1 Lane DSSGG	PUBLIC USE 4pm – 5pm Special Olympics	PUBLIC USE 4pm – 5pm 1 Lane DSSGG	3pm – 5pm Public Use 1 Lane DSSGG	
5.00pm 10.15pm	GASA	GASA	GASA	GASA	GASA	GASA	

**ABBREVIATIONS AS FOLLOWS**

PAAMOA	-	Physical Activities Association for Mature Older Adults
SDU	-	Sports Development Unit
GASA	-	Gibraltar Amateur Swimming Association
GHA	-	Gibraltar Health Authority
DSSGG	-	Down Syndrome Support Group Gibraltar

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 739 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Mr Speaker, we hope that this is probably the last time that we have to put questions to the other side. Not only that, but the quote of the senior citizens pool has come from answers to questions from the other side to me. This is why I have quoted verbatim as they have written it. So thank you for the information anyway.

**NO. 740 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**25 METRE SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on maintenance, minor works and/or major works in the 25 metre Westside swimming pool in the last four financial years, giving a breakdown by year.

**ANSWER**

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

Government has spent a total of £45,959.26 in 2007/2008, £38,974.62 in 2008/2009, £34,013.84 in 2009/2010 and £40,640.89 in 2010/2011 on maintenance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 740 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

The Minister has given me global figures for every year and the question relates to maintenance, minor works and major works. As I understand it, probably this amount also includes the maintenance of the actual pool which means the liquid, putting all the chemicals into the pool, the contract that the Government have or the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority have with the person who cleans up the pool regularly and that is why I have specifically broken it down into three. Maintenance, minor works. Minor works could be the changing rooms, the side of the pool and major works could be changing all the windows to the pool. So, can the Minister be more specific as to the figure. For example, he mentioned 2007/2008 of £45,959.26. Can he give us a breakdown of where he has spent that money?

**HON E J REYES:**

Yes, this Minister can provide this especially now that the question has been clarified. The question asks for a breakdown in the financial years. It did not, in my understanding, ask for a breakdown on maintenance, minor works or major works. But I am gladly providing the information. For the year 2007/2008, under the heading of general expenses it is £1,019.60; for cleaning materials it is £1,581.76; for maintenance expenses, which is what the hon Member suspected [*inaudible*] for the expenditure, it is £35,339.45 and what the accounting staff classify as minor works and or major works it is £8,018.45. Therefore, the total for that financial year was £45,959.26. In the year 2008/2009, general expenses £584.78; cleaning materials £1,890; maintenance £30,587.30 and minor and major works £5,912.54. The grand

total of £38,974.62. In the financial year 2009/2010; £825.88 for general expenses; for cleaning materials £2,881.42; for maintenance expenses £26,949.08 and minor and major works £3,357.46. The grand total equating to £34,013.84. In this last financial year, general expenses £810.09; cleaning materials £2,118.06; maintenance £30,962.99 and minor and major works £6,749.75. A grand total of £40,640.89.

**NO. 741 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**VICTORIA STADIUM**

Can Government state how much has been spent on the changing rooms at the Victoria Stadium both those situated:

- (a) under the main stands; and
- (b) at the far end near the CEPSA petrol station which is used by footballers and athletes?

**ANSWER**

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

The amounts spent on repairs and maintenance in the financial year 2010/2011 are as follows:-

- (a) Victoria Sports Hall (under main stands) - £4,131.64
- (b) Outdoor Sports Facilities (adjacent to CEPSA petrol station) - £1,971.58.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 741 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does this include the cleaning materials?

**HON E J REYES:**

One second, Mr Speaker, let me check my notes. No, it does not include cleaning materials.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of what these figures mean?

**HON E J REYES:**

From my notes, I do not mind informing the hon Member that it covers things like repairs to doors, the occasional repair to toilets and drainage, general plumbing

repairs, faulty boiler, new lock installation. There were even two cases of manhole covers needing to be replaced. The cistern had to be repaired. Broken glass which required changes to the glass pane. That is in respect of the Victoria Sports Hall which is under the main stands. In respect of the facility adjacent to the CEPSCA petrol station, very similar. Plumbing repairs, boilers, repairs to the referees changing room. There were cases of loose taps. The drinking fountain had to be repaired. There were call out fees to emergency plumbers. There was even one case of electricity repairs. If the hon Member does want a bit more detail, it can be extracted, I am sure, from the analysis book of ... If he writes to me, I have no reason why not to pass on that information.

**NO. 742 OF 2011****THE HON S E LINARES****VICTORIA STADIUM**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on maintenance, broken down by major works and minor works, in the Mackintosh Hall in the last four financial years, giving a further breakdown by financial year?

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

The greater part of the information requested has already been made available to the hon Member and that was through a schedule given in answer to Question No. 609 of 2010. The said schedule gave details covering the financial years 2004/2005 to 2009/2010 inclusive. Details pertaining to the financial year 2010/2011 are contained in the schedule that I now hand over to the hon Member opposite.

**Answer to Question No. 742 of 2011****Improvement and Development Fund****2010/11**

BSG Computer Systems Ltd	
Purchase of a Dell computer and monitor	£1,797.00
Cost of setting up network	£ 260.00
Digital Corner	
Purchase of software programme	£ 650.00
Woodcrafts Construction	
Works to Charles Hunt Room	£8,860.00
General maintenance	£ 750.00
Richardsons Chartered Surveyor	
Consultancy services	£4,400.00
Sound Reinforcement System Ltd	
Supply, installation and configuration of lighting system	£ 875.00

**Total - £17,592.00**

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**Continued Answer to Question No. 742 of 2011**

**Minor Works Breakdown April 2010 to March 2011**

	<b>April 201 to March 2011</b>
Maintenance – Air Conditioning	1,053.00
Maintenance – Bulbs	267.52
Maintenance – Cafeteria	352.92
Maintenance – Emergency Cleaning	0.00
Maintenance – Exhibition/Rooms Refurbishment	90.00
Maintenance – Fire Extinguishers	52.50
Maintenance – Emergency Exit Corridor	0.00
Maintenance – Library	0.00
Maintenance – Lift	2,958.71
Maintenance – Electrical Repairs	1,764.00
Maintenance – Office Refurbishment	113.45
Maintenance – General Public Areas	2,499.84
Maintenance – Paint	293.85
Maintenance – Theatre	2,338.76
Maintenance – Toilets	750.00
Maintenance – Toilets refurbishment	0.00
Maintenance – Window Cleaning	374.00
Maintenance – Window Replacement	0.00
<b>Maintenance – Total</b>	<b>12,908.55</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 742 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Without doubting the hon Member, I just need to look Question No. 609 of 2010. I will be looking at it, if not, I will consult him and try and get the information from him which I am sure he will provide.

**HON E J REYES:**

He can have a photocopy done.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I will get a photocopy from him later.

**NO. 743 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**INCE'S HALL**

Can Government state what refurbishment works have taken place in the Ince's Hall in the last two financial years, giving a breakdown by financial year, monies spent and items?

**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 opposite.

**Answer to Question No. 743 of 2011**

**2009/2010**

GJBS Ltd	
General maintenance and repairs	£2,572.42
M. F. Balloqui	
Maintenance and cleaning of stage curtains and carpet	£1,110.00
Tyre Repair Services	
Safety testing of hoists	£ 350.00
Greenarc Ltd	
Pruning of Palm Trees and vegetation (courtyard)	£ 265.00
Wastage Products Ltd	
Maintenance and upkeep of Ince's Hall courtyard	£ 475.00
Cold Aire Engineering Ltd	
Maintenance and works of air-conditioning system	£ 576.00

**Total - £5,348.42**

**2010/11**

GJBS Ltd	
General maintenance and repairs	£ 3,454.69
Soundproofing Theatre windows	£ 3,558.36
Gaggero Cemats	
Purchase of painting materials	£ 288.63
D & H Ceramics	
Purchase of paint	£ 75.15
The Paint Shop/Marr Co	
Purchase of paints	£ 383.09
Interbuild	
Purchase of painting materials	£ 43.40
M.F. Balloqui & Sons Ltd	
Maintenance and cleaning of auditorium curtains and Carpet	£ 4,204.00

**Cont ...**

**Continued Answer to Question No. 743 of 2011**

Bricor	
Purchase of electrical wheelchair lifter	£ 4,756.36
Cold Aire Engineering Ltd	
Maintenance of air-conditioning system	£ 220.00
Rock Cool Ltd	
Repairs to air-conditioning system	£ 426.60
Greenarc Ltd	
Clipping of hedges and removal of weeds (courtyard)	£ 175.00
E.D.G. (Gibraltar)	
Purchase of light fittings	£ 200.00
GTR Technical Systems	
Purchase of light fittings	£ 108.80
Hire-U-Shop	
Hire of scaffolding	£ 116.00
Wastage Products Ltd	
Maintenance and upkeep of Ince's Hall courtyard	£ 190.00

**Total - £18,200.08**

**NO. 744 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MEETINGS WITH TRUSTEES OF MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state how many meetings have taken place with the trustees of the Music Centre in relation to the development of music in Gibraltar and especially after the trust returned the old BFBS premises to Government?

**ANSWER**

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

No formal meetings have been held since the trust voluntarily surrendered the Music Centre premises to Government. We believe the Trustees are still deliberating on their future although, sadly, their Chairman passed away last year and that could have contributed a bit to the delay in their deliberations.

ORAL

**NO. 745 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EXPENDITURE ON CULTURAL EVENTS**

Can Government state how much money it has spent on cultural events in the last two financial years, giving a breakdown by event?

**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 opposite.

**Answer to Question No. 745 of 2011**

**Head 2A – Culture & Heritage**  
**Subhead – 2 (2) (b) Cultural Activities**

<b>Cultural Event</b>	<b>2009 – 2010 (£)</b>	<b>2010 – 2011 (£)</b>
Spring Festival	95,947.75	102,202.48
Summer Nights	46,343.91	40,125.36
Gibraltar Fair	182,699.96	194,837.27
National Week	54,899.69	51,949.42
National Day	102,948.23	99,848.63
Autumn Festival	35,495.99	27,804.40
Young Art Exhibition	2,367.82	4,139.60
Performing Rights Society	0 *	4,140.00
Annual Insurance for Events	0 *	17,000.00

\* Previously paid per event and included in the figures provided above.

**Head 2A – Culture & Heritage**  
**Subhead – 2 (2) (c) Miss Gibraltar Show: inc. participation at Miss World**

<b>Cultural Event</b>	<b>2009 – 2010 (£)</b>	<b>2010 – 2011 (£)</b>
Miss Gibraltar	51,822.78	69,929.40

**Head 2A – Culture & Heritage**  
**Subhead – 2 (2) (d) New Year's Eve**

<b>Cultural Event</b>	<b>2009 – 2010 (£)</b>	<b>2010 – 2011 (£)</b>
New Year's Eve	39,678.00	36,999.11

**NO. 746 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – MANNING OF SWIMMING POOLS**

Can Government state how many of the Sports and Leisure Authority employees man the swimming pools and identify the salary scale and grade of such employees?

**ANSWER**

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

There are no employees from the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority manning either of the swimming pools.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 746 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Clearly there are people there. So who do they work for, if they do not work for the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority? Are they paid by Government funds at all?

**HON E J REYES:**

A very logical follow-up supplementary. The running and day-to-day management of the swimming pools is carried out on behalf of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority by the Gibraltar Amateur Swimming Association through a contract. Therefore, all employees at the swimming pool are direct employees of the Gibraltar Amateur Swimming Association.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Authority fund the ... Are they consulted about how many they should employ or anything like that?

**HON E J REYES:**

Yes. The contract allows for payment to them made by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority. The Chief Executive Officer tells me that he does periodically review staffing levels provided by the Gibraltar Amateur Swimming Association and I believe there is a general consensus there on staffing levels. My Chief Executive

ensuring that the recommended ratio of number of users and so on is kept to and there is a bit of flexibility, I think at certain times of the day, people ... but I could find out. If the hon Member is interested, I do not mind providing further information, sort of, whether they have shift patterns and so on. What I do know as well is that it is not the same throughout the 12 months of the year. I think in the Order Paper there is another question later on to do with the pools and we will see how we have two programmes, one covering certain months and another one covering another set of months.

**NO. 747 OF 2011**

**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**

Revenue derived from admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum is as follows:-

January 2011 -	£	434.15
February 2011-	£	983.80
March 2011 -	£	464.77
April 2011 -	£	1,568.12
May 2011 -	£	991.10

**NO. 748 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010?

**ANSWER**

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

The Heritage Action Committee has only met on one occasion and that was on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011. I will add that, because I know the hon Member does have an interest in this matter, I tend to schedule meetings at least for once a quarter and the second meeting pertaining to 2011 was scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled with less than 24 hours notice because the Gibraltar Heritage Trust was unable to have a single representative available on that day. It is because of the employment commitments of its Chairman and his Chief Executive Officer being on maternity leave. So I accept that. I have, yesterday I think it was, I just issued a new date based on the availability, information that the Trust has given me. So I was going to say that we are awaiting information from the Trust before setting a meeting but the Chairman has gladly or, sorry, happily provided that information to me and I think it is sometime towards the end of July.

**NO. 749 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**PRISON – JUVENILES**

Can Government say what facilities are available for juveniles in the Prison and is it the policy of the Government that they should be kept separate from adults?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

The facilities available for juveniles in the Prison are all those that are available for adult prisoners which is contained, I will list them in due course, in the answer to Question No. 762 of 2011. What else is provided to juveniles depends on needs which are assessed as and when a juvenile is taken in to prison. The juvenile currently in Her Majesty's Prison receives one to one counselling for an hour to an hour and a half twice a week and one to one education classes for an hour and a quarter each twice weekly. He also receives training Monday to Friday in the workshop two and a half hours during the morning and two and a half hours in the afternoon. He also gets visited by Social Services twice a week.

It is the Government policy that juveniles should be kept in cells segregated from adult prisoners.

However, for purposes of training in the workshop, sports and games, they are allowed association with adult prisoners, always under strict supervision from prison staff. Keeping them on their own for all activities would be tantamount to having them in isolation if, as currently is the case, there is only one juvenile at Her Majesty's Prison.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 749 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Minister satisfied that the juvenile only gets one hour and a quarter twice a week for education when he is below the school leaving age and, therefore, should be at least ... A normal child gets five and a half hours tuition a day. Is the Minister satisfied that it is only one and a quarter hours twice a week?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Yes, because an assessment of that individual's needs has actually been made, as I say, as and when that individual was admitted into prison. I am satisfied taking into account what he receives in terms of education and what he receives in terms of other activities, for example, the two and a half hours in the morning and the two and a half hours in the afternoon daily on training at the workshop. And there is another question that is being asked by Mr Licudi in relation to what that entails. But people are, in fact, trained in relation to various trades ranging from woodwork to trades relating to the construction centre. But in the circumstances, yes, it is reasonable.

ORAL

**NO. 750 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS – EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state the number of persons engaged at the Attorney General's chambers as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, giving a breakdown by grade and salary scale?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

I now hand the hon Member the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 750 of 2011**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>15.6.10.</b>	<b>15.6.2011.</b>
ATTORNEY GENERAL	102460	106261
SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL	Vacant Post	Vacant Post
CROWN COUNSEL	55015	57056
CROWN COUNSEL	55015	57056
CROWN COUNSEL	52715	57056
CROWN COUNSEL	52715	57056
CROWN COUNSEL	50570	Transfer to No. 6 1.2.11.
CROWN COUNSEL	46431	50221
CROWN COUNSEL	46431	Termination 29.4.2011.
EO	29605	30703
PERSONAL SECRETARY	24280	25181
PART-TIME AO	23701	24580
AO	23135	24580
JOB/SHARER AO	23135	23993
JOB/SHARER AO	20663	22319
TYPIST	16335	17507
CLERK/WORD PROCESSOR	15806	16941

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 750 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

With regard to the post of Senior Crown Counsel which is described, as at both dates, as vacant. As I understand the position, there was recently a vacancy announced in respect of a post at the Attorney General's Chambers. Is it intended that that post now be filled?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does the hon Member have the salary scale for that particular post? In the same way as the salary scales which are given for the other posts?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Not on me but I think it is a matter of public knowledge because, actually, it has been advertised as part of the advertising for the post of Senior Crown Counsel. I think that the top of the range was in the £80,000. I cannot tell you exactly but I am pretty sure that it is a matter of public knowledge.

**NO. 751 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GIBRALTAR COURT SERVICE – EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state the number of employees engaged with the Gibraltar Courts Service as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, giving a breakdown by grade and salary scale?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

The Gibraltar Courts Service was created on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 by combining the back office administrative support staff of the Magistrates' and Supreme Courts.

I now hand the hon Member the breakdown of employees engaged as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The Gibraltar Courts Service did not exist on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 but for the benefit of the hon Member opposite I now hand him a breakdown of the grades and salary scales for the Magistrates' and Supreme Courts as at that date.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 751 2011****GIBRALTAR COURTS SERVICE AS AT 15 JUNE 2011**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SALARY SCALE</b>
1 Chief Executive (contract)	£80,000
1 Court Clerk (contract)	£54,671
2 Senior Executive Officers	£36,435 Min - £45,952 Max
2 Higher Executive Officers (1 vacant)	£29,258 Min - £37,482 Max
5 Executive Officers	£23,427 Min - £30,703 Max
12 Administrative Officers (1 job shared post)	£17,835 Min - £24,580 Max
1 Personal Secretary	£17,835 Min - £25,181 Max
1 Clerk/Word Processor	£15,168 Min - £20,680 Max
3 Typists (1 part-time post)	£15,168 Min - £20,680 Max
1 Bailiff Manager	£23,427 Min - £28,232 Max
3 Bailiffs	£17,835 Min - £24,056 Max
1 Senior Paper Keeper	£17,835 Min - £22,531 Max

**SUPREME COURT AS AT 15 JUNE 2010**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SALARY SCALE</b>
1 Senior Executive Officer	£35,182 Min - £44,308 Max
1 Higher Executive Officer (vacant)	£27,578 Min - £36,141 Max
4 Executive Officers	£22,082 Min - £29,605 Max
7 Administrative Officers (1 job shared post)	£16,812 Min - £23,701 Max
1 Personal Secretary	£16,812 Min - £24,280 Max
1 Clerk/Word Processor	£14,726 Min - £19,940 Max
1 Typist (part-time post)	£14,726 Min - £19,940 Max
1 Bailiff Manager	£22,082 Min - £27,222 Max
2 Bailiffs	£16,812 Min - £23,195 Max

**MAGISTRATES' & CORONER'S COURTS AS AT 15 JUNE 2010**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SALARY SCALE</b>
1 Court Clerk (contract)	£28,270 Min - £55,015 Max
1 Higher Executive Officer	£27,578 Min - £36,141 Max
1 Executive Officer	£22,082 Min - £29,605 Max
5 Administrative Officers	£16,812 Min - £23,701 Max
2 Typists	£14,726 Min - £19,940 Max
1 Bailiff	£16,812 Min - £23,195 Max
1 Senior Paper Keeper	£16,812 Min - £21,725 Max

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 751 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

There are a couple of jobs, first the job of Chief Executive which is stated to be on contract. We understand why that is. Can the hon Member explain what contract means for Court Clerk, just below the Chief Executive, and also Court Clerk in the Magistrates' Court, I take it is the same person or the same ...?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

The same person.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Can the hon Member give details of that contract?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Yes. Appointments are made on a yearly probationary period, for a year on contract, and then the decision is made based on, effectively, performance of that person as to whether to make them permanent and pensionable.

**HON N F COSTA:**

So there is a current Clerk in the Magistrates' Court who has not had his contract renewed?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Not yet.

ORAL

**NO. 752 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**LAW DRAFTING SERVICES – PAYMENTS TO LAW FIRMS**

Can Government state what amounts have been paid, since the answer to Question No. W37 of 2011, to any law firm or consultant for the provision of legal drafting services?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

I now hand the hon Gentleman the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 752 of 2011**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Benzaquen &amp; Associates</b>	<b>Carpenter, R J</b>	<b>Figueras, D</b>	<b>Jones, A</b>	<b>Wilson, J F</b>	<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Jan-11	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
Feb-11	23,860.00	-	16,950.00	-	3,000.00	43,810.00
Mar-11	40,860.00	-	5,700.00	3,991.00	-	50,551.00
Apr-11	-	15,000.00	3,100.00	-	-	18,100.00
May-11	23,180.00	-	-	-	5,123.20	28,303.20
Jun-11	-	-	-	1,815.00	-	1,815.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£87,900.00</b>	<b>£15,000.00</b>	<b>£25,750.00</b>	<b>£5,806.00</b>	<b>£12,123.20</b>	<b>£146,579.20</b>

ORAL

**NO. 753 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**AVERAGE TIME TAKEN BETWEEN PERSON BEING CHARGED AND  
STANDING TRIAL AT SUPREME COURT**

Can Government state the average time taken between a person being charged with an offence and standing trial at the Supreme Court?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question Nos. 754 and 755 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 754 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NUMBER OF PERSONS AWAITING TRIAL AT SUPREME COURT**

Can Government state how many persons are currently awaiting trial at the Supreme Court, stating in each case the offence charged and the date when that person was charged?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question Nos. 753 and 755 of 2011.

**NO. 755 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NUMBER OF CRIMINAL TRIALS CONDUCTED AT SUPREME COURT**

Can Government state how many criminal trials were conducted at the Supreme Court between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, giving a breakdown of the offences charged, the nationality of the defendant and the outcome of the trial?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

**Answer to Question No. 753 of 2011**

The answer continues to be the same as that given to Question No. 173 of 2011 except that at the next arraignment hearing on 24<sup>th</sup> June, the Supreme Court will be considering cases requiring trials which are expected to be listed up to December 2012.

Our best estimate continues to be that there is a 15 month period between committal to the Supreme Court and the trial date.

**Answer to Question No. 754 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 755 of 2011**

Between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 28 trials were set. Of these, 14 trials proceeded whilst 14 did not due to a late guilty plea being entered. I am now handing also the hon Member a breakdown for those trials showing the offences charged, the nationality of the defendant and the outcome of the trial.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 755 2011**

**Answer to Question 754**

**There are currently 34 people on the arraignment list awaiting trial dates to be set.**

<b>OFFENCES</b>	<b>DATE WHEN CHARGED</b>
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct	09/02/08
Driving a motor vehicle with alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit	10/08/10
Possession of a controlled drug	05/11/09
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply to another or others	05/11/09
Grievous bodily harm	07/09/09
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	07/09/09
Theft	13/11/08
Robbery	13/11/08
Causing grievous bodily harm with intent	13/11/08
Indecent assault	17/07/10
Indecent assault	17/07/10
Indecent assault	17/07/10
Indecent assault	17/07/10
Buggery	17/07/10
False accounting	24/09/09
False accounting	24/09/09
False accounting	24/09/09
False accounting	24/09/09
False accounting	24/09/09
False accounting	24/09/09
Conspiracy to defraud	24/09/09
Attempted murder	30/07/10
Wounding with intent	30/07/10

**CONT...**

**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 755 2011****Contd. Answer to Question 754**

Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	04/01/11
Doing an act tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice	12/08/09
Possession of a controlled drug	01/10/10
Affray	13/10/09
Wounding	13/10/09
Wounding with intent	24/01/10
Resisting Police	24/01/10
Common assault	24/01/10
Common Assault	24/01/10
Common Assault	24/01/10
Indecent Assault	18/12/08
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply to another or others	03/08/09
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply to another or others	03/08/09
Possession of a controlled drug	03/08/09
Possession of a controlled drug	03/08/09
Sexual intercourse with a girl between 13 and 16	16/06/10
Sexual intercourse with a girl between 13 and 16	28/04/09
Evading a liability by deception	18/12/09
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply to another or others	24/05/09
Possession of a controlled drug	24/05/09
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply to another or others	24/05/09
Possession of a controlled drug	24/05/09

Although 34 people are awaiting trial, this does not mean that there are 34 separate trials pending as some trials will be proceeding with more than one defendant.

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 755 2011**

**Contd. Answer to Question 754**

There are currently 11 people awaiting trial who have dates set from September to December 2011.

OFFENCES	DATE WHEN CHARGED
Evading liability by deception	18/12/09
Wounding	1/9/09
Wounding	20/12/09
Wounding	26/4/09
Possession of a controlled drug	25/6/09
Possession of a controlled drug	25/6/09
Cultivation of a controlled drug	25/6/09
Robbery	1/11/09
Indecent Assault on a girl under age of 16	29/1/10
Possession with intent to supply	7/10/09
Possession of a controlled drug	7/10/09
Indecent Assault	4/12/09
Indecent Assault	4/12/09
Indecent Assault	4/12/09
Indecent Assault	4/12/09
Possession of a controlled drug	4/12/09
Possession of a controlled drug	4/12/09
Attempted Robbery	20/7/10
Possession of a controlled drug	5/4/09
Possession with intent to supply	5/4/09
Supplying a controlled drug	5/4/09
Possession of a controlled drug	5/4/09
Possession with intent to supply	5/4/09
Dangerous driving	5/4/09
Common assault	5/4/09
Converting or transferring proceeds of drug trafficking	5/4/09

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 755 2011****Answer to Question 755**

	OFFENCE	NATIONALITY	OUTCOME	SENTENCE
1	False Accounting	Scottish	Guilty	1 Yr Prison
2	Sexual Offences	Gib/British	Guilty	6yrs Prison
3	Wounding	Gib/British	Not Guilty	
4	Possession with Intent to Supply	Gib/British	Not Guilty	
5	Dangerous Driving	Gib/British	Not Guilty	
6	Possession of Drugs Robbery	Gib/British	Not Guilty Not Guilty	
7	Possession (Cocaine)	Gib/British	Not Guilty	
8	Wounding with intent Grievous Bodily Harm	Gib/British	Guilty Guilty	13 years prison
9	Common Assault Grievous Bodily Harm	Spanish	Guilty Guilty	4 months prison 31 months prison
10	Wounding	Gib/British	Guilty	3 yrs prison
11	Grievous Bodily Harm Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm	Canadian	Not Guilty Guilty	£2,000 fine
12	Possession with Intent to Supply (cocaine)	Gib/British	Not Guilty	
13	Resisting a Police Officer Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm	Gib/British	Not Guilty	
14	Common Assault Dangerous Driving	Gib/British	Guilty Guilty	40 hours community service Disqualification

ORAL

**NO. 756 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**PRISON – BREAKDOWN OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PRISONERS HELD**

Can Government give a breakdown of the offences for which prisoners were held at the Prison as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, distinguishing between prisoners on remand and those serving a prison sentence?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question No. 760 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 757 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NUMBER OF JUVENILES ARRESTED AND CHARGED**

Can Government state the number of juveniles arrested and charged with an offence between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, giving a breakdown of offences?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question No. 759 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 758 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**PRISON – PRISONERS UNDER 25**

Can Government state, of the prisoners held at the Prison as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, how many were under twenty five?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

There were 22 prisoners under the age of twenty-five.

ORAL

**NO. 759 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**AGES OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENCE**

Can Government state, of the persons charged with a criminal offence between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, how many were under 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 40 or over 41?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 759 2011****Answer to Question 757**

A total of 58 juveniles were arrested and charged with an offence between 15 June 2010 and 15 June 2011. A breakdown of the offences is as follows:-

OFFENCE	NUMBER OF JUVENILES
ARSON	2
BREACH OF ATTENDANCE CENTRE ORDER	1
BREACH OF BAIL CONDITIONS	3
BREACH OF BAIL CONDITIONS AND CURFEW	2
BREAKING CURFEW	1
BURGLARY	6
CAUSING DAMAGE	2
COMMON ASSAULT	6
DRIVING WHILST UNDER AGE	4
INTIMIDATION	1
LITTER	1
MAKING A DISTURBANCE	3
MAKING THREATS TO KILL	1
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	5
OBSTRUCTING POLICE DRUGS	2
OBTAINING PROPERTY BY DECEPTION	1
OFFENSIVE CONDUCT IN A PUBLIC PLACE WITH INTENT TO PROVOKE A BREACH OF THE PEACE	1
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	5
RESISTING A POLICE OFFICER	2
RIDING WHILST DISQUALIFIED FROM HOLDING OR OBTAINING A DRIVING LICENSE BY REASON OF	2
THEFT	3
THREATENING BEHAVIOUR	3
VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR	1
	58

**Answer to Question 759**

Persons Age Groups	Number of Persons
Under 20 (excluding Juveniles)	1458
21-30	2260
31-40	1103
41 & over	1041
No date of birth made available to the Courts	2270

ORAL

**NO. 760 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**PRISON – NUMBER OF PRISONERS ON REMAND / SERVING SENTENCES**

Can Government state the total number of prisoners held at the Prison as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, giving a breakdown between prisoners on remand and those carrying out prison sentences?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

I now hand the hon Member the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 760 2011  
ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 756 & 760 2011

Offence	Prisoners held serving a prison sentence including remand	Prisoners in remand
Drug related offences	18	4
Theft/Burglary	15	8
Attempted robbery/Robbery	13	5
Assault/ABH/GBH	9	2
Indecent assault/conduct	3	
Wounding/wounding with intent	4	1
Attempted murder	2	2
Non-gibraltarian without a valid residence permit	2	2
Threats to kill	2	2
Tobacco related offences	2	
Evading liability by deception	1	1
Traffic/driving offences	1	
False accounting	1	
Trespassing	1	
Possession of firearms and ammunition	1	1
Total	75	28

Of the 75 prisoners at HM Prison 47 were serving a sentence and 28 were on remand.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 756 AND 760 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Just for clarification, the total number at the bottom of 75 includes the 28. Is that correct?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Yes. If you just read the note at the bottom. Of the 75 prisoners at Her Majesty's Prison, 47 were serving a sentence and 28 were on remand which is effectively the answer.

**NO. 761 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NATURE OF OFFENCES REPORTED TO POLICE**

Can Government state the total number of offences reported to the police between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and for how many of those offences persons were charged, giving a breakdown between offences involving dishonesty, offences against the person, sexual offences and other offences?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

The total number of offences reported to Police for the period 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 was 4,468, for which 2,512 persons were arrested. Of these arrested, 1,363 persons were charged and 728 were actually cautioned.

The provision of the breakdown that the hon Gentleman seeks would involve a disproportionate amount of time by the Royal Gibraltar Police and it is, therefore, in the circumstances, not appropriate to make it available, in the short time that we have had to provide it.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 761 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Of the figures that have been given, I understood the hon Member to say, 1,363 persons were charged between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011. In answer to Question No. 759 of 2011 with a breakdown between age groups of the persons charged, the number of persons, for example, in the 21 to 30 age group is 2,260 which exceeds the total number, which according to this last question, had been charged in the whole year. It seems to be a discrepancy, if I am reading the two answers correctly. In fact, we have in answer to Question No. 759 of 2011, under 20, and these are persons charged, 1,458; 21 to 30 260; 31 to 40 1,103; 41 and over 1,041 and persons with no date of birth available 2,270. That is around 8,000 persons charged in all the age groups. Yet the figure just given is 1,363. Can the Hon Minister clarify that?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Yes. The answer is, quite frankly, I am not sure. The information that is provided in answer to Question No. 759 of 2011 is provided by the courts. The answer to

Question No. 761 of 2011 is actually provided by the Royal Gibraltar Police. Now, I do not know whether one actually relates to ... whether the courts have provided information that perhaps reflect when the charge sheet actually gets to them from the police and not from the time that they have actually been charged. The answer is that at the present moment I am not sure. I can ask and I can undertake to make the information available to the hon Gentleman when I have asked. I will write to him on this issue.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I can understand that there might be a discrepancy because the figures are collated by two different bodies and the method of collating, in terms of the charge sheet, might be different but what seems extraordinary is that, in respect of the information provided by the Courts Service, we seem to have over 8,000 persons charged, whereas, according to the Royal Gibraltar Police records, only 1,363 persons were charged and, according to Royal Gibraltar Police records, around 4,400, I understood the hon Member to say, offences reported. So if there were 4,400 offences reported, there cannot possibly be 8,000 people charged. I am grateful for the hon Member's offer of assistance in finding out and I do look forward to receiving the clarification.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

I will. It may well be that it also relates to traffic matters. I mean, I do not know. There clearly appears to be a discrepancy in the figures but, as I said, I undertake to look into the matter and to write to the hon Gentleman about it.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If I might, just to set this in context. It would appear that Gibraltar being the most peaceful place in the world to live, a third of the electorate has been charged with an offence. Of course, some of these people could be from outside. So, I think, clearly there must be a discrepancy here. They must have given you the wrong figure.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Mr Licudi's point is a better one than yours because, of course, it does not necessarily follow. No, it does not necessarily follow that because.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

We know where your vote will be.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

No. Well, he makes a more sensible point than you on this particular occasion. It does not necessarily follow that because the figure amounts to 8,000, that it actually is 8,000 people that have actually been charged. It may well be that a person has been charged with more than one offence. That is why I am saying it is not a sensible point.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful for that and for his point. I think, nonetheless, he should check his table because his table says, number of persons, so it identifies it as individual persons but I am sure that I know where his vote would have lain if he would have had one in the leadership contest. If there had been one.

**NO. 762 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**PRISON – TRAINING AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES**

Can Government state what training or rehabilitation programmes for prisoners have been introduced since the new prison was opened?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

The following programmes are available in the new prison:

1. Instruction in the construction trades, that is, painting, carpentry and masonry.
2. Vocational training in hobbies such as construction of wooden jewellery boxes, lighter covers et cetera.
3. Educational lessons three times a week in mathematics, English and the use of IT equipment.
4. Improving personal fitness programmes (In the gymnasium and also five-a-side football, amongst others).
5. Counselling in drugs and alcohol related subjects, anger management et cetera.
6. Voluntary drugs testing programme whereby inmates can earn extra privileges.

Of these six, the second, vocational training in hobbies such as construction of wooden jewellery boxes and lighter covers and the like, are new activities. One, three, four, in fact, all of them have actually been greatly enhanced by the greatly enhanced new facilities that are available at the new prison.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 762 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In respect of these programmes which involve education, sports, trades and rehabilitation and drugs testing, the staff that carry out these programmes, are these specifically engaged at the prison for this or they come from outside agencies? Are

they from within the Government or voluntary organisations? Or is it with the prison staff itself? Who carries out the actual training for these programmes?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Mainly, actually, they come from the outside. So we have, obviously, a school teacher that comes from outside, who I think is currently working in the Technical College, that comes to the prison to give lessons to prisoners. Counsellors, of course, also come from the outside. I should have actually said also in my answer that, whereas in the old prison there was only one counsellor, there are now two counsellors available at the new prison. In addition, of course, there are individuals within the prison itself, Prison Officers, that are also qualified to help prisoners, for example, in relation to woodwork and the like, that have got an expertise in that area, that also chip in and also help prisoners in that regard.

ORAL

**NO. 763 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE / LEGAL AID – PAYMENTS TO LAW FIRMS**

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid since the answer to Question No. W35 of 2011 to each law firm in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 763 2011**

**PAYMENTS FROM 7TH JANUARY TO 17TH JUNE 2011**

Name of Firm/ Payee	LEGAL ASSISTANCE		LEGAL AID		Disbs.	Total
	Fees	Disbs.	Fees	Disbs.		
Verralls	£ 10,441.80	£ 1,125.00	£ 8,615.00			£ 20,181.80
Triay & Triay	£ 1,042.40	£ 110.00	£ 27,456.00	£ 1,339.36		£ 29,947.76
Atlas & Levy	£ -	£ 9,961.93	£ 5,772.00	£ 137.00		£ 15,870.93
Litigaid	£ 9,916.80	£ 40.00	£ -	£ -		£ 9,956.80
Isolas	£ -	£ 20.00				£ 20.00
C A Gomez & Co	£ 68,752.16	£ 11,775.75				£ 80,527.91
S. Bossino	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 250.00		£ 250.00
S J Bullock & Co	£ 5,624.40	£ 365.00	£ 5,884.80	£ -		£ 11,874.20
Phillips	£ 38,025.00	£ 5,569.50	£ 4,580.00	£ -		£ 48,174.50
J A Evans	£ 67,572.20	£ 7,597.50		£ -		£ 75,169.70
Hassans	£ 37,316.83	£ 2,620.87	£ 1,045.00			£ 40,982.50
E C Ellul & Co	£ 3,433.60	£ 2,086.67	£ 1,840.00			£ 7,360.27
S ffrinch Davis		£ -	£ 11,885.00			£ 11,885.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 46,650.40	£ 20,999.45	£ 410.00			£ 68,059.85
FBP Solicitors	£ 8,672.00	£ 500.00	£ 266.00			£ 9,438.00
Lopez & Co		£ 40.00	£ 1,730.00	£ 1.20		£ 1,771.20
Amber Turner	£ 5,468.80	£ 505.00				£ 5,973.80
Dawani & Co	£ 2,372.00	£ 30.00	£ 6,292.00	£ -		£ 8,694.00
Massias & Partners	£ 7,520.00	£ 16,835.60		£ -		£ 24,355.60
Cruz & Co	£ 4,071.20	£ 410.00	£ 1,089.00	£ -		£ 5,570.20
Ian Watts	£ -	£ -	£ 2,519.00	£ 10.00		£ 2,529.00
BDT	£ -	£ -	£ 1,090.00	£ -		£ 1,090.00
M. Bishop		£ 2,437.50				£ 2,437.50
A. Segovia Martin		£ -		£ 1,625.00		£ 1,625.00
Medicald				£ 75.00		£ 75.00
Specialist Medical Clinic				£ 181.50		£ 181.50
J. Goldberg				£ 15,540.43		£ 15,540.43
C. Kilroy		£ 422.92				£ 422.92
N. Lagonikas				£ 75.00		£ 75.00
J. Nehras		£ 237.50				£ 237.50
T.O. Boerger		£ 1,500.00				£ 1,500.00
I. Abudarham		£ 35.00				£ 35.00
Elite Travel				£ 240.00		£ 240.00
O'Callaghan Elliotts Hotel				£ 765.00		£ 765.00
E.G.H. Joffe		£ 650.00				£ 650.00
S. Rodger		£ 850.00				£ 850.00
C. G. Brist		£ 124.78				£ 124.78
J. Causer				£ 33,600.00		£ 33,600.00
D. Nolan		£ 6,975.00				£ 6,975.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 316,879.39</b>	<b>£ 93,824.97</b>	<b>£ 80,473.80</b>	<b>£ 53,839.49</b>		<b>£ 545,017.65</b>
		<b>Legal assistance recovered</b>	<b>(Bullock &amp; Co)</b>			<b>£ 101,280.00</b>
			<b>(Hassans)</b>			<b>£ 650.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 443,087.65</b>

**NO. 764 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GIBRALTAR COURTS SERVICE – ENGAGEMENT OF FOURTH JUDGE**

Can Government state whether arrangements have now been made for the engagement of a fourth judge?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

The Judicial Services Commission have been informed that the Government is content for them to commence the process for the recruitment of a temporary fourth judge for a maximum period of two years to help clear the backlog of criminal cases.

As I explained in January of this year, until either phase II or III of the Law Courts Project is complete, there are no court rooms with the necessary jury facilities to run two Criminal Courts in tandem and, therefore, the extra temporary judge cannot be appointed until that stage.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 764 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The hon Member gave me, in answer to an earlier question, a list of the staff at the Gibraltar Courts Service. What changes, if any, are envisaged in terms of staff arrangements in respect of the fourth judge because one assumes that additional staffing needs will be required if there is a fourth judge and another court being operational at the same time as ... If there are two jury courts being run, you need extra clerks and extra staff. Otherwise, you leave nobody in the office. What arrangements are being made in that regard?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

Well, it is a matter that the Government is looking into. Once phases II and III are complete, in other words, the Magistrates' Court side which is on the Town Range side and the other half of the Supreme Court project, the latter of which is likely to be completed by the end of August and the Magistrates' Court round about October of this year, we then have to make an assessment of what we have. Not in terms of looking at it in the traditional way, of saying, right we have got this complement in the Magistrates' Court side and we have got this complement in the Supreme Court side, but looking at it holistically and see where we can derive benefits from amalgamation

of the back office staff of both sides because, clearly, there are going to be common functions that can be undertaken by both sides, by the Supreme Court and the Magistrates' Court. Things, for instance, like common counters. I think we have got to make a decision. In the light of that and in the light of any possible reallocation of resources from any amalgamation using advantages that both buildings can give us in terms of common use of resources. We have then got to make a decision. Right. What is spared? What, in fact, do we need? It is an ongoing process. It is a process that is ongoing with discussions with the Chief Executive of the Law Courts. In addition to that as well, of course, we have got to look at what impact there is going to be in terms of the staff that we need by the upgrading, root and branch upgrading of computer systems at both sides of the service and then make a decision. I can assure the hon Gentleman, as I have assured, in fact, members of staff both at the Magistrates' Court and the Supreme Court, that if there is a need for extra resources, the Government will provide extra resources but, at the moment, we are not convinced that extra resources are necessary because we have not completed the task to, obviously, make that assessment.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

What is, in fact, surprising about this answer is that the hon Member should say, once phases II and III are completed we then have to make an assessment. Completion, according to the hon Member, is imminent. Phase II is going to be completed in August, in two months time, and phase III, two further months down the line. What we find quite extraordinary is that the hon Member should simply wait for the buildings to be completed and then make an assessment as to what resources are needed to man those buildings, especially in the context, when a policy decision has already been made to engage a fourth judge, to run two jury court rooms in tandem and the hon Member describes this as an ongoing process. Given this lateness in the day, have the Government not got its house in order and does it not know what resources it has and what resources it will need in two months time? Or do they just do things on the hoof without knowing what they are doing?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

No Government. No Government, and I can safely say this, in the political history of Gibraltar, has shown greater commitment to the judicial system, in terms of resources, in terms of legislative reforms than this Government has actually shown. We are spending millions of pounds on increasing the number of courts from one in the Supreme Court and one in the Magistrates' Court to three in the Magistrates' Court and four in the Supreme Court. We have gone up from two Supreme Court judges. We are now going up to four Supreme Court judges. I do not think that it lies easily in the mouth of the hon Gentleman to question this Government's commitments to the judicial process or the judiciary or, indeed, to the staff that form a component part of that system. What I have said is what I have said. There is an ongoing process. Ongoing discussions between myself and, indeed, the Chief Executive of the combined Law Courts and the review will be completed at the end when we have completed phase II and phase III. At that stage, we will know exactly how many we might or might not need. At this present moment in time, I can tell the hon Gentleman that it is possibly likely that we are going to be needing people, but exactly how many people that I cannot answer because the process has not been completed.

**HON N F COSTA:**

Thank you for the party political broadcast.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Thank you for the speech. We are not questioning commitment of staff or anything like that. What we are questioning is the Government's thought process and the Government's planning, or rather, the lack of planning in this particular case. The Government know what resources it has. It has provided me a schedule of current resources. The Government know how many court rooms there are now going to be. The Government know because the hon Member has also given me another schedule of the number of people awaiting trial and the sort of resources that are actually needed to get rid of this list as quickly as possible. The Government know that certain court rooms are going to be engaged on certain matters, at certain times and in tandem. In the light of all that knowledge, what further knowledge does the Government need, simply to look at a building which looks nice on the outside and the inside and is completed? What further knowledge in terms of resources, numbers, facilities, people awaiting trial, people making applications? What further knowledge does the Government need to make that assessment? We simply cannot understand that and we are still waiting, despite having asked the question three times, for the Minister to enlighten us.

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

We do not know, for example, how many members of staff are going to, or how many resources are actually going to be spared by the fact that we are improving top to bottom IT in the Supreme Court and the Magistrates' Court. We do not know that. We cannot make that assessment at this stage. What I have said, I have given the hon Member an honest answer. I have said look, it is likely that we are going to need more people but I cannot tell you how many people we are going to need until we have: one, the building is complete, two, the IT in place. Until an assessment has been made by managers in the Supreme Court, the CEO with his two managers, in the light of the computer systems that we are introducing and the new systems, the new back office systems and the new training which the CEO is introducing, how many members of staff we are going to need. I cannot tell you because the process is not complete and the process will not be complete until phase III of the Supreme Court project is complete.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Specifically in relation to the IT systems that the hon Member has mentioned that is going to be updated, has that IT system actually been bought? Is it going to be in place and operational as at October when the hon Member envisages that phase III will be completed and have the existing staff been given the necessary training so that everything is up and running once the building is up there?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

You see the more you dig, the more you see that it is not actually as easy as the hon Gentleman, for his own political ends, wants to portray that it is. That is the reality. Of course, the process has begun in terms of the acquisition of IT and also the software related to that IT. Now, members of staff, we have a problem at the Supreme Court. Indeed, we have a problem at the Magistrates' Court because of the actual limited space in which one can even begin to train these people, because they are working under very, very difficult circumstances. The Government recognise that. Now, that process of actually introducing the IT, of properly training people, that cannot properly be completed until the actual Law Courts project is complete. Now, at that stage then, we will be able to know, with a degree of certainty, how many people we would need in order to, obviously, safely run a court system based on four judges.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In other words, the Government have not introduced the training, have not put the system in place. The Government just does not know what it is doing?

**HON D A FEETHAM:**

No. Not at all. What I have said is that, actually, and the hon Gentleman should listen to the answer carefully, because you do not, we have commenced the process of the acquisition of the actual IT and the software. Now, I am not involved personally in terms of the acquisition of that. It is for the CEO to acquire, after he has been given the political clearance, which I have given already, the political clearance. Now, that process has commenced and one would expect that, as that process develops, members of staff are actually going to be trained in terms of how to use the software, et cetera, et cetera. I cannot envisage that, in fact, that process can properly be completed for all the members of staff or the key members of staff, until we have in place or until we have completed phase II and phase III of the Law Courts Project.

ORAL

**NO. 765 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VESSELS ARRESTED IN PORT OF GIBRALTAR – TAXATION OF PROFITS  
MADE BY ICAP SHIPPING**

Can Government confirm whether the profits made by ICAP Shipping in respect of Gibraltar options of vessels arrested in the port of Gibraltar are taxable in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 766 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PRISON – WOMEN PRISON OFFICERS**

What entitlements to injury at work and sick leave/entitlements are available to women Prison Officers contracted on what are purportedly “supply” terms and what are the differences between women Prison Officers on “permanent” terms and those on “supply” terms in respect of these entitlements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

Answered together with Question No. 767 of 2011.

**NO. 767 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PRISON – WOMEN PRISON OFFICERS**

How many women Prison Officers are contracted on what are purportedly “supply” terms?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**

**Answer to Question No. 766 of 2011**

**SUPPLY WORKERS**

**Sick Leave**

The sick leave entitlement for all Supply workers, not just at the prison, is as follows:

Staff who work more than 15 hours a week for four weeks – 1 week on full pay for every completed 4 weeks of effective service.

Staff who work less than 15 hours a week – Nil

**Injury at Work**

Supply workers who suffer an injury sustained at work and satisfy the qualifying conditions for payment of injury benefits under the Social Security (Employment Injuries Insurance) Act, are entitled to 26 weeks’ payment benefit of £87.64 (standard rate).

**PERMANENT EMPLOYEES**

**Sick Leave**

Prison Officers employed on permanent terms are ordinarily entitled to a maximum of 6 months on full pay and 6 months at half sick pay leave entitlement, in any period of 4 years. Prison Officers work a minimum of 39 hours a week.

**Injury at Work**

Absences by Prison Officers on permanent terms, on account of injuries arising out of, or during their course of duty, are treated as sick leave. However, they are also entitled to apply for injury benefits under the Social Security (Employment Injuries Insurance) Act, although their salaries would be adjusted to ensure that they do not

receive more money than in any month, than they would have received as basic salary in normal circumstances.

**Answer to Question No. 767 of 2011**

Six women are currently on the supply list and are engaged as and when there are female prisoners at Her Majesty's Prison.

**NO. 768 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NURSERY PLACES**

How many applications for nursery places have there been for the coming academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question No. 769 of 2011.

**NO. 769 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NURSERY PLACES**

How many nursery places will be available for the coming academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Answer to Question No. 768 of 2011**

A total of 343 nursery applications have been received for this coming academic year.

**Answer to Question No. 769 of 2011**

A total of 375 nursery places will be available for the coming academic year.

**NO. 770 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE YEAR 12 PUPILS**

Can Government state whether pupils in Year 12 are required to attend school until the conclusion of the summer term, giving reasons if the pupils are not so required?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Students in Year 12 are not required to attend school until the conclusion of the summer term. Since examination timetabling exigencies are beyond the school's control, students are released from attendance at any further lessons once their AS or other examinations begin. In this way, students can concentrate on their own revision programme while still attending school as required by their individual subject teachers to undertake extra exam practice, guided revision or indeed to sit examinations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 770 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The hon Member will be aware, I think he will agree, that students in Year 12 will normally do the first stage of the two year programme and will do the AS exams and the AS exams will usually be programmed before the A2 exams. Just for example, to give an example on mathematics. If someone does C1, C2, C3 and C4. C1 and C2 are AS and they would be in the exam calendar before C3 and C4 and, therefore, Year 12 students will complete their exams usually before Year 13 students even start their own exams. Therefore, at the end of the exams, there will be a period where the school continues, possibly, for another four or five weeks. Why is it that, at the end of the exams, pupils in the middle of an academic programme, because it is a two year programme, are not required to complete the academic year and, therefore, start on whatever has to be done and, therefore, take advantage of four or five weeks of tuition which will help in terms of the following academic year?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Two things there, first of all I do not think it is four or five weeks. They might be three or four weeks and the second item, the second thing to bear in mind here is that some students in fact finish exams late in June. Not everybody. It might be the mathematicians but not everybody in Year 12 necessarily finish exams very early on.

Some might be doing exams maybe just a week before the end of term. So, how fair would it be to start A2 work whilst students are still sitting examinations, you know? There is evidence that it is not really good for the student to be put under the pressure of starting new concepts, perhaps specially in the sciences or mathematics, whilst still concentrating on examinations in some cases. So, in fact, there is a concept, which I believe is called directed attention fatigue, which the educational psychologist was remarking upon the other day, which says that in some cases it would not be advisable for students, individuals to be doing the two things either at the same time or very close in time.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Given that the programme that is followed in Gibraltar mirrors very closely the education programme that happens in schools in England in terms of AS and A2, is the hon Member aware of what the practice is in other schools in respect of this particular matter? I can tell the hon Member that I am familiar with what one particular school in England that does require students to continue until the end of the summer term and those extra four or five weeks or three or four weeks of tuition is considered beneficial to the school and to the students.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I know that in UK the term ends in late July because they have a number of mid term breaks during the year. We only have one. So they go right to the end of July. It is different here, we finish three or four weeks earlier. Teachers here still do 194 days which is what they do in UK as well.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Just for clarification, my daughter has been doing the AS levels this year and she finished her last exam by the ... I think it was three days before the end of May. So there is, I agree with the hon Member, a lapse of the whole of June until the 8<sup>th</sup> July which is the end of the academic year this year. There is not only one or two weeks.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No. Nobody said one or two weeks.

**HON E J REYES:**

Equally for the record, a close family member of mine doing AS's has an examination still pending to be sat tomorrow.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

This is what I mean, there are a variety ... A Year 12 class will have students who do all sorts of combinations of subjects, mathematics, chemistry and physics, history, geography and mathematics. So, how fair would it be to have classes in mathematics when a third of that class might be taking examinations and not being

able to attend? It is complicated but there is also, as I say, psychological evidence to the effect that ... as it has been explained to me as directed attention fatigue, which is not useful. This is a technicality but certainly a reality as well. This has been the way of proceeding in Gibraltar since the AS's started. It seems to be working well. Results are extremely good, as we all know, and so the Department of Education does not see good reason to change this.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is this a matter of policy or is it left to the individual schools to decide?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

This is a matter of policy.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I understand what both hon Members are saying that there might be the case where there are still some courses pending or some people ... But I think what could be done, and this is for the future, during the time that the schools are still open, and I am talking about up to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011, is that pupils can be given things like books, things like an advance itinerary of what is going to happen in September because there might be students that would like to, although they might suffer from fatigue or whatever during the months of August, to read up and at least kick off before the term starts. It is just an idea that I am just suggesting here because I think it is important that some students are left ...

**HON XXX:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes. The list, because it takes ... Then come September, there is also time wastage between the 1<sup>st</sup> September until the full days of September. There are two weeks usually until after National Day and those two weeks tend to be ... I would not say wasted but ...

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

You have just said it.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Well, alright. You want me to say it is wasted.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No, no, no. I do not want you to say it is wasted. It is not true.

**HON S E LINARES:**

You are putting words in my mouth.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No. He just said wasted.

**MR SPEAKER:**

He wants to rephrase it.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Oh, right.

**HON S E LINARES:**

What I am saying is that what could happen during those two ... at least now, is that if there is an advancement towards what is going to happen in the next academic year. Just as an idea, if possible.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I think it has always been the case, even before the AS's and so on came in, that perhaps not systematically but there is revision during these three or four weeks. Certainly, some students come in to school. I remember from my ... I used to teach A levels as you know. Some students used to come in for different subjects directed by their teachers if they required special support and so on, extra examination preparation. That is one thing. What you are saying is, for example, having an insight into what is going to start happening ... I think that has happened in many cases over the years. Yes, it has. But that is a very different thing to what was being discussed before which was actually starting proper lessons.

**NO. 771 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF PUPILS ARRESTED IN SCHOOLS**

How many children have been arrested within schools in Gibraltar in the past two years for offences of violence, drugs and drugs related violence, giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Over the past two years, one 14 year old Bayside student who is in social care was arrested in school for violent behaviour towards a teacher; one who is 13 years old and is allocated a social worker was detained by the Police in Bayside School after he was found to have arrived in school in possession of a small amount of a known drug; and two 16 year old students from Westside School, both of whom have voluntary Care Orders, were asked to accompany the Police in order to help them with their enquiries regarding an incident involving the students in the community after school hours.

**NO. 772 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF NON-TEACHING SUPPORT STAFF**

Can Government state the total number of non-teaching support staff, that is, secretarial or clerical, employed by the Education Department, giving a breakdown by grade, school and in the department's offices in Queensway?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

### **Answer to Question No. 772 of 2011**

The following is the breakdown of non-teaching support staff (i.e. secretarial or clerical) by grade, school and the Main Office in Queensway.

#### **Main Office**

Senior Executive Officer x 1  
Higher Executive Officer x 1  
Executive Officer x 2  
Administrative Officer x 10  
Personal Secretary x 1  
Typist x 1

School Secretary x 2 (f/t) – Westside  
School Secretary x 2 (f/t) – Bayside  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – Gibraltar College/Hebrew  
Executive Officer x 1 – Gibraltar College  
Administrative Officer x 1 – Gibraltar College  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – St Bernard's First/St Mary's First  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – St Anne's Middle  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – Bishop Fitzgerald Middle  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – Governor's Meadow First  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – Notre Dame First  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – St Martin's/St Mary's First  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – St Joseph's Middle  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – Sacred Heart Middle  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – St Paul's First  
School Secretary x 1 (p/t) – St Joseph's First

### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 772 OF 2011**

#### **HON G H LICUDI:**

Can the hon Member confirm, on the basis of the information which has been provided, that, apart from the Gibraltar College which has an Executive Officer and Administrative Officer, all other administrative duties, except secretarial, carried out in all our schools in Gibraltar, are carried out by teaching grades, teachers, head teachers?

#### **HON C G BELTRAN:**

I have not quite understood what the hon Member has said. Westside and Bayside School have two full time secretaries each.

#### **HON G H LICUDI:**

Perhaps, I will repeat what I have said. Apart from the secretarial roles, administrative work, which one imagines would be carried out either by Administrative Officers or Executive Officers, does not appear to be provided in any

of the schools and, therefore, you have teaching staff such as headmasters, deputy heads and year tutors all doing their own administration, is that correct?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Not quite. The Gibraltar College has an AO because they also deal with members of the general public. The College is a different animal, as it were. The Gibraltar College carries out evening classes of a variety of types and works closely with outside agencies in the business and legal world, in fact. So their role is different. The School Secretaries, the word Secretary might give the wrong impression. They do administration work as well. The administration required in a school such as returns to the Department of Education and numbers of children coming in a particular intake or other such staff which is collated by teachers as well. This is the normal role of, for example, form tutors who do the registers and pass on information. This has always been the case.

**NO. 773 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – PERFORMANCE TESTING OF TEACHERS**

Can Government state what criteria is used for performance testing of teachers stating how many teachers have been assessed during the current academic year, by whom such assessment has been carried out and what the result of such assessment has been, giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

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The performance of all teachers is monitored via three methods, all of which have been agreed with the teachers union GTA/NASUWT.

Firstly, every teacher participates in a system of “Performance Management”, as it is called, which consists of the setting of annual objectives for each teacher linked to the overall school development plan, with line managers verifying that the objectives are met. The overall process is managed by Head Teachers and overseen by Education Advisers. The process includes a number of classroom observations of teachers by line managers as well as one to one meetings between them. Criteria such as the teachers impact on the progress of the pupils and the teachers’ professional development inform these assessments. That is the first type of assessment of teachers.

Secondly, Education Advisers carry out weekly visits to all schools, engaging with teachers, at this stage not necessarily all teachers, but engaging with teachers and focusing on their schemes of work, lesson preparation and delivery as well as the overall effectiveness of line managers (Year Co-ordinators, subject co-ordinators, et cetera). Individual teachers’ progress is monitored in conjunction with Head Teachers who will indicate perhaps which teachers should be looked at during these visits or ... they work in tandem.

The third system is a system called the “Threshold” where teachers who have worked for six years are assessed by their Head Teacher and the Education Advisers using criteria such as “Knowledge and Understanding of Pedagogy”, “Teaching Skills”, “Pupil Progress”, “Wider Professional Effectiveness”, “Professional Characteristics”, and “Overall Assessment by Head Teacher”.

In all three methods, any teacher in need of support is visited regularly and an intervention programme, if needed, is set up within the school. No teacher has required such an intervention programme this year.

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**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – COMPLEMENT OF TEACHERS IN ALL SCHOOLS**

Can Government state what the complement of teachers in all schools currently is, giving a breakdown by school, subject specialisation, whether trained for the specific age group of the school in which they teach and whether they have a full teaching timetable, part-timetable and, if so, how much or no teaching duties?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 775 and 776 of 2011.

**NO. 775 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF FORM TUTORS IN EACH SCHOOL**

Can Government state the number of form tutors in each school broken down by school years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 774 and 776 of 2011.

**NO. 776 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON SUPPLY LIST**

Can Government state what the total number of teachers is on the supply list giving a breakdown by length of time on the list, subject specialisation and the age-group which each teacher is trained to teach?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

## Answer to Question 776 of 2011

### Answer to Question 774

1. Complement of teachers for 2010-2011 is 333.
2. Breakdown of complement by schools. (see table 1)
3. Subject specialisation of each of these teachers (see table 2)
4. 299 are trained "specifically" for the age group of the school they teach in (see table 1). (NB. Of the 35 that are not teaching in their area of specialisation 27 are from the middle school sector which is an overlap of primary and secondary)
5. 332 are in full time employment. 2 are part timers working 0.5 of full time. (see table 1)

Table 1.

School	Staff			Specialist in Sector	
	P&P complement	Full Time	Part Time	yes	no
Gov Meadow	16	16	0	16	0
St Joseph's F	22	22	0	21	1
Notre Dame	16	16	0	12	4
St Bernard's	9	9	0	9	0
St Mary's	10	10	0	9	1
St Paul's	22	22	0	22	0
Hebrew Primary	3	3	0	3	0
<i>Sector Totals</i>	98	98	0	92	6
Bishop Fitz	24	24	0	18	6
St Joseph's M	17	17	0	10	7
Sacred Heart	15	15	0	9	6
St Anne's M	22	22	0	14	8
Hebrew Primary	3	3	0	3	0
<i>Sector Totals</i>	81	81	0	54	27
Bayside	59.5	59	1	60	0
Westside	64.5	64	1	64	1
<i>Sector Totals</i>	124	123	2	124	1
St Martin's	6	6	0	6	0
College	22	22	0	22	0
attached to Ed Psych	1	1	0	1	0
attached to Main Office	1	1	0	0	1
<i>Totals</i>	<b>333.0</b>	<b>332.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>

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Table 2		Surname	Sch	Subject
Teaching Complement	Complement per school			
1	1	Teacher 1	BCS	English, Media
2	2	Teacher 2	BCS	Design Tech
3	3	Teacher 3	BCS	Social Sciences
4	4	Teacher 4	BCS	Eng Span
5	5	Teacher 5	BCS	Eng, Employment
6	6	Teacher 6	BCS	Italian & Spanish
7	7	Teacher 7	BCS	Chemistry
8	8	Teacher 8	BCS	PE Maths
9	9	Teacher 9	BCS	Music
10	10	Teacher 10	BCS	Design Tech
11	11	Teacher 11	BCS	RE, Theo, Soc
12	12	Teacher 12	BCS	Science
13	13	Teacher 13	BCS	Chemistry/Forensic
14	14	Teacher 14	BCS	Fr Span
15	15	Teacher 15	BCS	Music
16	16	Teacher 16	BCS	Chem Bio
17	17	Teacher 17	BCS	RE
18	18	Teacher 18	BCS	History
19	19	Teacher 19	BCS	Chem Phys
20	20	Teacher 20	BCS	Romance Langs
21	21	Teacher 21	BCS	Drama, English
22	22	Teacher 22	BCS	Rel Eng
23	23	Teacher 23	BCS	Eng
24	24	Teacher 24	BCS	Bio
25	25	Teacher 25	BCS	D&S, IT
26	26	Teacher 26	BCS	Maths
27	27	Teacher 27	BCS	Sciences
28	28	Teacher 28	BCS	CDT
29	29	Teacher 29	BCS	Maths
30	30	Teacher 30	BCS	MFL
31	31	Teacher 31	BCS	PE
32	32	Teacher 32	BCS	CDT
33	33	Teacher 33	BCS	Hist
34	34	Teacher 34	BCS	Mod Languages
35	35	Teacher 35	BCS	Bio, Chem, Physics
36	36	Teacher 36	BCS	Geo
37	37	Teacher 37	BCS	Sciences
38	38	Teacher 38	BCS	Art, Dance, SEN
39	39	Teacher 39	BCS	Maths, Physics
40	40	Teacher 40	BCS	Chemistry/Biology
41	41	Teacher 41	BCS	Maths
42	42	Teacher 42	BCS	RE, Theology
43	43	Teacher 43	BCS	RE
44	44	Teacher 44	BCS	Art Socio
45	45	Teacher 45	BCS	Graphic Des
46	46	Teacher 46	BCS	PE/Eng
47	47	Teacher 47	BCS	Design/Tech

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48	48	Teacher 48	BCS	Maths	
49	49	Teacher 49	BCS	Chem/PE/Spor Sc	
50	50	Teacher 50	BCS	Science	
51	51	Teacher 51	BCS	Physics, Maths	
52	52	Teacher 52	BCS	History, Languages	
53	53	Teacher 53	BCS	Hist	
54	54	Teacher 54	BCS	Fr Span	
55	55	Teacher 55	BCS	Design Tech	
56	56	Teacher 56	BCS	Maths Physics	
57	57	Teacher 57	BCS	Art, Graphic Design	
58	58	Teacher 58	BCS	Eng	
59	59	Teacher 59	BCS	Mod Lang/Business	
60	60	Teacher 60	BCS	Modern Languages	
61	1	Teacher 61	BFMS	Art	
62	2	Teacher 62	BFMS	Dance	
63	3	Teacher 63	BFMS	Modern Languages	
64	4	Teacher 64	BFMS	Eng Dr	
65	5	Teacher 65	BFMS	Mod Lang & Lit	
66	6	Teacher 66	BFMS	Music	
67	7	Teacher 67	BFMS	Psychology, Prim	
68	8	Teacher 68	BFMS	Fr Ling Italian	
69	9	Teacher 69	BFMS	Prim/Hisp Stud	
70	10	Teacher 70	BFMS	Art, Design	
71	11	Teacher 71	BFMS	D & T	
72	12	Teacher 72	BFMS	Maths	
73	13	Teacher 73	BFMS	French	
74	14	Teacher 74	BFMS	Psychology	
75	15	Teacher 75	BFMS	Bio	
76	16	Teacher 76	BFMS	Science	
77	17	Teacher 77	BFMS	History	
78	18	Teacher 78	BFMS	PE Fr	
79	19	Teacher 79	BFMS	Primary	
80	20	Teacher 80	BFMS	PE	
81	21	Teacher 81	BFMS	PE	
82	22	Teacher 82	BFMS	His Sport Sc	
83	23	Teacher 83	BFMS	Language/Literature	
84	24	Teacher 84	BFMS	Science	
85		Teacher 85	EP	Mod Lang	attached Ed Psych
86	1	Teacher 86	GC	Mod Lang	
87	2	Teacher 87	GC	Building	
88	3	Teacher 88	GC	Elec	
89	4	Teacher 89	GC	Tourism	
90	5	Teacher 90	GC	Business Studies	
91	6	Teacher 91	GC	Business Studies	
92	7	Teacher 92	GC	Bus St/IT	
93	8	Teacher 93	GC	Psychology	
94	9	Teacher 94	GC	Visual Com. Design	
95	10	Teacher 95	GC	Accountancy	
96	11	Teacher 96	GC	Bus Studies	
97	12	Teacher 97	GC	Building	
98	13	Teacher 98	GC	Applied Social Sciences	
99	14	Teacher 99	GC	IT/Maths	
100	15	Teacher 100	GC	Des & Tech	Contd

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101	16	Teacher 101	GC	Craft	
102	17	Teacher 102	GC	French Spanish	
103	18	Teacher 103	GC	IT/Business	
104	19	Teacher 104	GC	Psychology	
105	20	Teacher 105	GC	Multimedia, D&T	
106	21	Teacher 106	GC	Bus Studies	
107	22	Teacher 107	GC	Business Studies	
108	1	Teacher 108	GMFS	Art	
109	2	Teacher 109	GMFS	Tech Educ	
110	3	Teacher 110	GMFS	Gen Subjects	
111	4	Teacher 111	GMFS	Maths	
112	5	Teacher 112	GMFS	Geo RE	
113	6	Teacher 113	GMFS	Prim Ed	
114	7	Teacher 114	GMFS	Arts	
115	8	Teacher 115	GMFS	Maths	
116	9	Teacher 116	GMFS	RE Mod Lang Ling'tics	
117	10	Teacher 117	GMFS	Eng	
118	11	Teacher 118	GMFS	Lower PriMAy	
119	12	Teacher 119	GMFS	Eng	
120	13	Teacher 120	GMFS	English	
121	14	Teacher 121	GMFS	Fr	
122	15	Teacher 122	GMFS	Theology	
123	16	Teacher 123	GMFS	PE	
124	1	Teacher 124	HPS	Science	
125	2	Teacher 125	HPS	Eng	
126	3	Teacher 126	HPS	Bus Studies	
127	4	Teacher 127	HPS	Fr Span	
128	5	Teacher 128	HPS	Psychology	
129	6	Teacher 129	HPS	Gen Subjects	
130		Teacher 130	MO	Maths Phys Comp	attached Main Office
131	1	Teacher 131	NDFS	Eng, Drama	
132	2	Teacher 132	NDFS	Art	
133	3	Teacher 133	NDFS	RE,Sociology	
134	4	Teacher 134	NDFS	Art/ICT	
135	5	Teacher 135	NDFS	Natural Sciences	
136	6	Teacher 136	NDFS	Media Studies	
137	7	Teacher 137	NDFS	Theology/RE/Prim	
138	8	Teacher 138	NDFS	RE Music	
139	9	Teacher 139	NDFS	General	
140	10	Teacher 140	NDFS	MAineBio Zoology	
141	11	Teacher 141	NDFS	Bio PhysED	
142	12	Teacher 142	NDFS	Chem Health Ed	
143	13	Teacher 143	NDFS	Art	
144	14	Teacher 144	NDFS	Music	
145	15	Teacher 145	NDFS	Lit ExprArts	
146	16	Teacher 146	NDFS	Art/Design	
147	1	Teacher 147	SAMS	Art	
148	2	Teacher 148	SAMS	Business Studies, Dance	
149	3	Teacher 149	SAMS	Span, Eng	
150	4	Teacher 150	SAMS	Primary	
151	5	Teacher 151	SAMS	Eng	
152	6	Teacher 152	SAMS	Art/Design	
153	7	Teacher 153	SAMS	PE	Contd

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154	8	Teacher 154	SAMS	Dance/Spec Nds	
155	9	Teacher 155	SAMS	PE	
156	10	Teacher 156	SAMS	Music	
157	11	Teacher 157	SAMS	Primary	
158	12	Teacher 158	SAMS	Dance	
159	13	Teacher 159	SAMS	PE	
160	14	Teacher 160	SAMS	Geography	
161	15	Teacher 161	SAMS	Drama	
162	16	Teacher 162	SAMS	Dance	
163	17	Teacher 163	SAMS	PE	
164	18	Teacher 164	SAMS	Des/Tech?	
165	19	Teacher 165	SAMS	Geo, ICT, Soc	
166	20	Teacher 166	SAMS	Span	
167	21	Teacher 167	SAMS	Hist	
168	22	Teacher 168	SAMS	Art Eng	
169	1	Teacher 169	SBFS	Span	
170	2	Teacher 170	SBFS	Art Design	
171	3	Teacher 171	SBFS	RE	
172	4	Teacher 172	SBFS	Eng Drama	
173	5	Teacher 173	SBFS	Gen Subjects	
174	6	Teacher 174	SBFS	Primary	
175	7	Teacher 175	SBFS	Art	
176	8	Teacher 176	SBFS	General	
177	9	Teacher 177	SBFS	Fr Span	
178	1	Teacher 178	SHMS	Music French English	
179	2	Teacher 179	SHMS	Art/Craft	
180	3	Teacher 180	SHMS	Fr	
181	4	Teacher 181	SHMS	Sci RE	
182	5	Teacher 182	SHMS	French & Spanish	
183	6	Teacher 183	SHMS	Spanish	
184	7	Teacher 184	SHMS	Chem Ed	
185	8	Teacher 185	SHMS	His	
186	9	Teacher 186	SHMS	Art Psych	
187	10	Teacher 187	SHMS	Italian MFL	
188	11	Teacher 188	SHMS	Spanish	
189	12	Teacher 189	SHMS	Maths	
190	13	Teacher 190	SHMS	Early Years	
191	14	Teacher 191	SHMS	PE Maths	
192	1	Teacher 192	SJFS	Social Sciences	
193	2	Teacher 193	SJFS	PE Science IT	
194	3	Teacher 194	SJFS	Eng Dr	
195	4	Teacher 195	SJFS	Spanish, Italian	
196	5	Teacher 196	SJFS	English	
197	6	Teacher 197	SJFS	Science	
198	7	Teacher 198	SJFS	Eng/ Hist of Art	
199	8	Teacher 199	SJFS	Art Dr	
200	9	Teacher 200	SJFS	Primary Gen Subjets	
201	10	Teacher 201	SJFS	Gen Subjects	
202	11	Teacher 202	SJFS	History	
203	12	Teacher 203	SJFS	History	
204	13	Teacher 204	SJFS	Fr Eng	
205	14	Teacher 205	SJFS	Primary	
206	15	Teacher 206	SJFS	Sociology	Contd

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207	16	Teacher 207	SJFS	Spo St/Business	
208	17	Teacher 208	SJFS	Geography, Spanish	
209	18	Teacher 209	SJFS	PriMAy	
210	19	Teacher 210	SJFS	Bio Art	
211	20	Teacher 211	SJFS	PE Maths	
212	21	Teacher 212	SJFS	Art Craft Hist	
213	22	Teacher 213	SJFS	Humanities	
214	1	Teacher 214	SJMS	Geography	
215	2	Teacher 215	SJMS	Maths PE	
216	3	Teacher 216	SJMS	Hist PE	
217	4	Teacher 217	SJMS	Music	
218	5	Teacher 218	SJMS	Hispanic Studies	
219	6	Teacher 219	SJMS	Gen Subjects	
220	7	Teacher 220	SJMS	Fr Span	
221	8	Teacher 221	SJMS	Modern Languages	
222	9	Teacher 222	SJMS	Art Movement	
223	10	Teacher 223	SJMS	Primary	
224	11	Teacher 224	SJMS	Hist	
225	12	Teacher 225	SJMS	Eng	
226	13	Teacher 226	SJMS	English	
227	14	Teacher 227	SJMS	Eng Art ICT	
228	15	Teacher 228	SJMS	Drama, PE	
229	16	Teacher 229	SJMS	Eng	
230	17	Teacher 230	SJMS	Art/Design Soc	
231	1	Teacher 231	SMFS	Geo	
232	2	Teacher 232	SMFS	Retailing	
233	3	Teacher 233	SMFS	Early Years	
234	4	Teacher 234	SMFS	Prim Ed	
235	5	Teacher 235	SMFS	PE Primary	
236	6	Teacher 236	SMFS	Art General	
237	7	Teacher 237	SMFS	Mod Langs	
238	8	Teacher 238	SMFS	Eng Lit	
239	9	Teacher 239	SMFS	His	
240	10	Teacher 240	SMFS	Geo Socio	
241	1	Teacher 241	SMSS	IT, Spanish, SEN	
242	2	Teacher 242	SMSS	Art Special Ed	
243	3	Teacher 243	SMSS	Special Ed	
244	4	Teacher 244	SMSS		
245	5	Teacher 245	SMSS	Psychology/Maths	
246	6	Teacher 246	SMSS	Special Education	
247	1	Teacher 247	SPFS	Eng Dr	
248	2	Teacher 248	SPFS	Prim/ Spo Sci	
249	3	Teacher 249	SPFS	Music	
250	4	Teacher 250	SPFS	Bio Ceramics	
251	5	Teacher 251	SPFS	General	
252	6	Teacher 252	SPFS	Art Dr	
253	7	Teacher 253	SPFS	Art	
254	8	Teacher 254	SPFS	Gen Subjects	
255	9	Teacher 255	SPFS	Art TESL	
256	10	Teacher 256	SPFS	Hist of Art/Spa	
257	11	Teacher 257	SPFS	Primary	
258	12	Teacher 258	SPFS	Eng Theology	
259	13	Teacher 259	SPFS	French	Contd

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260	14	Teacher 260	SPFS	Span
261	15	Teacher 261	SPFS	Special Ed
262	16	Teacher 262	SPFS	Art, D&T
263	17	Teacher 263	SPFS	Primary
264	18	Teacher 264	SPFS	Primary
265	19	Teacher 265	SPFS	Primary
266	20	Teacher 266	SPFS	Primary
267	21	Teacher 267	SPFS	Primary
268	22	Teacher 268	SPFS	English
269	1	Teacher 269	WCS	Sciences
270	2	Teacher 270	WCS	Sciences
271	3	Teacher 271	WCS	Maths/Biology
272	4	Teacher 272	WCS	Span Eng Econ Bus
273	5	Teacher 273	WCS	Bus St/ /Fr/ Spa
274	6	Teacher 274	WCS	PE, Eng
275	7	Teacher 275	WCS	English Lit
276	8	Teacher 276	WCS	Fr/Spa/Ger
277	9	Teacher 277	WCS	Eng Geo
278	10	Teacher 278	WCS	Mathematics
279	11	Teacher 279	WCS	Spanish/English
280	12	Teacher 280	WCS	Maths/Physics
281	13	Teacher 281	WCS	English/Italian
282	14	Teacher 282	WCS	Eng, Spa
283	15	Teacher 283	WCS	Psych, Business, IT
284	16	Teacher 284	WCS	ICT Busines Maths
285	17	Teacher 285	WCS	Sci
286	18	Teacher 286	WCS	English/ML
287	19	Teacher 287	WCS	Maths
288	20	Teacher 288	WCS	Home Econ Textiles
289	21	Teacher 289	WCS	Span
290	22	Teacher 290	WCS	Hist Socio
291	23	Teacher 291	WCS	Sci Bio
292	24	Teacher 292	WCS	Sp,His,PE
293	25	Teacher 293	WCS	Drama
294	26	Teacher 294	WCS	Art
295	27	Teacher 295	WCS	Geography
296	28	Teacher 296	WCS	French/ Italian
297	29	Teacher 297	WCS	Maths/Phys/Chem
298	30	Teacher 298	WCS	SEN/ Science
299	31	Teacher 299	WCS	Geo
300	32	Teacher 300	WCS	Spanish
301	33	Teacher 301	WCS	RE Span
302	34	Teacher 302	WCS	SEN, Human Sciences
303	35	Teacher 303	WCS	Geo Econ
304	36	Teacher 304	WCS	English, Drama
305	37	Teacher 305	WCS	Hist of Art
306	38	Teacher 306	WCS	Hon Econ Textiles
307	39	Teacher 307	WCS	Eng
308	40	Teacher 308	WCS	Mathematics
309	41	Teacher 309	WCS	Art
310	42	Teacher 310	WCS	Design & Technology
311	43	Teacher 311	WCS	Maths
312	44	Teacher 312	WCS	Sci Bio

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313	45	Teacher 313	WCS	English	
314	46	Teacher 314	WCS	Philosophy, Sociology	
315	47	Teacher 315	WCS	Music Hist	
316	48	Teacher 316	WCS	Bio Phys Sci	
317	49	Teacher 317	WCS	Music	
318	50	Teacher 318	WCS	Geography	
319	51	Teacher 319	WCS	Spanish	
320	52	Teacher 320	WCS	Maths	
321	53	Teacher 321	WCS	Gen Subjects	
322	54	Teacher 322	WCS	Geo PE	
323	55	Teacher 323	WCS	PE	
324	56	Teacher 324	WCS	Bus Stu IT Econ	
325	57	Teacher 325	WCS	English Drama Media	
326	58	Teacher 326	WCS	Science	
327	59	Teacher 327	WCS	RE	
328	60	Teacher 328	WCS	Fr Eng	
329	61	Teacher 329	WCS	Eng, Art, SEN	
330	62	Teacher 330	WCS	Span Fr	
331	63	Teacher 331	WCS	Mod Lang & Hist	
332	64	Teacher 332	WCS	Sci Chem	
333	65	Teacher 333	WCS	Geography	

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<b>First School Sector</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>
Governor's Meadow	3	3	3	3
St Joseph's	4	5	4	4
Notre Dame	3	3	3	3
St Bernard's	2	2	2	2
St Mary's	2	2	3	2
St Paul's	3	4	4	4
Hebrew Primary	1	1	1	1
	18	20	20	19

<b>Middle School Sector</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Year Six</b>	<b>Year Seven</b>
Bishop Fitzgerald	4	5	5	4
St Joseph's	4	4	4	3
Sacred Heart	2	3	2	3
St Anne's	4	4	4	5
Hebrew Primary	1	1	1	0
	15	17	16	15

<b>Secondary School Sector</b>	<b>Year Eight</b>	<b>Year Nine</b>	<b>Year Ten</b>	<b>Year Eleven</b>	<b>Year Twelve</b>	<b>Year Thirteen</b>
Bayside	8	8	8	8	4	4
Westside	8	8	8	8	6	4
	16	16	16	16	10	8

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| 1. Number of teachers on the supply list is 74  |
| 2. Table shows complete years ( ie. Current year will end July 8th 2011 hence some show zero) |

Supply Teachers	Complete d years on supply	Subject / Specialism	Age Group
Teacher 1	0	History, Spanish	Primary
Teacher 2	2	Art & Design	Secondary
Teacher 3	2	Mathematics, Science	Secondary
Teacher 4	0	English, Drama, Media	Secondary
Teacher 5	2	PE	Secondary
Teacher 6	1	Psychology	Primary
Teacher 7	4	Sport & Exercise	Primary
Teacher 8	1	Spanish, French, Psychology	Secondary
Teacher 9	1	Primary Stage	Primary
Teacher 10	2	Business	Primary
Teacher 11	3	Citizenship and Spanish	Secondary
Teacher 12	3	Spanish, History	Primary
Teacher 13	1	Spanish, PE	Secondary
Teacher 14	2	English, Spanish, PE	Secondary
Teacher 15	3	Art, English, PSCH	Secondary
Teacher 16	1	PE	Primary
Teacher 17	1	Psychology, Spanish	Primary
Teacher 18	6	Psychology	Secondary
Teacher 19	1	PE	Primary
Teacher 20	0	Mathematics	Primary
Teacher 21	3	Dance Drama, PE	Secondary
Teacher 22	3	Business Studies	Secondary
Teacher 23	2	French and Italian with German	Secondary
Teacher 24	0	English, PE	Primary
Teacher 25	1	Foundation Stage up to KS2	Primary
Teacher 26	3	SEN, Mathematics	Primary
Teacher 27	0	Science, Music	Primary
Teacher 28	2	PE	Secondary
Teacher 29	1	Mathematics, Physical Education	Primary
Teacher 30	0	Science, Geography	Primary
Teacher 31	4	Psychology, Technology	Primary
Teacher 32	1	Psychology, SEN KS3	Secondary
Teacher 33	1	Spanish, Childhood Studies	Primary
Teacher 34	2	Mathematics, SEN, PE	Primary
Teacher 35	4	Art & Design, Spanish and History of Art	Secondary

NB. Did not work for 3 years

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Teacher 36	1	Mathematics	Secondary
Teacher 37	4	PE	Primary
Teacher 38	1	ICT, Business	Secondary
Teacher 39	3	Music	Secondary
Teacher 40	2	Mathematics & MFL	Primary
Teacher 41	2	Early Years	Primary
Teacher 42	3	Early Years	Primary
Teacher 43	2	Science, Chemistry, Maths	Secondary
Teacher 44	0	Geography	Secondary
Teacher 45	3	Early Years Reception	Primary
Teacher 46	4	Primary Stage	Primary
Teacher 47	1	Primary Stage	Primary
Teacher 48	0	Primary Stage	Primary
Teacher 49	0	English, History	Secondary
Teacher 50	1	Geography	Primary
Teacher 51	2	PE	Primary
Teacher 52	3	PE	Primary
Teacher 53	1	English	Secondary
Teacher 54	2	Mathematics	Primary
Teacher 55	0	Science, PE	Secondary
Teacher 56	2	English, Drama	Primary
Teacher 57	2	Early Years	Primary
Teacher 58	4	Foundation stage to KS2	Primary
Teacher 59	0	Mathematics, Product Design	Secondary
Teacher 60	0	PE	Primary
Teacher 61	1	Science, History	Primary
Teacher 62	1	Physics, Mathematics	Secondary
Teacher 63	3	RE	Primary
Teacher 64	3	French; Business	Secondary
Teacher 65	1	PE	Secondary
Teacher 66	1	PE, ICT	Primary
Teacher 67	0	ICT, Business	Secondary
Teacher 68	3	Art and Design, PE, Textiles	Secondary
Teacher 69	2	Biology	Secondary
Teacher 70	2	Science	Primary
Teacher 71	1	English	Primary
Teacher 72	3	Spanish, Italian	Secondary
Teacher 73	2	Primary level & Psychology	Primary
Teacher 74	4	Business Studies, ICT	Secondary

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 774 TO 776 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I note that this is quite a lengthy document. I will be looking at this and possibly have to come back during Question Time if any issue arises. But rather than spend time looking at it now to see if any supplementaries arise, I would rather leave that ...

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

The House I am sure is grateful for that intelligent approach to these massive, massive loads of information that the Opposition requested.

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**HON G H LICUDI:**

Mr Speaker, I understand that that question concludes the questions that the Hon Minister for Education had. Earlier on, in answer to one of my questions, I was handed eleven pages of information and I said that I might need to come back and, with your leave, may I just raise one issue?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

This is in answer to Question No. 774 of 2011 which had to do with the complement of teachers, whether trained in specific age groups, subject specialisation and there is one part of the question or information which does not seem to appear in this table. The last part of the question is whether they, was the complement of teachers, have a full teaching timetable, part timetable and, if so, how much or no teaching duties. The information that has been provided is whether teachers are in full-time employment or part-time employment. That is not what the question asks. The question does not ask whether these teachers are full-time or part-time. It asks whether they have a full teaching timetable or part timetable or no teaching duties. Clearly, there may be teachers, part of the complement, like headmaster or deputy headmaster, who, although they are full-time, do not have either a full timetable or a part timetable or they may have no teaching duties at all. I am very keen to find out, in respect of the complement of teachers, what they actually teach in terms of timetable. Whether most of them have hundred per cent of the timetable and there are a handful with only a part timetable and, if so, how much. That is very useful information and that is, specifically, why the question was raised in that particular way. I note that the hon Member ..., if he has the answer then that would be fine, but if he does not, if he can look at it and then respond in writing please.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes. I do not have the individual timetable of each of those 333 teachers here because then I would have had to pass him a whole ream of information. The answer provides what the hon Member has stated which is that 332 of the 333 teachers are in full-time employment and two are 0.5s, as they call them in the profession, part-timers. If in the old ... because nowadays the number of periods in Secondary schools has changed, but in the old days ... for example, at Bayside School there would be 40 periods and apart from a few, two or three marking periods, normally 37 periods would be a full timetable. So when it says that 332 are in full-time employment, those people will be teaching a full timetable and the part-timers would be teaching less than that, half a timetable approximately. There are sub divisions within that. For example, a form tutor will be given one or two periods less to teach because they have to have some administration and pastoral work to look after. So it is generic. It is very difficult to ... When it comes down to it, what you are asking for is the personal timetable of each teacher. That would be passing over a whole ... So, in general terms, a full-time teacher would be teaching a full timetable. Now, of course, Head Teachers normally ... Generally, most Head Teachers do not teach or teach a few periods in their specialism. For example, I know that the Head Teacher at Bayside School who is a mathematician. Mathematicians, for example, at A Level, and I am sure that the hon Member knows this because he has a son who studying that at Bayside, are not as readily available as in other subjects. So that the Head Teacher has a number of teaching periods but in the primary sector, I would say that none of the Head Teachers teach or, if some teach, it would be very little. Deputy Heads will dip into a timetable for a few lessons. So that is a generic answer that I can give which will give the hon Member a picture. Other than that, it would have to be a detailed personal timetable of each teacher to be able to say how many periods each teach. It would be a huge task. Other than printing the personal timetables I have given to you, counting the number of teaching periods of 333 teachers is quite a task.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I understand the issue that the hon Member raises and, clearly, I am not asking for the individual timetables of the teachers but I am asking for specific information. More specific of the generic type that the hon Member has given, because of the 333, if as the hon Member says, most of them have a full timetable subject to the odd free period here and there for marking which is normal ...

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Marking periods. They do not have free periods. They are marking periods.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

... or marking periods and that is considered a full timetable, I am very interested in knowing, of the 333, how many actually teach because the hon Member has said that some will not teach at all. Like some Headmasters in some schools will not have any teaching duties at all and I am very keen to know, of the 333 teachers engaged, how many actually teach and if they do not teach a full timetable, well how much? The hon Member has also mentioned the Headmaster at Bayside. He will teach some periods but not all, but it is part of the question that has been put forward on the

Order Paper and I would welcome a slightly more detailed answer, without going to the extent, which I understand is impractical, of individual timetables for teachers? That is not what I am asking.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

May I suggest to the hon Member that if he writes asking specifically what he requires then as far as is possible I will get a written answer to him so that he has the information set out in writing as he has the rest of the information which I have passed to him today. Obviously, he will not get names. He will get, so many teachers teach three, five periods, whatever it is and it will be mainly Head Teachers. Very few Head Teachers teach in class. They have their hands full with other things.

**NO. 777 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF TEACHERS ATTENDING DRUGS EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Can Government state how many teachers have attended, during the current academic year, the drugs education programme for teachers, giving a breakdown by school, when the relevant course was carried out and by whom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The ongoing drugs education programme for teachers consists of the following: The Head of the Drugs Rehabilitation Service leads on providing very up-to-date information and resources for teachers who teach, for all teachers actually, but also for teachers, in particular, who teach the PSHE programmes for both Secondary Schools. PSHE standing for Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship education. He also delivers sessions for both teachers and children across all Middle and Secondary Schools, apart from those teachers who teach the PSHE programme. This is supported by specialist officers from the RGP. Sessions are delivered throughout the year to ensure all children and their Form Tutors are covered. These sessions provide teachers with extremely useful insights for them to reinforce the message given to children and young people.

Over and above this ongoing programme and following expert advice, we operate a cyclical approach to drugs education with a major event organised periodically for all teachers. The last major event, I believe, was three years ago led by Mr Adrian King, a world renowned expert. These training sessions consist mainly in updating information and knowledge as well as approaches to drugs education that do not actually change substantially over time. They are the backbone of the approach to drugs education ... is reinforced, changed as it changes over time. These sessions are carried out in conjunction with the drugs strategy co-ordinator and the Youth Service.

**NO. 778 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON SUPPLY LIST**

Can Government state how many teachers on the supply list have been engaged to teach for the whole of the current academic year stating, in each case, the reason for the use of each supply teacher for the whole year and whether such supply teacher has previously been engaged for the whole of an academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question No. 779 of 2011.

**NO. 779 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON SUPPLY LIST**

Can Government state how many teachers on the supply list are expected to be offered permanent and pensionable posts this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Answer to Question No. 778 of 2011**

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

**Answer to Question No. 779 of 2011**

Six teachers are expected to be offered permanent posts this year barring any late retirement. I am not aware of any as I stand here now.

**Answer to Question 779 of 2011**

**Answer to Question 778**

1. There are 34 teachers engaged for whole current academic year
2. Reasons for supply are: subject linked (14), maternities (20)
3. 23 of these have been previously engaged in whole year supply cover.

Supply teachers engaged for 1 Year	Supply Type	Engaged previously for 1 Year	
		yes	no
Teacher 1	support		✓
Teacher 2	support	✓	
Teacher 3	maternity		✓
Teacher 4	support		✓
Teacher 5	maternity	✓	
Teacher 6	maternity		✓
Teacher 7	support	✓	
Teacher 8	support	✓	
Teacher 9	maternity	✓	
Teacher 10	maternity		✓
Teacher 11	support	✓	
Teacher 12	support	✓	
Teacher 13	maternity	✓	
Teacher 14	maternity	✓	
Teacher 15	support		✓
Teacher 16	support	✓	
Teacher 17	support	✓	
Teacher 18	maternity	✓	
Teacher 19	maternity	✓	
Teacher 20	maternity	✓	
Teacher 21	maternity		✓
Teacher 22	maternity	✓	
Teacher 23	maternity		✓
Teacher 24	support	✓	
Teacher 25	maternity	✓	
Teacher 26	maternity		✓
Teacher 27	maternity	✓	
Teacher 28	support	✓	
Teacher 29	maternity	✓	
Teacher 30	support		✓
Teacher 31	support	✓	
Teacher 32	maternity	✓	
Teacher 33	maternity	✓	
Teacher 34	maternity		✓

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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 778 AND 779 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Are the six ... because six are retiring and therefore they will be replaced?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In answer to Question No. 778 of 2011, the heading is "Supply Type". Some of the teachers are covering maternity leave and others simply say support.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Can the hon Member ... given that the question is how many have been engaged for the whole of the academic year.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

What does that mean by support? This is not the occasional supply. This is someone who has been engaged for the whole year, ostensibly, on the basis of support. Can we understand what that means?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes. I shall explain. Support in educational terms can mean either a subject specialism that is required at a particular time for that year which is not available in numbers as required by that school, especially the secondary level where, for example, in a particular year students opting for mathematics, for example, which the hon Member mentioned before, the group is larger than usual and we need somebody over and above the complement in the school at that time. Also at secondary or primary level, educational support might ... these are general terms, might be, which I am explaining now, either the subject specialism or support for children who have particular difficulty, for example, in ... we sometimes get either students within the system or coming from outside who require support in language for example on numeracy ... So this is the kind of support that that depicts.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I understand the answer the hon Member is giving. Are any of these actually covering a post that ought to be made a proper post and, therefore, they are engaged on a semi-permanent basis without really engaging them on a permanent basis, simply taking them on as and when required?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

They should not be. We are employing six posts P&P this year because six people are retiring. So there should not be anybody covering for a post that is vacant in that sense.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Yes, I understand that six are being employed to replace the posts that are retiring. Given that we have quite a number of teachers who are engaged for the whole year on this support, is it the case that any of these actually should be posts which, given that they are being covered on a permanent basis, they should be posts over and above the six that are being engaged this year?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No. No. I have explained to the hon Member that they are not. That they are supporting subject specialisms or children who may be in need of special support in literacy, in numeracy, for example, for a year or two. But it is also a young profession and it is also in the majority, I would say generally, female and, therefore, if you look at that list there is a whole lot of maternities and they have to be replaced. I understand that this new academic year, starting in September, there will be 33 maternities going. So there will be 33 teachers working for a year.

**NO. 780 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF TEACHING CLASSROOMS AVAILABLE IN ALL SCHOOLS**

Can Government state the total number of teaching classrooms available in all Government schools with a breakdown by school stating whether there are any limits to the use to which the classroom can be put, for example, computer studies or science?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

There are a total of 351 classrooms of which 116 are specialist rooms.

All rooms and spaces within schools have the capacity to be used as 'teaching spaces'. Specialist rooms can also be used to teach other subjects so an ICT suite, for example, can double up as a modern languages or perhaps geography room, if required. Indeed, the usage given to a room can, and will, vary during the academic year as a direct function of curricular and organisational needs.

I am now handing over a schedule to the hon Member with the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 780 of 2011**

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Classrooms</b>	<b>Specialist Rooms</b>
St Bernard's First School	12	4
St Joseph's First School	22	3
St Mary's First School	16	3
Governor's Meadow First School	17	3
St Paul's First School	18	3
Notre Dame First School	16	3
St Martin's Special School	5	5
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School	26	3
St Joseph's Middle School	23	6
St Anne's Middle School	24	8
Sacred Heart Middle School	20	8
Hebrew Primary School	6	1
Westside School	62	25
Gibraltar College	23	12
Bayside School	61	29

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**NO. 781 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – TRAINING PROVIDED TO TEACHERS IN VISUAL IMPAIRMENT, BRAILLE, DYSLEXIA, ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER, AUTISM, DOWN’S SYNDROME AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS**

Can Government give details of the training provided to teachers during the current academic year in visual impairment, Braille, dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, autism, Down’s syndrome and other special needs, giving a breakdown by school, when the training was provided and by whom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

**Answer to Question 781 of 2011**

TRAINING	DATE	DELIVERED BY:
St. Bernard's First School St. Mary's First School	Literacy and Numeracy - P Levels – target setting for pupils with literacy and numeracy difficulties, who fall below Level 1 of the National Curriculum.	October 28 <sup>th</sup> 2010 October 29 <sup>th</sup> 2010
Behaviour Education Support Team (Peripatetic group of teachers who work in all three sectors)	Induction - Overview of the work carried out by BES Team. Planning process involved in working with pupils with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties. Practical strategies to support pupils with such difficulties. Follow up sessions – providing ongoing support and training. How to use some social emotional behavioural tools and checklists.	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2010 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
Bayside	Physical Education Department – planning and supporting pupils with a variety of SEN in PE lessons.	Sarah Payas – Education Adviser Sean Sullivan – Assistant Education Adviser Sarah Sheehan – Educational Psychologist Paul McNally – Educational Psychology
	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2010 – then weekly sessions for the rest of the first and second terms.	Sarah Payas – Education Adviser
		Contd.

Bayside Westside Bishop Fitzgerald Middle St. Martin's Special School	Focus was on educating children and young people with Down Syndrome in Secondary Schools from 11 -16 years. Training included –strategies for accessing the curriculum. Supporting friendships, social development and managing behaviour. Developing speech and language skills, literacy, numeracy and memory skills. Visual Impairment – overview of variety of different aspects of VI, including mobility training.	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2011	Contd Answer to Question 781 of 2011 Professor Gillian Bird from Down Syndrome International. U.K.
St. Martin's Special School	Autism and Sensory Integration – different ways of supporting the sensory needs of pupils on the spectrum.	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2010	John Cheetham – Mobility Officer for the GHA.
St. Mary's First School St. Joseph's First School	SCHOOL READINESS BASELINE ASSESSMENT - Revising strategies for identifying special needs and developmental delay through the use of Croydon Profiles with Reception Year teachers.	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Olga Sanchez – Occupational Therapist GHA
		April 2011	Sarah Sheehan – Educational Psychologist
			Contd.

Bayside, Westside, College	DYSLEXIA -Training of Bayside, Westside and GCFE SENCOs with new literacy and numeracy assessment materials in order to more effectively identify specific learning difficulties. This involved going over the correct administration of the tasks as well as interpretation of the scores in order to accurately pin-point strengths and difficulties within a student's range of skills.	November/December 2010	Contd Answer to Question 781 of 2011 Sarah Sheehan – Educational Psychologist
Notre Dame First School	Managing challenging behaviour safely	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Angela Lukas – head teacher, St. Martin's Special School
Westside	Training new SENCO at Westside on how to deal with referrals due to learning difficulties, social-emotional-behavioural needs, and attention and concentration difficulties and use the appropriate assessment procedures and tools, as well as using in-house resources effectively to tackle the pupils' needs.	September 2010	Sarah Sheehan – Educational Psychologist
			Contd

All schools as and when needed	<p>AUTISM - Small group sessions where teachers were advised on strategies tailored to the needs of individual children with social communication difficulties. This included highlighting how to use language appropriately in teaching (e.g. addressing children in unambiguous ways or helping the child structure responses), using appropriate resources to support teaching and learning (e.g. visual timetables, home-school diaries) and encouraging the development of social skills (e.g. circle of friends).</p> <p>ADHD – Small group sessions where teachers were advised on strategies to enhance learning of individual children with attention and concentration difficulties. Strategies discussed included using SMART targets and giving the child short breaks from tasks set in order to maximise concentration.</p>	On going	<p>Contd Answer to Question 781 of 2011</p> <p>Sarah Sheehan – Educational Psychologist</p> <p>Paul McNally – Educational Psychology</p>
All schools as and when needed	<p>ADHD – Small group sessions where teachers were advised on strategies to enhance learning of individual children with attention and concentration difficulties. Strategies discussed included using SMART targets and giving the child short breaks from tasks set in order to maximise concentration.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Sarah Sheehan – Educational Psychologist</p> <p>Paul McNally – Educational Psychology</p>
			<b>Contd.</b>

Gibraltar College	<b>Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Students –</b> Developing effective communication to support students with emotional difficulties through structured activities and understanding the referral process to the Care Agency.	09/12/2010	Contd Answer to Question 781 of 2011 Sean Sullivan – Assistant Education Adviser
Multi-agency Training – offered to all schools (5 places allocated for teachers at each training session.)	<b>Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children –</b> Developing effective communication to support children experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, harm. Improving professional practice in this field through structured activities. Understanding the role of agencies working with children. Understanding the referral process to the Care Agency.	30/11/2010 07/04/2011 02/06/2011	Sean Sullivan and other professionals from the multi-agency training team
Westside Comprehensive School	<b>BEST meetings with the SENCo</b> to support the development of strategies to help pupils with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.	Ongoing on a weekly basis during the academic year	Sean Sullivan – Assistant Education Adviser
			Contd.

Sacred Heart Middle School	<b>Structured support</b> offered to Head teacher to explore and discuss strategies to help pupils experiencing emotional and/or behavioural difficulties, including direct work with parents.	Ongoing on a monthly basis during the academic year	Contd Answer to Question 781 of 2011 Sean Sullivan - Assistant Education Adviser
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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 781 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In respect of the visit by Professor Gillian Bird from the Down Syndrome International UK, is it true to say that Professor Bird was not allowed to provide tuition directly inside the schools. That she was not allowed access to the schools?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

The hon Member either has not received the message given to him clearly or he does not understand how the system works. The Down Syndrome support lady who came to Gibraltar has come before, I believe, or someone from the Sarah Duffen Centre which is a specialist centre for Down Syndrome in the UK. We have regular contacts with them through the Gibraltar Down Syndrome Support Group with whom we have a very good relationship and they do not come as teachers. They are not teachers. This lady who came is an adviser. I understand from the Director of Education that this lady and others in the past have always been received at the Department of Education ... at lengthy meetings where the interest of Down Syndrome children has always been foremost in everybody's mind. These ladies who come over usually have twilight sessions which are very well attended by teachers from our schools. In fact, on this occasion, at my request, teachers were released during the day as well so that we could make as much profit from the advice of this lady as possible. So there was no need or requirement or interest in this lady teaching in our schools. We have perfectly well trained special educational needs co-ordinators in Gibraltar. Of course, information and support is very welcome and this is what happens.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Gentleman either did not understand the question or did not want to understand the question?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Or you did not explain yourself properly. One of the two. It begs the question. But do put the question again.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Maybe in that guise he might be wrong also about whether I did not get the message or was misinterpreting it.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Well, possibly. Yes. You never know.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

But I am happy to turn this into a debate if the hon Gentleman wishes to and the Hon Mr Speaker allows.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

That is what you normally do.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Let us move on the question please.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Can I have the question, please?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order please. Question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The question was simply not whether this lady was allowed to go into our schools to teach our children but whether she was allowed access to the schools in order to see the facilities.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No. That is not what you asked, sorry.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In order to see the facilities at the schools and in order to talk to our teachers in the schools' environment and can the hon Gentleman confirm to the Parliament that, in fact, there was a request that she should have that access and that he was the person who denied that request.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

As I understand it, there was a request to the Director of Education because I do not have to necessarily say yes or no to people going into schools for technical reasons,

for professional reasons. I am there to ensure that Government policy is looked at properly by the Department and carried out. I understand that there was a request to go into the schools and that this request was not seen as necessary, especially given the purpose of the visit which was to offer advice to teachers, and this advice, at my request as I said before, was offered not only during the evening but also during the morning where teachers were released from lessons to attend this. Over and above that there was no need for that and I certainly supported that point of view.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Gentleman said that the request was made to the Director of Education and that it was not seen as necessary. I assume to accede to that request?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Gentleman tell us who it was that decided it should not be seen as necessary?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I told you very clearly that the Director of Education is the one who decides who should go into the school to teach or otherwise and that advice from the Director of Education was very clear that it was not necessary for this lady to go into the schools to teach or otherwise. You said before in your first version of your question, was not allowed to go in to teach in schools. That later has been changed into, to go and visit the facilities and the resources. The facilities available and the resources were explained at nauseum by the Director and the Senior Education Adviser and, therefore, I also agreed with them that it was not necessary for this lady to go into the school. There was no need.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Gentleman said that the Director of Education's advice was that it was not necessary for her to see the school.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Then that he, namely the hon Gentleman the Minister, agreed with the Director of Education's advice.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So who made the decision?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Well, look it is either a joint decision or the Director's or mine. But it does not make any difference. The point is that this was made on good education grounds. There was no need for it and I do not see the problem with that.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Who was it that made the decision that this lady was not going to be given access to the school?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I have told you on three occasions.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Gentleman has told us that the Director of Education gave advice to that effect and that he agreed with that advice. Now, at the moment in that analysis we have got somebody giving advice and somebody else agreeing with that advice. We do not have a statement from the hon Gentleman, which I am asking him for in this Parliament, as to who made the decision?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

You have repeated yourself on three occasions and I think you are giving yourself the answer on the three occasions.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, as a Point of Order because it is with small mistakes that we then allow things to break down and things can get very unruly, if not nasty. We are not to call each other 'you'. We should speak to each other through the chair.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Yes, exactly. I think the Minister has lapsed over there. But now he is reminded.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

So Mr Speaker, I think the question has been answered.

**MR SPEAKER:**

No. I think the Hon Minister was interrupted.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

The hon Member has been told on three occasions that the Director of Education advised against the need for any such visit. I agreed with that advice and, therefore, the decision is taken that the person does not have to go into the school necessarily because that adviser came to Gibraltar to advise teachers. The necessary information was given to her as to what system we work here and the advice was given to teachers and I think that, actually, that adviser from UK gave an interview on television where she, obviously, came across as perfectly happy with what her mission to Gibraltar had been. Whether she went into physically into that school or any other school or not, actually is besides the point.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It is not besides the point because if people believe that access to schools is going to improve, what the hon Gentleman calls, 'their mission to Gibraltar', then, surely, there must be a good reason for that. Now, I am not going to make any comment on how people come across on interviews because I think it is a very slippery slope for this House to start entertaining opinions of members on either side of the House on how people come across in interviews. We might start commenting on each other's interviews, but can the hon Gentleman agree with me that at the moment what we have got from him is that a decision appears to have been made in [*inaudible*] or that he does not want to tell us exactly who made the decision. It seems to me that, from the information we have, he was advised by the Director of Education and on agreeing with that advice, he was therefore the decision maker. Why is it that he does not want to tell me if he believes that it was made on good educational grounds, as he has told us, that he was the person who made the decision? I would have thought it perfectly proper to say so and to inform the Parliament of that.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I have no problem with that. I think it is self-evident that, ultimately, the Minister is responsible for education. So, I have no problem in saying that my view coincided with that of the Director's and, therefore, at the Director's advice, the decision was taken, okay, but if you want me to say by me, but it was a mutual thing. We work together on a daily basis. The hon Member says that people believe, 'if people believe' and these are his words, 'if people believe a visit to a school is going to improve that school' ... Well, does the professional view of the Director of Education not count?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, I am not here to answer the question.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Well, I am and I have just answered that.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Very well, Mr Speaker, if the hon Gentleman wants to ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think it is a rhetorical question, but anyway.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the hon Gentleman then telling us that when it comes to access to the schools by this lady or by anybody else, he is the person who makes the decisions?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Only on the advice of the Director of Education and I think I have answered the question and I do not intend to answer any more questions of this type.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am very grateful to the hon Gentleman for finally wanting to own up to that. Now, can he tell us what is the policy on access to schools?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

By whom? That is a totally ...

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It may be that there are requests to visit schools by others and it appears that any request to visit the school is going to be subject to a decision made on an ad hoc basis by the Minister, when the Minister should really only be there to set policy rather than to make executive decisions of that sort.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I have not said that. He is putting words into my mouth.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Heaven forbid.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

He is not being absolutely clear and candid. I have been very clear and very candid. The Director's advice for me is very important, not what people in the street might wish to believe or want for other reasons. The Director's advice, based on professional, educational ... founded on good educational premises, is the advice that I take and on that occasion I took that advice. On other occasions, the advice from the Director of Education and my decision, as the hon Member wishes me to say, might be different. Not ad hoc but different depending on the circumstances. Our interest is the educational benefit of the children. Not what as he says, 'people believe in'.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am surprised that he appears to have a transcript of what I said a few moments ago, apparently. Anyway, can I ask him on what good educational premise he decided not to allow the Chairman of the NASUWT access to the school six months ago?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

The Chairman of the NASUWT. The President. Mr Speaker, is that not a totally different question? It has nothing to do with what we are talking about.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

We are talking about access to schools, Mr Speaker.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

With respect, we started with access with one particular person, a Professor. Then the last question but one was general policy and access. I was about to stand in there, and say, hang on, and now we are talking about a person completely divorced from ...

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Of course, I accept that, Mr Speaker. But why does the hon Gentleman not want to give me the answer.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I would need notice for that question because it is totally different. Out of scope of what we are talking about.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The President of the NASUWT is not somebody whose visit one easily forgets, I would have thought, and denying him access to the premises where his members in Gibraltar ply their trade is also, I would have thought, not something one would easily forget. But if the hon Gentleman is so ashamed of his decision that he does not want to defend it in this Parliament today ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. Order. The Hon the Leader of the Opposition has now strayed way beyond. He has made a statement there.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Mr Speaker, the Department of Education and the Minister of Education have never ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. Order on both sides. Since the Hon the Leader of the Opposition has made a statement using an emotive word like a 'ashamed', I will allow the Minister to respond just to that aspect of being ashamed.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Mr Speaker, the Minister is not ashamed of anything that he has done since he was elected Minister for Education.

**MR SPEAKER:**

That is all you need to say.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I think that the hon Member might look inside himself to answer ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Let us not go beyond that. Order. Order. Order.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Mr Speaker, every morning when I look in the mirror I am perfectly happy with what I see. Inside and outside and I recommend the same emotion to the hon Gentleman. It helps one sleep tremendously.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. We will move to the next question.

**NO. 782 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY REVIEWS UNDERTAKEN IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state what health and safety reviews have been carried out during the current academic year in Government schools, giving a breakdown by school, when the review was carried out, by whom and what the result of the review was?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

This academic year has seen the culmination of a lengthy process that included extensive discussions between GTA/NASUWT, with whom we get along extremely well, and the Department of Education and Training on the production of a health and safety framework for all schools which I am glad to report is now firmly in place. This framework is based on advice provided by RoSPA, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, received a few years ago, as well as locally-based specialists and is, therefore, premised on sound, modern practice. As a result of this, schools have reviewed their health and safety procedures and have updated their existing health and safety policies to fit into new procedures in the framework.

This is quite apart from the extensive annual school inspections, if the hon Member will listen, carried out in preparation of the minor works programme.

The health and safety framework includes in-built on-going assessment reviews at all levels of responsibility within the schools. The Department of Education and Training also has the responsibility to meet periodically with Head Teachers to review health and safety procedures. All this has already taken place this year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 782 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Was the decision to refuse to allow the President of the NASUWT access to the schools six months ago, which was the subject of a previous supplementary, was that refusal based on health and safety grounds?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I honestly do not have any recollection of the President of the NASUWT ever having been refused entry into any school in Gibraltar. This is my honest ... as far as I can

recall. I do not know where this is coming from. I do not know where this is coming from and, since the hon Members are not listening, I might as well sit down.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What we are simply saying is that you are saying that you genuinely cannot remember it. We are not going to ask you any further questions on it.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes. I cannot remember because it has not happened as far as I can recollect.

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**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Mr Speaker, I would like to make a clarification, if possible, before we carry on with the questions. Reference one of the earlier questions.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Yes, the Hon the Minister for Education and Training.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes, Mr Speaker. In answer to an earlier question as to why the President of the ... as we later found out, the UK NASUWT, the question from the Hon Mr Picardo, why the President of the NASUWT in UK was not allowed to visit our schools, I said that I could not recall having issued, myself or the Director of Education or anybody else, such a denial. I can now confirm that, in fact, on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the President ... I think it was the incoming President of the NASUWT in UK, Mr Chris Lines, was accompanied by myself and the Director of Education on a visit to a number of schools. I personally was present at a visit to St Mary's First School and then, because of other engagements, I was not able to continue with the party. The party consisting of the Director, the Senior Education Adviser and Mr Lines and the local, the Gibraltar GTA President Mr Borastero, all visited other schools. I believe it was Bayside. It might have been Westside and one or two other schools. So, whoever informed you that I denied entry into one of the schools was completely wrong.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Thank you.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

You are welcome.

**NO. 783 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOLS SUFFERING FROM VISUAL IMPAIRMENT, DYSLEXIA, ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER, AUTISM, DOWN’S SYNDROME AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS**

Can Government state how many pupils suffering from visual impairment, dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, autism, Down’s Syndrome and other special needs attend Government schools, giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

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	SLD	ASD	GLD	SPLD	BES	HI	VI	PI	DS	ADHD
St Joseph's First	10	1	22	0	13	0	1	0	0	1
St Bernard's First	12	0	27	1	19	0	0	1	0	1
St Mary's First	25	1	15	0	13	1	0	0	0	1
St Paul's First	5	0	26	0	11	0	0	2	0	0
Notre Dame First	13	2	28	1	25	1	0	2	0	0
Governor's Meadow First	17	0	22	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Hebrew Primary	1	0	14	3	8	0	0	2	0	0
St Martin's Special	14	7	7	0	5	0	3	4	1	3
Sacred Heart Middle	6	0	47	4	18	1	0	0	0	3
St Joseph's Middle	0	3	24	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
St Anne's Middle	2	1	32	10	18	0	0	0	0	2
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle	1	2	54	1	16	2	0	2	2	4
Westside Girls' Comprehensive	6	0	83	12	36	0	1	3	0	3
Bayside Boys' Comprehensive	7	11	99	21	57	4	3	7	3	11

KEY

SLD = Speech and Language Difficulties  
 ASD = Autistic Spectrum Disorders  
 BES = Behaviour, Emotional and Social Development  
 PI = Physical Impairment  
 ADHD = Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
 GLD = General Learning Difficulties  
 HI = Hearing Impairment  
 DS = Down's Syndrome

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 783 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Are these the children who are known in the profession as statemented?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Statementing, as the hon Member should know having been involved with the profession in various categories, has never existed in Gibraltar. That is a term used in UK which has never been adopted in Gibraltar. We have, as I am sure you are aware, the assessment panel which takes professional decisions on, if you like, broadly speaking, the statementing equivalent, although much quicker than the system in UK which, actually, has very, very poor reports.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes. I understand that we do not do statementing because you have got here on the list the whole range which is what the hon Member has asked and in UK these are, sort of, categorised like statementing. That is why I asked the question. Are these, sort of, similar to what they have statemented in UK?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Those categories, as you put it, I would not put it as categories but different types of special needs. Children with these needs are usually assessed at a variety of levels, as you know, including the Educational Psychologist and the assessment panel.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Therefore, there is no system of statementing because there are also levels at statementing children, depending on, for example, autism. There is a wide range of autism. Autism is not just one type.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes. The spectrum. They call it the spectrum.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

One of the headings provided in this list is speech and language difficulties. By language difficulties, does the hon Member mean simply that they do not speak English? Is that what is generally, what this refers to?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I think that that refers to language development as in a human being.

**HON G H LICUIDI:**

There are also two headings. One is 'specific learning difficulties' and the other 'general learning difficulties'. Can the hon Member explain what is the difference between the two? What does specific learning difficulties refer to as opposed to general learning difficulties.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

General learning difficulties. There will be some pupils who have been assessed by the psychologist because there might have been concerns about, for example, having a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia. That answers the first part. Dyslexia, for example, dyscalculia would be a specific learning difficulty, whereas a general learning difficulty would be perhaps late development in literacy or numeracy, more general. I am not an educational psychologist but this is what I have gathered over the years.

**HON J J BOSSANO**

It just seems that most of the things, other than general learning difficulties, are related to some particular problem that a child may have. Is general learning difficulties that the children are having difficulty in keeping up with the work in school? Is that what it amounts to? Not that it is something that has been identified. It is not a hearing impairment. It is not a sight impairment. It does not seem ... Is it that general learning difficulties is not connected to any, kind of, disability. It is just that they are not doing well in school?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Not just not doing well in school but the information that I have before me is that these children continue to show signs of difficulty in developing, for example, literacy and numeracy skills. To the extent that their attainment has been below what would be expected for their age. This is the general definition. It is a general learning difficulty not specific such as, for example, dyslexia or autism which is also a spectrum.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. Would the hon Member not consider ... I am, frankly, quite shocked to find that there are so many. I had no idea that the size of the problem was this big.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Let me explain that these numbers may give the false impression that a child who has general learning difficulty at a particular school ... In one school there are twenty two, for example, but that child will also have perhaps other types of problems. So ... It is normally the case that a child who has special educational needs will rarely, I think, as I say, I am not an educational psychologist, but will rarely just have one very specific and the only one problem. It is usually ... That is why, for example, in autism they talk about the spectrum because there is a variety shifting kind of problem.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, the same child may appear more than once in these columns?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the hon Member have the figure of how many there are in the chart that he has given us?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No. I do not have that figure.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think the original question said, how many pupils ... would give the indication of numbers of pupils as opposed to ...

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Well, it says how many pupils suffering from visual impairment, dyslexia and so on by school. That is given. But I am sure that ... I believe that some years ago, quite a few years ago, in England there was a famous study done by Professor Warnock and Warnock said that around twenty per cent of the population could have special educational needs of a variety of types. I am told by the experts in the Department that Gibraltar is within that percentage.

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**NO. 784 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – PUPILS ENROLLED IN FIRST, MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

In answer to Question Nos. 170 and 171 of 2011, the Government provided the numbers of pupils enrolled in First, Middle and Secondary schools. Can Government provide a breakdown of that information by schools?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

Answer to Question 784 of 2011

**SCHOOL:** GOVERNOR'S MEADOW FIRST SCHOOL

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	12	10							22
	2	11	10							21
	3	7	14							21
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>							<b>64</b>
1	1			12	9					21
	2			11	10					21
	3			8	11					19
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>					<b>61</b>
2	1					11	8			19
	2					10	10			20
	3					9	10			19
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>			<b>58</b>
3	1							9	9	18
	2							11	6	17
	3							13	7	20
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>238</b>

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**SCHOOL: ST MARY'S FIRST SCHOOL**

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	10	10							20
	2	9	10							19
	3									
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>							<b>39</b>
1	1			9	13					22
	2			11	10					21
	3									
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>					<b>43</b>
2	1					8	8			16
	2					8	8			16
	3					7	8			15
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>			<b>47</b>
3	1							10	11	21
	2							10	8	18
	3									
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>168</b>

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**SCHOOL: NOTRE DAME FIRST SCHOOL**

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	10	6							16
	2	10	6							16
	3	9	7							16
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>							<b>48</b>
1										
	1			11	12					23
	2			10	9					19
	3			13	8					21
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>					<b>63</b>
2										
	1					11	9			20
	2					11	9			20
	3					11	9			20
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>			<b>60</b>
3										
	1							8	7	15
	2							12	5	17
	3							9	6	15
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>218</b>

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SCHOOL: ST BERNARD'S FIRST SCHOOL

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	6	8							14
	2	8	6							14
	3									
	TOTALS	14	14							28
1										
	1			5	11					16
	2			8	6					14
	3									
	TOTALS			13	17					30
2										
	1					6	5			11
	2					6	4			9
	3									
	TOTALS					12	9			21
3										
	1							6	8	14
	2							7	7	14
	3									
	TOTALS							13	15	28
GRAND TOTAL										107

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**SCHOOL: ST JOSEPH'S FIRST SCHOOL**

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	8	10							18
	2	7	11							18
	3	7	12							19
	4	8	10							18
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>							<b>73</b>
1	1			11	9					20
	2			12	8					20
	3			11	8					19
	4			11	8					19
	5			11	9					20
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>					<b>98</b>
2	1					8	11			19
	2					6	14			20
	3					9	11			20
	4					10	10			20
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>			<b>79</b>
3	1							11	7	18
	2							12	5	17
	3							9	8	17
	4							9	9	18
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>320</b>

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**SCHOOL:** ST PAUL'S FIRST SCHOOL

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	14	8							22
	2	13	7							20
	3	12	8							20
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>							<b>62</b>
1	1			9	10					19
	2			8	11					19
	3			10	9					19
	4			10	9					19
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>					<b>76</b>
2	1					8	11			19
	2					9	11			20
	3					8	12			20
						9	12			21
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>			<b>80</b>
3	1							9	10	19
	2							10	9	19
	3							10	9	19
								9	10	19
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>294</b>

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SCHOOL: HEBREW PRIMARY (FIRST SECTOR)

YEAR	CLASS	Age 4		Age 5		Age 6		Age 7		TOTALS
RECEPTION		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	8	11							19
	2									
	3									
	TOTALS	8	11							19
1	1			6	17					23
	2									
	3									
	4									
	TOTALS			6	17					23
2	1					13	6			19
	2									
	3									
	TOTALS					13	6			19
3	1							8	11	19
	2									
	3									
	TOTALS							8	11	19
GRAND TOTAL										80

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SCHOOL: HEBREW PRIMARY (MIDDLE SECTOR)

YEAR	CLASS	Age 8		Age 9		Age 10		Age 11		TOTALS
4		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	7	7							14
	2									
	3									
	TOTALS	7	7							14
5	1					9	11			20
	2									
	3									
	4									
	TOTALS					9	11			20
6	1							4	3	7
	2									
	3									
	TOTALS							4	3	7
7	1							8	8	16
	2									
	3									
	TOTALS							8	8	16
GRAND TOTAL										57

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SCHOOL: ST JOSEPH'S MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR	CLASS	Age 8		Age 9		Age 10		Age 11		TOTALS
4		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	10	13							23
	2	9	12							21
	3	9	14							23
		10	12							22
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>							<b>89</b>
5	1			14	12					26
	2			14	12					26
	3			13	13					26
	4			14	12					26
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>					<b>104</b>
6	1					14	11			25
	2					16	10			26
	3					16	9			25
						15	10			25
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>			<b>101</b>
7	1							14	13	27
	2							14	11	25
	3							15	13	28
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>374</b>

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SCHOOL: SACRED HEART MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR	CLASS	Age 8		Age 9		Age 10		Age 11		TOTALS
4		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	11	11							22
	2	11	9							20
	3									
	TOTALS	22	20							42
5	1			9	9					18
	2			9	9					18
	3			9	10					19
	4									
	TOTALS			27	28					55
6	1					9	13			22
	2					9	14			23
	3									
	TOTALS					18	27			45
7	1							10	5	15
	2							11	5	16
	3							10	5	15
	TOTALS							31	15	46
GRAND TOTAL										188

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**SCHOOL: BISHOP FITZGERALD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

YEAR	CLASS	Age 8		Age 9		Age 10		Age 11		TOTALS
4		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	13	15							28
	2	13	14							27
	3	13	14							27
	4	14	13							27
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>							<b>109</b>
5	1			13	12					25
	2			14	11					25
	3			14	11					25
	4			14	12					26
				15	10					25
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>70</b>	<b>56</b>					<b>126</b>
6	1					13	11			24
	2					15	9			24
	3					14	9			23
						14	10			24
						14	9			23
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>70</b>	<b>48</b>			<b>118</b>
7	1							15	12	27
	2							15	11	26
	3							15	12	27
								16	10	26
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>61</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>459</b>

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**SCHOOL: ST ANNE'S MIDDLE SCHOOL**

YEAR	CLASS	Age 8		Age 9		Age 10		Age 11		TOTALS
4		B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
	1	13	11							24
	2	13	11							24
	3	13	10							23
	4	13	11							24
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>43</b>							<b>95</b>
5	1			13	12					25
	2			12	12					24
	3			11	13					24
	4			10	12					22
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>					<b>95</b>
6	1					12	12			24
	2					13	12			25
	3					12	12			24
						12	12			24
	<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>			<b>97</b>
7	1							13	10	23
	2							12	11	23
	3							12	11	23
								14	9	23
								12	11	23
	<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>63</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>										<b>402</b>

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS – Number of students by year as of September 2010

YEAR (AGE)	BAYSIDE	WESTSIDE	TOTALS
8 (12-13)	225	213	438
9 (13-14)	221	221	442
10 (14-15)	235	177	412
11 (15+)	201	182	383
12 (16+)	112	149	261
13 (17+)	84	123	207
TOTALS	1078	1065	2143

**NO. 785 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – MINOR WORKS EXPENDITURE IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state what minor works in schools were carried out at a cost of £175,000 as set out in the answer to Question No. 168 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question No. 786 of 2011.

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**NO. 786 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE, MINOR AND MAJOR WORKS EXPENDITURE IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state the amounts spent by the Education Department from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date in:

- (a) Maintenance;
- (b) Minor works;
- (c) Major Works,

giving a breakdown by school, amount, contractor and details of the works carried out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

All the information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question 786 of 2011****Answer to Question 785**

The breakdown of £175,501.70 is the following:

School	Amount	Interim Payments in respect of:
Bayside	£10,011.60	Converting kitchen to ICT Suite
St Anne's Middle	£66,332.00	Replacing windows East façade
St Joseph's Middle	£9,785.00	Refurbishing ground floor corridor
Sacred Heart Middle	£2,904.60	Painting 1 classroom
Notre Dame First	£52,530.00	External refurbishment of the school
Governor's Meadow First	£25,441.00	External refurbishment to Blocks C & A
Hebrew Primary	£8,497.50	Refurbishment of toilets in Blocks C & A
	£175,501.70	Replacing floor lino in 3 classrooms

**Answer to Question 786**

The following breakdown states the amount spent from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date with regards to maintenance, minor works and major works:

**Major Works**

School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Westside	79,981.07	9/3/11	Home economics & Dance Extension	GJBS

Total 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date = £79,981.07

**Minor Works**

School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Bishop Fitzgerald	30,900.00	12/1/11	Internal Refurbishment Works	GJBS
Bleak House	23,123.50	12/1/11	External Refurbishment Works – Block 6	GJBS
Sacred Heart	2,843.00	10/3/11	Replacing shutters & painting classroom	GJBS
St Bernard's First	8,364.00	10/3/11	Closing of arched openings	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	1,339.00	10/3/11	Internal refurbishment Blocks A & C	GJBS
Westside	27,935.00	10/3/11	Replacing north & East boundary fence	GJBS
Bayside	18,684.40	10/3/11	Installing playground canopies & replacing floor tiles Yr8	GJBS
Gibraltar College	18,746.00	10/3/11	Technology Workshop extension	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	29,973.00	10/3/11	Replacing windows & painting lobby	GJBS
St Joseph's First	15,208.00	16/3/11	Construction 2 stores refurbish store	GJBS
Notre Dame First	44,815.00	16/3/11	Repair rain water ingress & installing patio roofs	GJBS
Varyl Begg Nursery	9,579.00	16/3/11	Closing entrance enclosure & extending ramp	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
St Martin's	11,804.00	16/3/11	Installing air vents & access canopy to nursery	GJBS
St Paul's First	19,002.00	16/3/11	Repair rain water ingress	GJBS
St Mary's First	25,750.00	16/3/11	Playground refurbishment	GJBS
St Joseph's First	8,207.79	17/3/11	Repair rain water drainage	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	20,283.80	17/3/11	External refurbishment Block F	GJBS
Hebrew	10,617.00	17/3/11	Conversion of club into classroom and partition HT office	GJBS

Total 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date = £327,174.49

**Repairs**

School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Notre Dame First	87.96	20/1/11	Purchase of starter switch & trunking	EDG
Gibraltar College	169.00	20/1/11	Repair sewage pipe and security lock	GJBS
Bayside	2,178.48	20/1/11	Repair boiler, pipe, water connection, blinds, water tank	GJBS
Westside	829.26	20/1/11	Replace cistern handles, repair tables, cistern handles, unblock drains, pipes	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	6,512.85	20/1/11	Paint lab cupboards, repair rain water ingress, toilet leak, unblock drains in toilets, toilet seats, cistern handles, drinking fountain, school sign, refurbish PE room windows, windows.	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	1,181.89	20/1/11	Repair sink, install shelf, replace yale lock	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	410.00	20/1/11	Repair pipe, water fountains, fire door	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	13,397.65	20/1/11	Painting and making good various areas, unblock drains, repair windows, cupboards, unblock drains	GJBS
Hebrew	1,257.01	20/1/11	Change door hinges, fitting hocks, repairing cupboards, rendering and painting walls, leaks to boilers, pipes, water leaks, seal holes.	GJBS
St Mary's First	1,569.04	20/1/11	Replace pinboards around school, replace kitchen units	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	1,095.00	20/1/11	Repair water tank, leaks, replace blinds, replace connection to sink, replace pipes	GJBS
St Bernard's First	720.00	20/1/11	Unblock toilets and drains, repair drinking fountains	GJBS
St Joseph's First	2,473.82	20/1/11	Change tap mixer, repair loose tiles, clean drains and gutters, adjusting all doors, locks, replace staff and girls toilet seats.	GJBS
St Paul's	1,031.33	20/1/11	Repair desks, install coat hangers, repair doors, toilet cistern handles, install gate and blinds	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Notre Dame First	1,053.63	20/1/11	Repair cistern handle, sealing of holes and cracks, window, toilet wall, blocked toilet, assemble furniture.	GJBS
Varyl Begg Nursery	231.00	20/1/11	Repair rubber safety tiles, replace broken cistern.	GJBS
St Bernard's Nursery	145.00	20/1/11	Unblock drains	GJBS
Bleak House	91.82	8/2/11	Replace window pane	GJBS
St Bernard's Nursery	135.00	8/2/11	Remove old copper pipe, install new pipework and stop valve	GJBS
Notre Dame First	191.25	8/2/11	Paint and secure doors, repair walls and floor tiles	GJBS
St Paul's First	546.00	8/2/11	Wash basin pipe leak, repairs to broken cistern	GJBS
St Joseph's First	590.00	8/2/11	Clean all drains and gulleys	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	1,052.50	8/2/11	Painting of walls and make safe, clean drains and gutters.	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	273.30	8/2/11	New lock for storeroom, repair teachers toilet key lock, repair window pane.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	738.70	8/2/11	Secure doors, clean all drains and gulleys.	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	1,932.00	8/2/11	Repairs to burst pipe, shelves installed in Yr6 classroom, replace blinds, new lock for desk, replace handles.	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	5,508.00	8/2/11	Repairs fire exit door replace lock, repair window, replace cylinder on door	GJBS
Westside	3,107.74	8/2/11.	Repairs overhead tanks and sunken patio areas, secure shelves and alterations to workshop	GJBS
Bayside	175.00	8/2/11	Replace window pane, level tables.	GJBS
Gibraltar College	165.00	8/2/11	Repairs to boiler	GJBS
Gibraltar College	160.00	15/2/11	Opened yale lock & changed mechanism round, planed edge of door & painted, aligned lock, fixed pull handle.	GJBS
Bayside	201.00	15/2/11	Repairs to sliding door, new lock	GJBS
Westside	65.00	15/2/11	Changed door handle.	GJBS
St Martin's	266.00	15/2/11	Repaired leak, front gate to upper ramp fixed, spring clasp & bolt to close, fit extra handle multipurpose close bolt.	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	679.43	15/2/11	Fixed screws, hinges and lock to door. Repair cistern handle, openings filled with silicone. Fit display boards in stage wall, fix metal brackets to aluminium door frame. Covering and sealing of holes. Fit hooks for display boards	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	633.32	15/2/11	Year 6 block and staff room flooding. Blocked drains checked, cistern leaking and flooding toilet. Replace lock. Filling holes in playground	GJBS
Sacred Heart	609/39	15/2/11	Install basketball in board, repair to blocked urinals, unblocking of 2 cisterns.	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Hebrew	135.00	15/2/11	Repair boiler in Year 1	GJBS
St Mary's First	55.00	15/2/11	Removal of various plasterboards	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	471.37	15/2/11	Repair 3 locks, repair burst pipe, sand down and paint door. Sand door and replace door handle and lock. Change handle and lock to window.	GJBS
St Bernard's	286.49	15/2/11	Replace toilet handle. Unblock children's toilet. Repair leaking toilet.	GJBS
St Joseph's First	105.00	15/2/11	Dismantle tower and assemble in secretary's office. Repair cupboard under sink.	GJBS
St Paul's First	48.00	15/2/11	Fit new door hook in boys toilet	GJBS
Notre Dame First	463.44	15/2/11	Playground toilet flooding. Fix loose toilet basin. Investigate and repair toilet flooding.	GJBS
Varyl Begg Nursery	126.00	15/2/11	Dismantle coat hangers and bench in cloak room.	GJBS
Bleak House	75.00	15/2/11	Rim lock changed and hinges repaired.	GJBS
Westside	3,404.60	21/2/11	Replacement of filters to A/C Units and service to lab testing units	Rock Cool
Gibraltar College	724.29	25/2/11	Fit shelf to hold pc + monitor access window. Cove large fuse box with lockable wood box. Relocate water heater. Check all taps due to lack of water supply	GJBS
Bayside	1,489.31	25/2/11	Varnish & sand 20 benches. Fix leaking pipe. Repair and paint ceiling. Repair and fix upper part of down pipe. Repair kitchen sink. Unblock toilet.	GJBS
Westside	1,289.58	25/2/11	Replace mixer tap, replace lock, install door, fix door hooks. Investigate gas colour, adjust/repair 3 doors. Check pipes and tank in loft, unblock toilet, replace broken toilet seat.	GJBS
St Martin's	168.00	25/2/11	Fix new mortice locks and handles, fit bolt in in laundry door	GJBS
St Anne's	3,238.51	25/2/11	Repair damp patch on top landing. Remove carpet floor tiles. Repair broken gate lock. Seal lunch hall doors, unblock drains. Repair and fit 2 toilet seats. Unblock sink waste. Unblock sewers. Check water supply.	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	1,673.75	25/2/11	Lubricated lock and hinges of portacabin, fixed new screws to hinge. Repair burst pipe toilet overflowing. Repair freshwater stopcock. Replace sinks, remove and dispose of wash basins. Supply and fit new Belfast pattern with new taps.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	236.00	25/2/11	Repair toilet leak, repair to urinal flushing system. Replace toilet seat	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Sacred Heart Middle	3,075.79	25/2/11	Repair fireplace. Tap water penetration in art room, renew shutter and repair windows. Repair to wall, repair overflowing cistern. Repair 3 broken door handles	GJBS
Hebrew	2,209.32	25/2/11	Two sided canopy- sheet metal – for garden gate. Repair ceiling due to water ingress. Kitchen tap loose. Repair broken toilet seat. Repair broken tap in toilet.	GJBS
St Mary's First	84.00	25/2/11	Fit shelves on library wall	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	574.00	25/2/11	Replace hooks, planed door edge, remove white board and fit in another classroom. Repair cistern in toilet, unblock toilets, removal of fallen books in drain, toilet blocked and check flushing.	GJBS
St Bernard's First	606.10	25/2/11	Replace rotting door. Replace door handle. Fix small basin. Repair burst pipe in children's toilet	GJBS
St Joseph's First	1,031.80	25/2/11	Set up moveable scaffolding and hiring	GJBS
St Paul's First	2,424.22	25/2/11	Gate padlock replaced with mortice lock. Repair leak under wash basin. Fit extra hooks in classroom. Pipe in patio leaking. Repairs to pipe leak under sink, boiler in dining hall leaking, checked stopcock	GJBS
Notre Dame First	1,508.09	25/2/11	Unblocking drains and toilets. Repairs to main gate. Repairs to windows facing west.	GJBS
Bleak House	415.62	25/2/11	New door weather boarded and small ramp	GJBS
Gibraltar College	75.00	2/3/11	Replace lock	GJBS
Bayside	1,437.59	2/3/11	Replace lock, doors, windows, water supply, unblocking toilets, replacing door, reposition whiteboards, install soap dispensers.	GJBS
Westside	4,530.20	2/3/11	Replace martide covers, replace underground water pipes, toilet pipes and painting ceiling	GJBS
St Martin's	126.00	2/3/11	Painting of shower room roof	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	2,310.89	2/3/11	Replace doors, replace sink unit, install notice boards, replace lock, repair rainwater ingress and windows	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	487.45	2/3/11	Manufacture and install shelves, repair door, vents, repair/replace mica valves.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	204.00	2/3/11	Repair washing machine, windows and window retainers	GJBS
Hebrew	515.45	2/3/11	Seal holes, fitting of draft excluders	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	10,508.32	2/3/11	Repairs to pavement outside nursery. Renewal of guttering. Repairs to taps. Repairs to lunch hall	GJBS
St Bernard's First	84.00	2/3/11	Repair toilet leak	
St Joseph's First	995.87	2/3/11	Paint toilets. Repair windows retainers and handles	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
St Paul's First	2,159.44	2/3/11	Paint external side of windows, treat damp area, replace trolley wheels, various repairs to nursery playground.	GJBS
Notre Dame First	2,574.80	2/3/11	Repairs to manhole covers. Repairs to overflowing toilets	GJBS
Varyl Begg Nursery	84.00	2/3/11	Repair toilet paper, soap and paper towel dispensers	GJBS
St Bernard's Nursery	485.25	2/3/11	Repair doors and external wall	GJBS
Gibraltar College	270.20	8/3/11	Repair floor tiles, replace white boards, drill hole for network cable	GJBS
Bayside	481.91	8/3/11	Repair desks, windows, locks, reposition whiteboards, doors.	GJBS
Westside	213.74	8/3/11	Replace door and louver windows	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	867.02	8/3/11	Repair lift, lock windows, handles, weatherboards.	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	199.70	8/3/11	Replace door, install blinds	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	193.00	8/3/11	Replace lock, doors	GJBS
Hebrew	140.00	8/3/11	Repair lock, filling holes	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	513.74	8/3/11	Repairs to blinds. Blinds bought and installed. Repairs to ceiling	GJBS
Notre Dame First	380.25	8/3/11	Painting/fixing of pin board. Fixing of loose floor tiles.	GJBS
St Bernard's Nursery	160.00	8/3/11	Replace door	GJBS
Bleak House	65.00	8/3/11	Repair sash window	GJBS
Westside	1,125.00	9/3/11	Repair roof	GJBS
St Martin's	261.95	9/3/11	Repairs to leak in shower area	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	1,212.70	9/3/11	Replace broken gutter	GJBS
St Paul's First	45.57	16/3/11	Repair to toilet	GJBS
Gibraltar College	1,638.00	16/3/11	Repair to window	GJBS
St Martin's	679.37	16/3/11	Replace water pipe, fit latches on windows	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	234.00	16/3/11	Install 3 foam posts	GJBS
Notre Dame First	445.00	16/3/11	Repairs to roof in playground	GJBS
Gibraltar College	244.02	17/3/11	Repair sink and toilet seat	GJBS
Bayside	4,059.13	17/3/11	Remove old casting equipment, replace locks, repair hinges	GJBS
Westside	288.10	17/3/11	Replace door closers, replace mortice locks	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	124.95	17/3/11	Replace lock to gate.	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	399.27	17/3/11	Change tap and toilet lock, repair burst pipe, unblock sink.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	255.00	17/3/11	Unblock boys toilet, replace cistern handle	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	55.00	17/3/11	Replace window latch.	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	126.00	17/3/11	Seal windows due to water ingress	GJBS
St Bernard's First	84.00	17/3/11	Unblock toilets	GJBS
S Joseph's First	4,170.80	17/3/11	Repairs to gutters and downpipes, repair water cisterns	GJBS
St Paul's First	45.00	17/3/11	Repair door strip	GJBS
Bleak House	89.00	17/3/11	Fit pinboards to wall	GJBS
Bayside	125.00	17/3/11	Fit notice boards, replace bolt	GJBS
Westside	618.58	17/3/11	Replace flush handle, repair door closers.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	112.13	17/3/11	Construct step on entrance to gym	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	130.00	17/3/11	Replace lock to swollen door.	GJBS
Hebrew	191.00	17/3/11	Replace toilet flush, replace pipe	GJBS
St Mary's First	65.00	17/3/11	Repair water cisterns	GJBS

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Governor's Meadow	378.00	17/3/11	Replace blinds, replacements of vents, repair and paint doors.	GJBS
St Paul's First	171.00	17/3/11	Unblock drains, repair washing machine	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	125.34	17/3/11	Purchase of electrical goods	EDG
Hebrew	95.20	17/3/11	Purchase of electrical goods	EDG
Westside	7,895.00	17/3/11	Renew gutters around schools	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	75.65	18/3/11	Purchase of electrical goods	Electrica Chaves
Gibraltar College	12,021.12	8/4/11	Repairs to water ingress, gym windows and offices, replace floor tiles	GJBS
Bayside	2,156.23	8/4/11	Fit bolt to door, repairs to staircase, repair window, repair hinges, replace lock	GJBS
Westside	28,424.70	8/4/11	Replace toilet handle, replace basketball boards, repair ceiling, renew gutters around school	GJBS
St Martin's	238.50	8/4/11	Replace ceiling in kitchen	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	270.80	8/4/11	Install toilet holders and soap container, repair water ingress	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	1,791.82	8/4/11	Repair drain cover, replace toilet seats, repair blinds, unblock drains, repair benches, fit shelves, repair windows.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	351.83	8/4/11	Repair doors, repair toilets.	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	802.70	8/4/11	Repair gates, repair gutters, pipes.	GJBS
St Bernard's First	237.70	8/4/11	Repair blinds, repair metal strips	GJBS
St Joseph's First	615.85	8/4/11	Fit hooks, repair boiler, toilets seats.	GJBS
St Paul's First	187.50	8/4/11	Repair benches	GJBS
Notre Dame First	183.55	8/4/11	Repair lino, install pinboards	GJBS
Hebrew	259.31	14/4/11	Purchase of electrical goods	EDG
Gibraltar College	305.53	14/4/11	Repair toilet, repairs to tap	GJBS
Bayside	1,206.84	14/4/11	Repair doors, repair boilers, repair toilets, window panes, leaks.	GJBS
Westside	3,461.56	14/4/11	Repair taps, remove roots from trees in fenced area, unblock drains, repair tank, replace pipes.	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	243.00	14/4/11	Replace water heater, replace strip kitchen stairs	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	636.09	14/4/11	Repair sinks and taps, replace toilet seat, unblock sinks	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	219.10	14/4/11	Replace cistern handles, leaks to pipe, repair to water fountains, repair toilet.	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	145.00	14/4/11	Repair toilets	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	159.00	14/4/11	Repair cistern, repair toilet	GJBS
St Joseph's First	179.00	14/4/11	Repair boiler, repair toilet	GJBS
St Paul's First	356.33	14/4/11	Repair toilet handles, repair toilet pipes	GJBS
Notre Dame First	457.00	14/4/11	Repair toilets and toilet seats, repair boilers	GJBS
St Bernard's Nursery	243.96	14/4/11	Replace sink, repair leak to toilet	GJBS
Bleak House	338.83	14/4/11	Replace ball cock	GJBS
Gibraltar College	1,878.06	6/5/11	Repair toilet, paint and plaster room, repair toilet handle, toilet seat. Repair fence	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Bayside	2,909.02	6/5/11	Replace lock, repair pipes, repair cupboards, install smartboards, repair windows, repair doors.	GJBS
Westside	719.24	6/5/11	Repair locks, repair boilers, install tap, repair doors, install smartboards, repair windows	GJBS
St Martin's	121.89	6/5/11	Replace water pipes	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	473.22	6/5/11	Unblock sewers, replace toilet seats, repairs to doors	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	929.91	6/5/11	Replace pinboards, repair toilet, unblock sinks, replace sinks.	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	618.91	6/5/11	Tighten taps, repair pipes, replace toilet seats.	GJBS
Hebrew	1,658.95	6/5/11	Repairs to windows to make safe. Removal of cupboards and plastering of walls	GJBS
St Mary's First	465.00	6/5/11	Repairs to plaster boards on ceilings	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	204.00	6/5/11	Leaking water fountain. Repairs to toilet	GJBS
St Bernard's	130.00	6/5/11	Lunch area floor repaired	GJBS
St Joseph's First	712.18	6/5/11	Broken toilet seat, new locks/repairs to boiler	GJBS
St Paul's First	3,749.28	6/5/11	Providing padding and checking of posts in playground	GJBS
Notre Dame First	2,043.88	6/5/11	Replacement of window panes. Repairs to gate	GJBS
St Bernard's Nursery	65.00	6/5/11	Repairs to teachers toilet.	GJBS
Bleak House	297.00	6/5/11	Repairs to toilet. Repairs to toilet roll holder	GJBS
Gibraltar College	252.00	18/5/11	Repair to toilets	GJBS
Bayside	8,482.26	18/5/11	Unblock sink, repair lock, paintwork, install washing machine, repair gas leaks.	GJBS
Westside	1,703.80	18/5/11	Repair water leaks, replace door closers, replace paving tiles	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	577.76	18/5/11	Dismantling of sink unit, repairs to loose door	GJBS
Bishop Fitzgerald	179.19	18/5/11	Repairs to toilets	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	160.00	18/5/11	Repairs to toilets	GJBS
Sacred Heart Middle	613.33	18/5/11	Repairs to toilets, repairs to desks, replacement of window pane/unblocking drain.	GJBS
St Joseph's First	22,279.32	18/5/11	Repairs to burst pipes. Renewal of gutters/repairs to broken windows	GJBS
St Paul's First	187.58	18/5/11	Installation of self closing door with number lock system	GJBS
Notre Dame First	95.00	18/5/11	Fixing of loose pinboard. Repairs to entrance door	GJBS
Varyl Begg Nursery	135.00	18/5/11	Repair to leak in wash basin	GJBS
Gibraltar College	78.00	31/5/11	Unblock toilet	GJBS
Bayside	1,242.32	31/5/11	Repair door. Replace tiles/check water pressure. Fit whiteboard/repair tap and lock	GJBS
Westside	365.49	31/5/11	Replacement of lock. Reduction of water pressure /check water flow replace flex pipe	GJBS
St Anne's Middle	506.40	31/5/11	Pin board and frame fitted. Fitting of blinds	GJBS

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School	Amount £	Date	Purpose	Payment made to
Bishop Fitzgerald	137.75	31/5/11	Repairs to overflowing sink and toilets	GJBS
St Joseph's Middle	148.50	31/5/11	Repairs to toilets. Repairs to partitions	GJBS
Hebrew	780.00	31/5/11	Retiling of garden wall	GJBS
St Mary's First	3,746.45	31/5/11	Shelves needed in kitchen. Cover provided for side patio	GJBS
Governor's Meadow	100.00	31/5/11	Repairs to lunch hall door. Unblocking of water pipe	GJBS
St Joseph's First	330.30	31/5/11	Blocked sink, repairs to burst pipe	GJBS
St Paul's First	436.49	31/5/11	Repairs to toilets, bolt fitted to gate, repair to lunch trolley wheel	GJBS
Notre Dame First	149.00	31/5/11	Replace instant boiler. Affix display cabinet to wall	GJBS
Varyl Begg Nursery	72.13	31/5/11	Replace broken toilet seat.	GJBS
Bleak House	374.85	31/5/11	Painting of door. Fitting of canopy over door.	GJBS

Total 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date = £248,710.14

**NO. 787 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 211 boys in the age group 14 to 15 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 788 to 802 of 2011.

**NO. 788 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 235 boys in the age group 14 to 15 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/11 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 and 789 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 789 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 190 girls in the age group 14 to 15 years enrolled at Westside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787, 788 and 790 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 790 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 177 girls in the age group 14 to 15 years enrolled at Westside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 789 and 791 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 791 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 210 boys in the age group 15 to 16 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 790 and 792 to 802 of 2011.

**NO. 792 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 201 boys in the age group 15 to 16 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 791 and 793 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 793 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 177 girls in the age group 15 to 16 years enrolled at Westside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 792 and 794 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 794 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 182 girls in the age group 15 to 16 years enrolled at Westside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 793 and 795 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 795 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 189 boys in the age group 16 to 17 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 794 and 796 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 796 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 112 boys in the age group 16 to 17 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 795 and 797 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 797 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 159 girls in the age group 16 to 17 years enrolled at Westside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 796 and 798 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 798 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 149 girls in the age group 16 to 17 years enrolled at Westside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 797 and 799 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 799 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 84 boys in the age group 17 to 18 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 798 and 800 to 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 800 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 84 boys in the age group 17 to 18 years enrolled at Bayside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 799, 801 and 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 801 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 117 girls in the age group 17 to 18 years enrolled at Westside in September 2009 left school in the 2009/2010 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 to 800 and 802 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 802 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – WESTSIDE PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL**

Can Government state how many of the 123 girls in the age group 17 to 18 years enrolled at Westside in September 2010 left school in the 2010/2011 academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

**Answer to Question Nos. 787 to 802 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 802 of 2011**

ACADEMIC YEAR	YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN YEAR	Number of students who left school this academic year	
				SCHOOL	
				BAYSIDE	WESTSIDE
2009/10	10	211	190	20	12
	11	210	177	25	6
	12	189	159	2	2
	13	84	117	2	1

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**Continued Answer to Question Nos. 787 to 802 of 2011**

ACADEMIC YEAR	YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN YEAR	Number of students who left school this academic year	
				SCHOOL	
				BAYSIDE	WESTSIDE
2010/11	10	235	177	15	5
	11	201	182	14	5
	12	112	149	3	2
	13	84	123	1	3

**NO. 803 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL LEAVERS ATTENDING COURSES AT GCFE**

Can Government state how many of the boys who have left school between the ages of 15 and 18 inclusive, within the last five years, are currently attending courses at the Gibraltar College giving the age in one year groups of 15 plus to 18 plus?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question No. 804 of 2011.

**NO. 804 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL LEAVERS ATTENDING COURSES AT GCFE**

Can Government state how many of the girls who have left school between the ages of 15 and 18 inclusive, within the last five years, are currently attending courses at the Gibraltar College giving the age in one year groups of 15 plus and 18 plus?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

**Answer to Question Nos. 803 and 804 of 2011**

Age	Boys	Girls
15+	0	1
16+	28	14
17+	66	41
18+	67	68

**NO. 805 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – UNDERGRADUATES COMPLETING COURSES**

Can Government state the number of undergraduates due to complete their courses in the United Kingdom this summer, giving a breakdown by gender and area of study/qualification?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question No. 806 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 806 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – UNDERGRADUATES COMPLETING COURSES AND  
UNDERTAKING POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

Can Government state the number of undergraduates who completed their course in the United Kingdom last year and how many went on to undertake postgraduate studies, with a breakdown by area of study/qualification to be obtained?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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

**Answer to Question No. 806 of 2011****Answer to Question No. 805 of 2011**

160 undergraduates are due to complete their course. 83 females & 77 males.

Area of study	Qualification	No of students	M	F
Biological Sciences	BSc	3	1	2
Physical Sciences	BSc	3	2	1
Sports Sciences	BSc	8	7	1
Engineering	BSc/MSc	7	7	0
English	BA/MA	7	2	5
Information & Communication Technology	BSc	10	7	3
Art, Fashion Design	BA	10	5	5
Performing Arts	BA	5	0	5
Design & Technology	BSc	6	6	0
Law	LLB	20	13	7
Music	BA	2	2	0
Psychology	BSc	8	0	8
Surveying	BSc	3	3	0
Geography	BA/BSc	3	0	3
Accounting, Finance, Economics & Business	BA/BSc	11	6	5
Mathematics	BSc	5	1	4
History	BA	2	1	1
Education	BA/BSc	13	3	10
Medicine & Health Related	Various	14	2	12
Management	BA/BSc	7	4	3
Modern Foreign Languages	BA/MA	5	2	3
Sociology	BA	2	1	1
Journalism	BA	3	1	2
Tourism	BA	1	1	0
Architecture	BA	2	1	1
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**Continued Answer to Question No. 806 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 806 of 2011**

165 undergraduates completed their course last year; out of these 29 undertook postgraduate studies.

Area of study	Qualification	Number of students
Law	LLM	2
English Literature	MA	2
Computer Engineering	MSc	3
Translating & Interpreting	MA	1
Global Politics	MSc	1
Business & Management	MA	1
Psychology	MSc	2
Health & Safety	MSc	1
Environmental Health	MSc	1
Nutrition	MSc	1
Professional Qualifications	Various	14

**NO. 807 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state, since the Maritime Cadet Training Scheme was launched in 2005, how many cadets have successfully completed their studies, giving a breakdown by year and, of these, how many are currently employed in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 808 to 814 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 808 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many Gibraltar students are currently undertaking the Maritime Cadet Training Scheme?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807 and 809 to 814 of 2011.

**NO. 809 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state whether of the nine applicants for the Maritime Cadet Training Course this year only four were selected because the intake was limited to four?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807, 808 and 810 to 814 of 2011.

**NO. 810 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state, for each year since the scheme was launched in 2005, what has been the annual salary or grant, as the case may be, payable to the cadets?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807 to 809 and 811 to 814 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 811 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how much of the cost of the Maritime Cadet Training Scheme has been funded by Government each year since 2005 and to what head of expenditure have these costs been charged to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807 to 810 and 812 to 814 of 2011.

**NO. 812 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state whether the Maritime Cadet Training Scheme is only open to male applicants?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807 to 811, 813 and 814 of 2011.

**NO. 813 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide the names and addresses of the school leavers who have undertaken the Maritime Cadet Training Scheme or are currently studying prior to this years' intake?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807 to 812 and 814 of 2011.

**NO. 814 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MARITIME CADET TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state if there are age limits to participating in the Maritime Cadet Training Scheme and, if so, what the age limits are?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Answer to Question No. 807 of 2011**

The Maritime Cadet Training Scheme launched in 2005 consists of a three year course. One cadet completed the course in 2008 having started in 2005 and one cadet completed the course in 2011. Neither are currently employed in Gibraltar. One is working on a cruise liner and the other is continuing to study after a sea going placement.

**Answer to Question No. 808 of 2011**

Three are currently undertaking the course, four will be starting in September 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 809 of 2011**

Yes Sir. Four were taken on. Normally, the intake has been two. I understand this year four were found to be well suited and so all were offered a place.

**Answer to Question No. 810 of 2011**

Since 2005 the grant payable to cadets has been £4000 per year paid in quarterly instalments of £1000. This was increased to £5000 at the beginning of 2011 so as to be kept more in line with other Government students studying in UK.

**Answer to Question No. 811 of 2011**

To date, Government have borne the cost of the secretarial and administrative support given to the scheme. This is covered from Head 1-B1.

**Answer to Question No. 812 of 2011**

No Sir.

**Answer to Question No. 813 of 2011**

Names and addresses of individual students are considered to be personal and private data that Government are not willing to disclose.

**Answer to Question No. 814 of 2011**

This scheme is open to persons who are 18 years or over.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 807 TO 814 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

As regards the request for the names and addresses, I do not know if the hon Member was responsible for the Government press release that published the names and addresses of the intake of this year. Given that the Government issued a press release giving the names and addresses this year, I thought that, as a matter of policy, there was nothing wrong with making this information public and that is why I have asked for it for previous years.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Mr Speaker, I believe ... What I am being told now is that the names of the successful candidates was issued in a press release. Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes. But I think they mentioned it for this year only and, in putting the question, I was assuming that there was information which has never been done before relating to previous intakes. The question was not seeking information that had not been published before. It was just seeking similar information about other people.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Yes. In the past.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the past which ... because It is the first time that I have been seen a press release giving the name and address of those who had been selected and, consequently, I had assumed that the Government did not consider it private information like he has just said. So, perhaps, he can provide the information for previous years or else stop providing it for current years.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I think these candidates who were successful on this occasion were actually present at the press conference. So everybody could see who they were and so on and, therefore, there was no *[inaudible]*.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think the answer that the hon Member has provided is inconsistent with the press release of the Government that prompted the question. If I had been present at the ceremony, where the person that was successful was, that would not necessarily mean I would know his home address unless he had it printed on his forehead. So I do not think it is an argument to say that because the successful candidate was visible, everybody that saw him on television, as it were, would know his address. Having taken the policy decision, or perhaps it was something that nobody thought about, of mentioning the name and address, I did not think that we were asking for any breach of confidentiality in wanting to find out who had been successful before.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I cannot recall seeing the press release that the hon Member is referring to. Are you sure the addresses were also given there?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, it was very recent. That is right.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I do not see the purpose of giving ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Only a few weeks ago. Yes.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

It might be different, different in the sense that conceptually the persons were there physically and people, as you say, will know that that is Joe Bloggs and I know where he lives. It was given in that sense. So it was a different kind of ball game as it were to ... but in terms of data protection this is really the thrust of my answer.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think that might be true of the Joe Bloggs that are in the House but not necessarily of the Joe Bloggs in the rest of Gibraltar.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

Well. You know.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It seems to me that, either the Government published it unintentionally, in which case they say it should not be done and they are not going to do it, or else, if they saw nothing wrong with publishing it, I do not think they should see anything wrong with providing the information in Parliament. I would not be asking for those that have already been published because by the rules of the House, if the information is already public, there is no need to put a question. It is just ... I think it is of equal interest to know who the other persons were. I cannot imagine that anybody would not want people to know that he is being successful. It is not as if you are asking the name and address of the people who fail.

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

All I can say is that having been tasked with answering this question I have taken the route that I have taken in terms of data protection. What has happened in the past has not certainly been done by me.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the hon Member look at the press release and, if the information has been provided for two cadets or three cadets or whatever, can he see his way to providing me with information about the rest?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

I think that data protection precludes me from giving this information.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

He also mentioned the fact that the administrative costs had been charged to the GDC training scheme. Are the £4,000 that was being paid before and the £5,000 that is being paid now, charged also to the GDC vocational cadets or training schemes or other professional or whatever?

**HON C G BELTRAN:**

No. I believe that the bunkering companies contribute to the scheme as part of their licence agreement and the company's contribution go into a deposit account held by the Department of Education and Training which normally administers all scholarships. Student tuition fees and maintenance grants have, to date, been covered by the company's contributions. There has been enough to cover all that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The hon Member also said that the intake ... I think he said in his original answer that it was limited to four and before it was limited to two, but then he went on to say that this year four had been taken because four were found to be suitable. I mean, is it that only four were found to be suitable and, if there had been five suitable, the fifth would not have been taken? Is there a cap or is it that, if there had been more than four that were suitable, more would have been taken because that is really what the question is asking for?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

For the sake of clarity, this was an initiative that started in 2005 and it was mainly targeted at young Gibraltarians in order to try and encourage them to look at the maritime industry in terms of future careers. Part of the financing of this has been done by the bunkering companies that, as part of their licensing conditions, actually contribute towards the fund which is administered by the Ministry of Education and Training in order to finance and look after the well being of the students in line with other training programmes. Normally, what has happened is that we have offered two opportunities every year and, generally speaking, two candidates have been selected in previous years but, this year, the case was made to me as a result of the fact that, I think there were nine candidates who applied overall, there were four very good candidates and that Government ought to give consideration to increasing the number because it is not always easy to encourage locals to move into the maritime sector. Therefore, based on the representations that were made to me, I took the decision that we would increase the number from two to four. Obviously, there was a selection board that looked at the candidates concerned and that was the unanimous recommendation and so, therefore, the number had increased to four. I presume that, if it had been five, maybe we would have considered it as well. It is something that the Government wish to see because we find ourselves in a situation that when we try and recruit positions like, Captain of the Port, Maritime Administrators, Marine Officers, they need a Masters ticket and we find that they are scarce in Gibraltar. So, if we had four very keen candidates who aspired to this, sort of, career opportunity, we wanted to promote this and encourage them to do so and, therefore, we complied. We went down that route.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The training is undertaken in the UK. Is it?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, the training is taken in the UK in the Warsash Academy which is the maritime school and their course includes, not just the academic side but also placement at sea. Therefore, the whole idea is that they will either, sort of, carry on in their maritime career and further their career in the outside maritime world, or come back with an element of qualifications where at least they will be able to look after our bunkering industry, where today we have a lot of foreign people looking after it because we do not have people with the right qualifications and that was the purpose of the whole initiative. I think it has gone well to this extent and this year we were particularly encouraged by the cross section of candidates. We have done a lot of work at the schools as well. The Captain of the Port and the Maritime Administrator

have been in the schools trying to promote maritime careers because we see this as an opportunity, as a growth area and we would like to see our young people moving into this particular sector.

**NO. 815 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**REFUSE HOLDING FACILITIES – TECHNICAL STUDY**

Can Government provide this Parliament with a copy of the technical study it undertook in relation to the refuse holding facilities in the whole of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Consonant with a Manifesto commitment to enhance the “resources applied to keeping our streets clean”, Government took the policy decision to improve the refuse holding facilities throughout Gibraltar. An internal technical survey was carried out of all the locations where refuse is deposited for collection to establish which of these locations would be suitable for the construction of appropriate standardised refuse holding facilities. A private company was tasked with designing the standardised facility taking into account the peculiarities of each location. The documents of this internal survey are, therefore, solely for internal use and not for publication.

These new facilities will be enclosed and will be constructed using tiles on the inside. Water will be provided so that they can be adequately cleaned.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 815 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

So basically, the copy of the survey will not be provided at least to us in order to see what type of survey the hon Member has commissioned? Is that correct?

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

That is what I said.

**NO. 816 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**SUSTAINABLE/RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Can Government say which developments, that have been completed over the last four years, have been required to consider sustainable / renewable energy as part of the project and how many of the said projects actually have sustainable / renewable energy included?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The Building (Energy Performance) Regulations came into force at the end of November 2009. It is this legislation which makes it a requirement for large projects to consider the use of renewable energy options for the development. To date, no new qualifying projects have been built.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 816 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is it not the case that the Mid Harbour project is a new project and, therefore, that would be included within the Building (Energy Performance) Regulations as well?

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

No. It is not caught by the Regulations.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Did the Ministry of the Environment, knowing full well that this was going to be implemented, take any lead in seeing that these projects had energy efficiency.

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

As a matter of policy, all projects that come on line are encouraged and have been encouraged for a long time to be energy efficient but these Regulations came in to

date at the end of November 2009 and they apply to projects that come after that date or that have started after that date and not before that date.

**NO. 817 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr Speaker, in relation to this question, I would like to make a change to the question in the sense that it states that the Environmental Management Plan was published by Government in 2005. It was not published in 2005. It was published some time during the early part of this year by ... So therefore, instead of being 2005 it should be early part of 2011.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well, the hon Member should read it as he intends to read it and the Minister will either have the answer or not.

**HON S E LINARES:**

It was incorrect before.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Exactly. So go ahead.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can Government state how many of the obligations of the Multilateral Environmental agreements have been implemented since the Environmental Management Plan was published by Government in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 818 to 821 of 2011.

**NO. 818 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Can Government state how much has been spent in the promotion and implementation, on projects of lasting benefit to Gibraltar's environment, in relation to the statement made in the Environment Management Plan published by Government in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 817 and 819 to 821 of 2011.

**NO. 819 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

What effective monitoring and enforcement mechanisms have been put in place to prevent pollution since the Environment Management Plan was published in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 817, 818, 820 and 821 of 2011.

**NO. 820 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

What legislation and policies have been put in place to reflect the principle that the polluter should pay for prevention or remedies and for establishing effective monitoring and enforcement mechanisms as reflected in the Environment Management Plan published in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 817 to 819 and 821 of 2011.

**NO. 821 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

What holistic planning process, which promotes interdepartmental programmes, has taken place since the Environment Management Plan was published in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

**Answer to Question Nos. 817 to 821 of 2011**

The Government did not publish any Environment Management Plan in 2005 or indeed in 2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 817 TO 821 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister state when it was published then?

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

I have answered the question by saying that it did not publish a plan. How can I answer when it was published, if it was not published.

**MR SPEAKER:**

The Minister said 2005 and 2011. It could have been 2008, 2009 or 2010.

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

I have said it did not publish a plan.

**MR SPEAKER:**

With respect, the Minister said 2005 and 2011.

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

Okay. It has not published ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

At all.

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

It has not published an Environment Management Plan at all.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister state whether it is the name that is called the Environmental Action and Management Plan that you published then?

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

I am not sure I understand what he means by “the name that is called” but I will give the benefit to the hon Member opposite, seeing that he is new on matters of the environment and seeing that he is asking questions on the environment for the first time. I will take the spirit in which the question is asked and provide the information that is requested but I will suggest to the hon Member that he does his homework a little bit better. For a start, as I said, there is no such thing as an Environment Management Plan. I presume the document he is referring to is this one.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes.

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

Yes, but there is a very big difference in the English language between Environment Management and Environmental Action Management but anyway, as I said, I will take the spirit of what he is asking and answer the question. He should also, I dare say, in doing his homework, understand what is the plan and what is contained in the Environment Charter which is attached to the plan and at the front of the plan and on which most of his questions are based. So, if I wanted to be difficult, I could ... but I am not going to be difficult. I am just highlighting the fact that the hon Member, new as he is to environment, should do his homework a bit better, but anyway. To the point, Mr Speaker, the Environment Charter on which his first question is based, on which Question No. 817 of 2011 is based, in Article No 5, asks about some of the things that the hon Member is asking in this question. The answer is that the Multilateral Environmental Agreements which have been extended to Gibraltar since the Charter, not the plan, since the Charter was signed are: (1) the Chemical Weapons Convention 1993 which was extended to Gibraltar on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and is implemented by the Weapons of Mass Destruction Act; (2) the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol which was

extended to Gibraltar in January 2007. In answer to Question No. 818 of 2011, talking about commitment in No. 13, again in the Environment Charter and not the plan, the Government have undertaken the following projects which directly and indirectly result in lasting benefit to Gibraltar's environment. He has also asked me about the costs and I ask hon Members to note that the costs that I am going to give are the costs that have been incurred since the year 2005.

- (1) A renewable energy study at a cost of £33,231.22. The purpose of this study was to investigate the feasibility of providing some of Gibraltar's energy demands from renewable energy sources. The study concluded that three options were feasible and required further assessment. They were: (1) wind energy offshore and onshore. (2) energy from waste and (3) marine ocean currents. The Government have established a renewable task force to move the matter forward.
- (2) A waste study at a cost of £64,000. The purpose of this study was to allow the Government to devise a waste management strategy based on information about current and predicted future waste arisings, as well as waste composition.
- (3) The creation of Master Service and including its expanded cleaning programme at a cost of £22,286,867. Master Service is involved in the general cleansing of Gibraltar. This includes street cleaning, flushing of streets and collection of bulky items/white goods from Government estates. Cleaning of parks and playgrounds, as well as cleaning of refuse cubicles. Upper Rock cleaning and maintenance of some tourist sites is also included. Beach cleaning occurs during the summer months with the exception of Camp Bay and Little Bay which are cleaned throughout the year. They are also responsible for the maintenance and collection of recycling waste, namely, glass, cans and batteries. They are further tasked with the maintenance of street furniture, emptying of bins, maintenance of bus shelters and the servicing of litter bins, with public toilets, including the new automated toilets. The removal of graffiti is also part of their contract.
- (4) The provision of recycling bins which were purchased at a cost of £44,743.
- (5) A water sampling programme at a cost of £249,206 and the aim of this programme is to establish the water quality status of Gibraltar's territorial waters in order to ensure good water quality status. These quality elements include physical and chemical quality elements along with their respective environmental quality standards and biological quality standards. A comprehensive list of all the parameters that are analysed together with analysis results will be published in this year's Department of the Environment annual report. The monitoring programme is necessary to allow for the classification of Gibraltar's waters. A classification of Gibraltar's coastal water quality status will be provided in the Gibraltar River Basin District Management Plan.
- (6) An air sampling programme at a cost of £1,861,392. The aim of this programme is to establish pollutant levels in ambient air with a view to reduce any levels of concern through remediation strategies and enforcement of legislation where necessary. The programme consists of three automatic monitoring stations measuring a variety of pollutants and a passive monitoring network measuring nitrogen dioxide and six species of volatile organic compounds by diffusive samplers. The instrumentation deployed was

selected to ensure that Government are able to obtain robust measurements at the necessary level of accuracy and time resolution to meet the data quality objectives within the European Air Quality Directives and national legislation. In order to meet the Government's monitoring obligations, the data itself is disseminated in near real time on the [www.gibraltarairquality.gi](http://www.gibraltarairquality.gi) website.

- (7) Green areas. The provision of which has cost in the order of £4,093,501. This programme aims to maintain the planted areas of any green areas belonging to the Government which serve to enhance the local environment. A monitoring programme is in place to ensure that the green areas are kept and maintained to high standards throughout Gibraltar. This year in particular there have been a great number of projects where green areas have embellished or enhanced. To mention a few, the Trafalgar Interchange, the West View Promenade and, as of recent, most of the new parks have had a significant contribution of green areas. The Department liaises with Town Planning for DPC to ensure that all new developments incorporate a certain amount of greenery and that no trees are removed. Additionally, planning applications are also considered and approval may, or may not, be given for removal of green areas. Where green areas have to be removed, these have to be replaced.
- (8) The Epidemiological Study at a cost of £127,985. This study investigated the current levels of cancer in Gibraltar and compared them to EU norms. It also assessed possible environmental risk factors to cancer types and levels. The total cancer incidence rate in Gibraltar is within the normal ranges of other European countries. Gibraltar is not a high risk community for cancer. Breast cancer is, however, in the upper centiles among EU countries and is a priority cancer type. Moreover, measured exposure concentration of carcinogens in the air pollution exposures in Gibraltar are within the normal range of European cities.
- (9) Energy performance of buildings at a cost of £140,094. Buildings are responsible for forty per cent of carbon emissions in Europe. This programme aims to reduce the amount of energy used by buildings. Any new buildings have to meet the minimum energy performance standards as defined in the amended Building Rules 2009 to make sure Gibraltar's future building stock is more energy efficient. Existing buildings will be given Energy Performance Certificates when they are rented or sold. This helps us to raise awareness amongst the general public about energy efficient buildings and also provides guidance on how to improve the energy efficiency of the building.
- (10) World Environment Day and the environmental education programme at a cost of £40,556. Environmental awareness is vital to our efforts to tackle any environmental issue of concern. Through this programme we are increasing awareness both to the younger generations, as well as to our own, through the voices of our children. Environmental Officers visit every school every year and address a particular environmental issue of concern. Schools then work on this issue with the children throughout the academic year. A culmination of the programme is witnessed during the local World Environment Day festivities when the schools portray, through song and dance, their interpretation of the message from the year's environmental education programme.

- (11) Floods mapping at £11,830. A preliminary flood risk assessment has been undertaken to establish the risk of major flood events locally. The aim being to reduce and manage the risks that floods pose to human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity. Flood maps are prepared for areas that are at significant risk of flooding. Flood risk management plans are then prepared for those areas focussing on prevention, protection and preparedness. A conclusion of the study is that the risk of flooding in low lying areas of Gibraltar is minimal and there is no need for flood hazard mapping.
- (12) A bunkering study at a cost of £70,185. This study addresses the risk to the local population from air pollution arising out of the bunkering operations within the Gibraltar territorial waters within the Bay of Gibraltar. The outcome of the study was that there is no human health risk from bunkering operations. Investigations of the contributions of odour from the individual anchorages show that, subject to specific circumstances occurring, for example, high emission concentration and worse case dispersion characteristics, bunkering at most locations will result in perceivable odour. It made recommendations as to maximum temperatures for fuel storage which would serve to minimise the odour issue.

And referring to the other questions, Mr Speaker, and to the commitment that the Government would ensure that legislation and policies reflect the principle that the polluter pays for the prevention or remedies, the following monitoring and enforcement mechanisms have existed since 2005:

- (1) Air Quality Monitoring Programme. This programme establishes pollutant levels in ambient air with a view to reduce any levels of concern through the remediation strategies and enforcement of legislation where necessary.
- (2) Water Quality Monitoring Programme of the coastal water, bathing water and ground water. This programme establishes the water quality status of Gibraltar territorial waters in order to ensure good water quality status. It also allows us to address any issues/activities which may be harming local water quality, be it coastal or ground water.
- (3) Our Traffic Management Plan. The aim of the plan is to reduce traffic congestion along Gibraltar's roads by providing an increased number of free and resident parking areas across Gibraltar.
- (4) The Environmental Action and Management Plan itself. The aim of this document is to serve as a road map for the implementation of the commitment set out in the Environmental Charter. It generates general policy goals, identifies specific action points and sets out tentative timeframes and develops measures of success.
- (5) The Energy End Use Efficiency Action Plan 2009 which builds upon the foundations laid out in the Environment Charter and the Climate Change Programme by delivering a comprehensive set of policies geared towards maximising the energy efficiency of our residential, business, public, industry and transport sectors. It fulfills the Government's requirements under EU legislation.

- (6) The River Basin Management Plan. This plan is a comprehensive water quality management plan aimed at identifying and managing all the impacts that could have an effect on all of Gibraltar's water sources including coastal and groundwater bodies.
- (7) The Southern Waters of Gibraltar Management Plan. This plan is concerned with promoting the sustainable use of living, working environment. It brings together all existing management measures in place and provides the mechanism by which these can be delivered so that they do not damage the habitats of species for which they have been designated.
- (8) An Air Quality Action Plan. This plan has been produced as a result of Gibraltar failing to meet NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> limit values. It contains a series of policies and measures designed to reduce levels of pollutants in our local air.
- (9) Dust Best Practice Guidance. This document is intended to provide best practice guidance to reduce emissions from construction and demolition sites in Gibraltar.

Mr Speaker, I think for a question that, apparently, I was not intending to answer, I had every intention of providing all the information that the hon Member was asking for and I shall accept his thanks and congratulations for giving him such a complete answer.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 817 TO 821 OF 2011**

#### **HON S E LINARES:**

I do thank him, actually, for a very vast answer to the questions that I have posed. Suffice it to say that I was a bit disappointed at the fact that he said that I had not done my homework because I had done my homework. The fact that I, actually, pointed out the mistake of the year that it was published and, obviously, the mistake in the way it was put in the Order Paper but I have a whole copy of the Environmental Action and Management Plan which I have taken the trouble of reading it through. So, suffice it to say, thank you very much for his long answer.

**NO. 822 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

Can Government state how many times a day and at what times it will be taking samples of the water quality at Western Beach?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 823 to 828 of 2011.

**NO. 823 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

Can Government state how long it takes from the time water samples are taken from Western Beach to when results of the samples are determined and whether these are laboratory tests and how long does it take to put the results online?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 822 and 824 to 828 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 824 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

How will Government guarantee users at Western Beach that it is safe to bathe at all times during the summer season?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 822, 823 and 825 to 828 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 825 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

What contingency plans have Government put in place at Western Beach should there be sewage pollution or any other pollution during the day in between testing times?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 822 to 824 and 826 to 828 of 2011.

**NO. 826 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

Can Government say, should there be an unacceptable level of pollution at Western Beach when bathers are present, how will the lifeguards and/or the Ministry of the Environment officials handle the situation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 822 to 825, 827 and 828 of 2011.

**NO. 827 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

Can Government say, should the waters at Western Beach be tested and found to be polluted in the morning, what action will be taken on the day?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 822 to 826 and 828 of 2011.

**NO. 828 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

Will the Government take full responsibility should bathers be affected in any way by the polluted water at Western Beach at any time?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

**Answer to Question No. 828 of 2011**

The quality of all of our bathing waters is monitored in accordance with the Bathing Water Directive 76/160/EEC. This monitoring programme has been implemented since the 1980s.

Hon Members opposite should note that the Directive only requires one sample of water to be taken in any two week period from each one of our beaches and then only during the bathing season identified under the Directive. Gibraltar voluntarily implements a more onerous sampling programme. During the bathing season, a sample from all our beaches is taken once a week. Western Beach is no different to any other beach in Gibraltar and was subjected to the same sampling regime until mid August last year.

During the month of August last year, sampling at Western Beach detected that there was a worsening of the quality of the bathing water compared with the previous established results. This continuing deterioration led to the closure of this beach as from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010. As a precautionary and investigative measure, the Environmental Agency immediately and drastically increased the frequency and number of samples from this beach to closely monitor the quality of the bathing water. This monitoring continued throughout the winter months although there was no requirement to do so under the Directive. Increased monitoring is a normal measure that is taken when any beach is similarly affected by pollution episodes and is undertaken to ensure that when water quality is restored the public are fully informed and may resume bathing.

**Answer to Question Nos. 822 and 823 of 2011**

As part of this increased monitoring since mid August 2010, three samples continue to be taken from three different locations at Western Beach every Monday and Wednesday of every week at any time between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Samples are immediately submitted to the Public Analyst at the GHA laboratory and the results of two of the three bacteriological parameters (total coli

forms, faecal coliforms) are available within 24 hours and the remaining parameter (faecal streptococci) within 48 hours. Results are uploaded onto the Environmental Agency website as soon as they are received from the laboratory. The stringent sampling programme at the beach detected that between 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 there was a severe deterioration in bathing water quality at Western Beach. As from the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 there has been a significant improvement in bathing water quality and this improvement is still being maintained to date at levels which meet the EU standards.

**Answer to Question No. 824 of 2011**

However, it should be stressed that, in common with all other beaches, what is published by the Environmental Agency is a statement of the quality of the bathing water, at any given moment in time, as established by scientific process. It is not an encouragement to persons to bathe and neither is it a guarantee by Government, by the Environmental Agency or by anyone else. All swimmers at all beaches bathe off all the beaches at their own risk.

### **Answer to Question Nos. 825 to 827 of 2011**

Following advice from its Chief Technical Officer, the Department of the Environment and the Environmental Agency, the Government decided to reopen Western Beach for public use as from 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Government, before officially opening this beach, introduced additional protective measures and has established a rigid protocol to protect public health which remains Government's absolute priority. Should the bathing water quality fail to meet EU Standards, the Government will review the position. These additional protective measures are as follows:

- (1) A notice board is on display in an easily seen position near to the official point of entry to the beach to inform the general public by coloured discs whether bathing is permitted or not. Additionally, bathing water quality sampling results will continue to be published on the Environmental Agency website.
- (2) The water sampling regime, increased at the end of last year's bathing season, will be maintained at twice a week, that is, four times the European Commission's recommended minimum sampling standard.
- (3) As bathing water quality remains susceptible to rainfall, Western Beach will, as a precaution, be closed whenever it rains significantly, on the precautionary assumption that contamination and failure of the bathing water quality will follow.
- (4) During any period of time that the bathing water quality fails to meet the EU Standard, the Government will, if so advised by the pertinent authorities, close the beach and maintain it closed until sampling shows that the bathing water quality, once more, meets the EU standards and that the Government are certain that no material risk to public health exists.

Officials from the Ministry of the Environment, the Gibraltar Tourist Board and the Environmental Agency are directly and actively involved in this new protocol which is designed to address three foreseeable scenarios as follows:

- (1) If there is a significant rainfall during non-beach hours, in other words, at night time, the beach will be closed the following morning and a daily sampling routine implemented by the Environmental Agency. The beach will remain closed until two consecutive daily samples show that the water quality meets the relevant EU standard.
- (2) If there is a significant rainfall during beach hours, that is, during the daytime, an assessment will be carried out by the Environmental Agency and bathing will be prohibited if considered necessary. A daily sampling regime will be implemented, the beach closed and kept closed until two consecutive daily samples show that the water quality meets the relevant EU standard.
- (3) If at any time during beach hours there are detectable signs of sewage or strong prevailing sewage smells in the sea, the Environmental Agency will similarly assess the situation and, if necessary, bathing will be prohibited and the beach closed and the same daily sampling regime will be

implemented and the beach, if closed, will be maintained closed until two consecutive daily samples show that the water quality meets the relevant EU standard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 822 TO 828 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Just to say that, again, this covers all the questions that I have actually posed and I thank the hon Member for such a full answer.

**NO. 829 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**AMENDMENT TO FORM D MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH**

Can Government say why a policy decision was taken to amend Form D Medical Certificate of Cause of Death as published in Legal Notice No. 9 of 2011 in the Gibraltar Gazette dated Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

There was no policy decision taken to change Form D Medical Certification of Cause of Death. The revision from the previous version of the certificate was in response to concerns about potential ambiguity of language arising out of the incorporation of the provision for cremation.

The decision to amend the form came following representation from the Registrar of Births and Deaths in connection with his duties under the Crematoria Act 2008. Under section 9 of that Act, he is required to make a decision on whether or not to authorise cremations when he receives an application. The Act requires a copy of the notice as required under section 21 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act to state that there is no impediment to cremation in order for such an application to be granted and also to answer a number of other questions relevant to such a decision, that is, if there is a pacemaker or a question regarding the cause of death. The form as originally drafted had some of these questions in a "tick box" format to be ticked only "where applicable". The Registrar, in order to ensure that the questions are answered in all occasions and that failure to tick has not been as a result of an oversight, asked that the form be amended to replace the "tick boxes" with "yes/no" questions and the form was amended accordingly to introduce greater certainty into the Registrar's decision making process.

**NO. 830 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – SOUND AND LIGHT EXPERIENCE AT ST MICHAEL’S CAVE**

Can Government say whether the sound and light experience at St Michael’s Cave is fully operational and, if so, from what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The sound and light experience at St Michael’s Cave is not in operation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 830 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member say since when it has been out of action, not operating?

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

The sound and light experience at St Michael’s Cave was discontinued in 2007.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the pieces of equipment still in place, the different pieces of equipment to produce the display?

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

Let me explain. There is still a sound and light experience in that the cave has light effects and there is music. So the equipment is in place. What was discontinued was the formal scheduled sit down, dim the lights, theatre type of presentation. There is now a continuous ongoing experience which people see and experience as they walk through.

**NO. 831 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – LONDON INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW/MANCHESTER HOLIDAY SHOW/FITUR IN MADRID**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the GTB's attendance and participation at:

- (a) the London International Boat Show;
- (b) the Manchester Holiday Show; and
- (c) FITUR in Madrid,

in January 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 832 to 835 and 837 to 838 of 2011.

**NO. 832 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – LONDON INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW/MANCHESTER HOLIDAY SHOW/FITUR IN MADRID**

How many persons represented the Gibraltar Tourist Board or the Gibraltar office in London and what offices do they hold at:

- (a) the London International Boat Show;
- (b) the Manchester Holiday Show; and
- (c) FITUR in Madrid,

in January 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Answered together with Question Nos. 831, 833 to 835, 837 and 838 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 833 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 831, 832, 834, 835, 837 and 838 of 2011.

**NO. 834 OF 2011**

**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 Nos. 831 to 833, 835, 837 and 838 of 2011.

**NO. 835 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURISM MINISTER'S TRAVELS ABROAD ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 831 to 834, 837 and 838 of 2011.

**NO. 836 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – CHANGES TO TOURIST MAP**

Can Government confirm whether changes have been made to the map that is given to tourists at entry points to incorporate the new bus stops and, if so, on what date were the changes made?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Changes to update the map which is given to tourists at entry points into Gibraltar will be made when the current print run is exhausted in autumn this year.

In the meantime, information on bus routes and bus stops is given to tourists in a separate leaflet at the entry points.

**NO. 837 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 831 to 835 and 838 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 838 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TENDER FOR “BEACH CONCESSIONS - KIOSKS”**

Can Government say how many persons have submitted a bid for each of the “Beach Concessions - Kiosks” advertised in a tender notice on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011, listing the successful applicants, the location of the concession and the amounts paid to operate it?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

The information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedules which I now hand over to him.

**Answer to Question No. 838 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 831 of 2011**

(a) London International Boat Show

SUBSISTENCE	£68.48
FLIGHTS	£1024.10
HOTELS	£1320.00
HOSPITALITY	£98.12
STAND	£20631.30
COURIER	£524.00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	£163.20
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE	£182.24
LESS PARTICIPATION FEES	-£600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£23411.44</b>

(b) The Manchester Holiday Show

SUBSISTENCE	£30.45
HOTELS	£267.00
HOSPITALITY	£118.14
STAND	£5371.45
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	£9.50
LESS PARTICIPATION FEES	-£300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5496.54</b>

(c) FITUR

SUBSISTENCE	£3585.46
FLIGHTS	£1040.00
HOTELS	£1271.32
HOSPITALITY	£130.26
STAND	£16622.06
COURIER	£2110.00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	£625.57
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE	£385.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	£739.00
LESS PARTICIPATION FEES	-£1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25008.67</b>

**Answer to Question No. 832 of 2011**

EVENT	PERSONS FROM GTB	ATTENDING FROM LONDON	OFFICE HELD
London Boat Show	Mr N Guerrero		CE GTB
		Mr I Leyde	UK Sales Manager
		Ms T Poggio	UK P R Manager
		Mr D Lerner	UK Marketing Exec
		Mr W Gomez	UK Marketing Exec
Manchester Holiday Show		Mr I Leyde	UK Sales Manager
FITUR		Mr A Poggio	CE London Office
	Mr N Guerrero		CE GTB
	Mr D Ferrar		Marketing Manager
	Mrs G Macedo		Marketing Exec

NOTE. The Minister for the Environment and Tourism, the Hon E M Britto, visited both the London Boat Show and FITUR.

**Answer to Question No. 833 of 2011**

There has been one meeting of the Tourism Advisory Council and this was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 834 of 2011**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>UPPER ROCK REVENUE RAISED</b>
<b>December 2010</b>	<b>£ 88,722.55</b>
<b>January 2011</b>	<b>£ 88,757.47</b>
<b>February 2011</b>	<b>£ 128,267.18</b>
<b>March 2011</b>	<b>£ 208,190.47</b>
<b>April 2011</b>	<b>£ 335,274.51</b>
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	<b>£</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>849,212.18</b>
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**Answer to Question No. 835 of 2011**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT/FUNCTION</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2011	London Boat Show/UKGTA Meeting	ExCel and London office	London	UK
19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2011	FITUR	IFEMA	Madrid	Spain
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011	UKGTA Meeting	London office	London	UK

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO 838**

**Answer to Question 837**

**a) Stayed at Hotel:-**

	Total No. of Interviews	Stayed at Hotel	Airport Interviews	Average length of Stay	Frontier Interviews	Average length of Stay	Elsewhere Interviews	Average length of Stay
Oct 2010	765	2	1	1.0	1	1.0	-	-
Nov 2010	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 2010	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 2011	1010	11	11	4.6	-	-	-	-

**b) Not stayed at Hotel**

	Total Interviews Not Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coach Park
Oct 2010	763	4	2	751	-	1	5
Nov 2010	1000	-	-	1000	-	-	-
Dec 2010	1000	-	-	1000	-	-	-
Jan 2011	999	9	-	990	-	-	-

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**Answer to Question No. 838 of 2011**

Four persons submitted bids for Beach Concessions-Kiosk and all were successful.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
Sunrise Beach Bar Restaurant Ltd	Eastern Beach	£400
Willy's return	Camp Bay	£325
Sunset Kiosk	Little Bay	£325
Chiringuito Mathew	Western Beach	£325

**NO. 839 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – GRADE II CLERK**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the post of Grade II Clerk in the Gibraltar Tourist Board, which was advertised on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 with a closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, has anyone now been selected for the post and, if so, is the successful applicant a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Twenty persons applied for the post of Grade II Clerk in the Gibraltar Tourist Board, all of whom were Gibraltarian. A selection was made and the successful candidate, who is a Gibraltarian, is already in post.

**NO. 840 OF 2011****THE HON S E LINARES****NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state what has been the revenue collected from the toilet units placed around Gibraltar, since they were inaugurated by the Minister for Enterprise, giving a breakdown by unit and by month?

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

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

**Schedule to Question No. 840 of 2011****AUTOMATED PUBLIC TOILETS REVENUE**

	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
Alameda – Grand Parade	£499.50	£365.50
Watergardens	£126.50	£127.00
Eurotowers	£55.00	£39.00
Commonwealth Car Park	£97.00	£90.50
Bayside	£114.00	£130.00
Frontier 1	£69.00	£65.50
Frontier 2	£100.00	£111.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,061.00</b>	<b>£929.00</b>

**NO. 841 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state what cleaning materials are used by the maintenance company that maintains the toilet units and whether these are environmentally friendly materials?

**ANSWER**

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

There are 3 main products used, Loosol which is a fast acting, biodegradable duo-acid, descaling product, Guardisan G20 also readily biodegradable and does not bioaccumulate, and Airsan also a readily biodegradable air freshner with no specific risk to the environment.

All products are environmentally friendly.

ORAL

**NO. 842 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state what company provided the seven toilet units that have been placed in different parts of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 843 to 847 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 843 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state what has been the cost of the infrastructural works of each toilet unit that has been placed in different parts of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 842 and 844 to 847 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 844 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state what has been the cost of each toilet unit that has been placed in different parts of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 842, 843 and 845 to 847 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 845 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state how many companies submitted applications for the tender of the toilet units that have been placed in different parts of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 842 to 844, 846 and 847 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 846 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state how many companies submitted applications for the tender to do the infrastructural works to be able to place the toilet units in different parts of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 842 to 845 and 847 of 2011.

**NO. 847 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW PUBLIC TOILET UNITS**

Can Government state who has been given the contract to maintain the toilet units and when was it put out to tender?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 842 of 2011**

ClearChannel Adshel, a division of ClearChannel Outdoor, has provided the toilet units that have been placed in different parts of Gibraltar.

**Answer to Question No. 843 of 2011**

The total cost of the infrastructure works for the installation of the toilet units has been £229,393.99 broken down as follows:

-	Frontier (2 No) .....	£38,507.30
-	Sundial .....	£46,997.20
-	Watergardens .....	£36,215.23
-	Eurotowers .....	£36,709.17
-	Commonwealth Parade Car Park .....	£36,460.19
-	Grand Parade Car Park .....	£34,504.90

**Answer to Question No. 844 of 2011**

The cost of each toilet unit (Automated Public Toilet) is £157,183.93.

**Answer to Question No. 845 of 2011**

No tender process was carried out as Government was satisfied that ClearChannel UK Ltd were the only manufacturers that supply this particular type of toilet unit.

**Answer to Question No. 846 of 2011**

Two companies submitted tenders for the infrastructural works relating to the automated public toilets.

**Answer to Question No. 847 of 2011**

The maintenance of the toilet units is being carried out by Master Service (Gib) Ltd.

There was no tender for this contract as this has been included as an extension to the current contract with Master Service (Gib) Ltd who currently carries out this service for other public toilets.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 842 TO 847 OF 2011**

**HON S E LINARES:**

As in the maintenance, then the Government does not have to pay an extra ... or is it just within the same amount that you have to pay?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

This part of the project has been handled by the Ministry of the Environment who administers the contract for Master Services. My understanding is that there was an extension of the contract and, therefore, there was a need, possibly, to ask for additional human resources. Master Services are on a cost plus basis. Therefore, if they had to employ, I think there were two more employees to cover the additional work, it was the cost of these two employees plus whatever the contract terms are.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Thank you.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the hon Member does not know what the extra cost is?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. I do not know the exact extra cost but what I have said is the basis of the negotiation because the Government did consider whether to put these additional works out to tender but then there was an assessment done where, having a company specifically mobilising and moving for that particular works, would be much more expensive than actually extending the contract to an existing infrastructure.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well. I can see the logic of that but, surely, that would have been able to have been determined by giving the opportunity to somebody else to compete and letting Master Services put in a price which, by definition, would have been cheaper because they already had an advantage.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. That may be correct but that was the decision taken by the Ministry of the Environment in their supervision over the contract. My Ministry was involved in procuring the actual toilets et cetera but then Technical Services dealt with all the issues to do with the infrastructure and the Ministry of the Environment looked after the actual ongoing maintenance from then onwards.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that no specific technical knowledge is required to deal with these things, given that they are not normal toilets which just need cleaning? Presumably, if something breaks down what happens? That people in Master Services have got the experience of putting these things right?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. There is a specific amount of knowledge that needs to be had to be able to maintain and upkeep the toilets but the company, as part of the contract, are obliged to provide the training for locals to learn how to do that and that training was undertaken. They now have an ongoing obligation to ensure that if we have to call on them for extra training they will do so.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is that already included in the price of the purchase of these toilets or do we have to pay when you get it?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. That is included as part of the package.

**NO. 848 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HIGHWAYS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Can Government list the powers of the Highway Enforcement Officers?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 849 to 851 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 849 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HIGHWAYS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Can Government state to which Government department the Highway Enforcement Officers are answerable?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 848, 850 and 851 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 850 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HIGHWAYS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Can Government state how many Highway Enforcement Officers have been employed and whether they have any form of ranking system?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 848, 849 and 851 of 2011.

**NO. 851 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HIGHWAYS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER / TRAFFIC WARDEN**

Can Government state whether there are any Traffic Wardens in existence and, if so, what is their remit after the employment of Highway Enforcement Officers?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 848 of 2011**

The powers of the Highways Enforcement Officers are set out in the Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Regulations 2011, pursuant to which Highways Enforcement Officers have been designated “authorised persons”. They thus enjoy all the powers bestowed by those regulations on “authorised persons” in relation to parking and waiting enforcement.

In order that they have the necessary legal authority to assist the RGP when requested to do so in relation to traffic matters, Highways Enforcement Officers have also been designated as Traffic Wardens under section 84 of the Traffic Act.

**Answer to Question No. 849 of 2011**

The Highways Enforcement Officers are employed by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited, a company wholly owned and controlled by the Government. They are answerable to the directors and management of that Company. They, in turn, are answerable to the Government through my Ministry, which has responsibility for traffic and parking issues.

**Answer to Question No. 850 of 2011**

Currently, there are 20 Highways Enforcement Officers employed by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited. There is no ranking system but it is planned to introduce a supervisory rank of Senior Highways Enforcement Officer in the very near future.

**Answer to Question No. 851 of 2011**

The old Traffic Warden body that operated as part of the GDC is no disbanded and no longer functional. There remains one ex Traffic Warden to redeploy elsewhere.

ORAL

**NO. 852 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**GIBRALTAR POSTAL SERVICES – CHANGE MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

Can Government state what are the contracted services done by Change Management Limited within the postal services?

**ANSWER**

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

The contracted services undertaken by Change Management Ltd at the Royal Gibraltar Post Office entail the management of the Gibraltar Postal Services in their entirety in accordance with Government policy and Government agreements with the respective unions and to sustain and improve the interlink between the local services and those of foreign postal administrations. In addition, it manages, subject to Audit Department inspections and recommendations, all the international billing to and from all foreign postal administrations. It is also responsible, subject to the approved budget, for implementing the necessary technological advance developments to meet the Universal Postal Union core requirements in order to maintain country status in the postal world. Furthermore, it ensures regulatory compliance with all Universal Postal Union international postal regulations and conventions. It also implements and manages the set up for the Global Monitoring System which independently assesses and monitors the Royal Gibraltar Post Office's quality of service, together with that of other countries.

ORAL

**NO. 853 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**GIBRALTAR POSTAL SERVICES – MANNING LEVELS**

Can Government state what the current manning levels at the Gibraltar Postal Services are, giving a breakdown by gender, grade, management and administration staff?

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Schedule to Question No. 853 of 2011**

• Chief Executive Officer (contracted)	x1	Male
• Resources Director (contracted)	x1	Male
• Commercial Director (contracted)	x1	Male
• Operations Director (contracted)	x1	Male
• Higher Executive Officer	x1	Male
• Executive Officer	x2	Both Female
• Administrative Officers on Admin and Savings Bank duties	x6	All Female
• Administrative Officers on Counter and District Post Office Duties	x11	6 Female & 5 Male
• ML4 (Mail Manager)	x4	All male
• SOG ex-Sorters on indoor duties	x14	1 Female & 13 Male
• SOG ex-Postmen/women	x7	1 Female & 6 Male
• SOG Basic	x15	4 Female & 11 Male
• Postman PTH	x1	Male
• Labourer	x2	Both Male
• Supply Postal Workers (on supply)	x8 (minimum)	2 Female & 6 Male (currently)
• Fullfillment bespoke services (contracted/supply)	x2	1x Female & 1 Male
• Cleaners (contracted)	x2	Both Female

A total of 79 minimum (depending on Supply Worker numbers)

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 853 OF 2011****HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to the (contracted), are these contracted from actual Change Management Limited?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. Those are the four employees that actually work for Change Management Limited. They work for Change Management and they are operational there. That is why I have put contracted because they are not part of the Government company.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Okay. Thank you.

ORAL

**NO. 854 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – BUS ROUTE CHANGES**

Can Government state the total number of passenger numbers on bus routes 1 to 4 since the recent changes to the bus routes were introduced, giving a breakdown by route?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 855 to 857 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 855 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – BUS ROUTE CHANGES**

Can Government state the total number of passenger numbers and the fares collected on bus route 5, since the recent changes to that route were introduced?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 854, 856 and 857 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 856 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – BUS ROUTE CHANGES**

Can Government state what was the total number of passenger numbers and the fares collected by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and the date when the changes to the bus routes and fares were introduced, giving a breakdown by route?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 854, 855 and 857 of 2011.

**NO. 857 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**On behalf of the Hon G H Licudi**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – BUS ROUTE CHANGES**

Can Government state what complaints it or the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited have received over the changes to the bus routes which have been introduced recently?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 854 of 2011**

New bus routes were introduced on a three month trial basis on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

The total number of passengers on bus routes 1 to 4 since 28<sup>th</sup> May and up to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, which is when the answer was drafted, is as follows:

Route 1 – 8,356

Route 2 – 30,784

Route 3 – 35,743

Route 4 – 22,044

**Answer to Question No. 855 of 2011**

The total number of passengers carried on Route 5 since 28<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 is as follows:

Total passengers 24,736.

Total fares revenue £19,369.90.

**Answer to Question No. 856 of 2011**

The numbers of passengers and the fares collected by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011, when the bus routes and fares were introduced, are as follows:

Route	Passengers	Fares Revenue
2	41,279	£13,475.60
3	303,376	£132,659.10
4	290,224	£69,966.02
9	212,687	£100,010.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>847,566</b>	<b>£316,110.76</b>

**Answer to Question No. 857 of 2011**

Government and the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited have received some complaints from bus users since the introduction of the new bus service. However, this was to be expected as any change will not always please everybody. Nevertheless, there have also been many positive comments and the reaction from the public has been very favourable. This has been borne out by the usage of the bus system. If you compare the figures of the same period, same days last year with this year, you will notice that the number of passengers using the new system totalled 121,673 and the figure for the same period last year was 90,802. Therefore, representing an increase of thirty four per cent in the usage of the bus which I think achieves Government's objective in delivering a free bus service.

Complaints have included:

- a. Why a free bus service should be used by non-locals;
- b. Abuse of the system by people, especially children, who find it amusing to jump on the bus at one particular bus stop and get off at the next one and then they jump in and out, as they do, which obviously causes disruption to the normal traveller;
- c. The inconvenience of having to change buses in mid-route.

Let me just say that the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited will be conducting a survey of their users before the trial period is over because I think that there are some changes that may be favourably considered but as far as complaints are concerned, it is mainly word of mouth. Officially, I think we have had, possibly, four or five letters that people have actually written in. People, you know ... when there is any change, we all become experts at that particular field and we all have our views on the matter.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 854 TO 857 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the increase in the number of users, has the hon Member taken into account the fact that people may now have to get off one bus and get on another bus in order to travel from the same point to the same point that before used to be one bus only.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, we are aware of that obviously, but we are basing numbers on tickets that are issued even though there is a nil return. So you may have one particular user of the bus that before used to be on one particular route that took it from A to B and now to get from A to B it has got to go to C and, therefore, counts as two. So, there could be an element of that but I think that the number of people on buses is very evident, has increased substantially and, in fact, there have also been comments as to the fact that there has been an improvement in traffic flow as well, as a result of people using the bus instead of their own vehicles.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are the Government aware that apparently there are people who come in on coaches and get taken by the guide to the Market Place to go on a Rock tour on a bus for nothing? Is that also a factor in the numbers?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have had the matter reported to me and I have actually reported the matter to the Directors of the Company. I have not had feedback because this happened earlier this week but, yes, I have been told that this has happened. I do not know how frequent this is and how we can actually stop that from happening but we are conscious of it, and has been reported to me.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not suggesting that it is possible to stop it. I do not see how you can stop people getting on a bus, if the service is free, but nevertheless, presumably, it is something that was not envisaged that we would be competing with Rock tour operators by providing a free alternative.

ORAL

**NO. 858 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INVESTGIB OFFICE**

Can Government confirm that the InvestGib Office comes under the Department of Enterprise and explain to what degree the Department is involved in promoting inward investment and what activities in this respect have been undertaken in the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 859 to 861 of 2011.

**NO. 859 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INVESTGIB OFFICE**

Can Government state how many enquiries regarding new investment in Gibraltar have been received by the InvestGib Office in each financial year since it was set up and how many of these enquiries have led to actual investments and new activities being introduced?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 858, 860 and 861 of 2011.

**NO. 860 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INVESTGIB OFFICE**

Can Government state how many of the new business activities set up following the involvement by the InvestGib Office were funded by resident investors and how many were funded by inward investment, giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 858, 859 and 861 of 2011.

**NO. 861 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INVESTGIB OFFICE**

Can Government provide a breakdown by year of the investment undertaken following the involvement of the InvestGib Office and provide a breakdown of the industry sector and ball park figure of the level of investment for each year?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 858 of 2011**

The InvestGibraltar Office is part of the Department of Enterprise and Development. The Office provides general business-related advice and support to entities that wish to invest in, set up, expand or diversify a business activity in Gibraltar. The service is offered by telephone, email and/or face-to-face meetings.

The InvestGibraltar Office promotes its services predominantly through the use of its website, and printed literature, as well as with articles and advertisements featured in selected publications and media.

**Answer to Question No. 859 of 2011**

The main purpose of the InvestGibraltar Office is to assist small and medium size enterprises. Any enquiry of a significant nature is referred to and dealt with by the Ministry of Enterprise, Development, Technology and Transport.

Of the 401 enquiries received in 2007, the InvestGibraltar Office successfully assisted in the setting up of 14 new businesses.

In 2008, there were 747 enquiries and successfully assisted 17 new businesses.

In 2009, there were 578 enquiries and that transferred to successfully assisting 11 new businesses.

In 2010, 336 enquiries successfully assisting in 22 new businesses.

### **Answer to Question No. 860 of 2011**

The InvestGibraltar Office has successfully assisted 64 businesses to set up in Gibraltar.

In 2007, the Office assisted ten local investors and four foreign investors;

In 2008, the Office assisted nine local investors and eight foreign investors;

In 2009, the Office assisted seven local investors and four foreign investors; and

In 2010, the Office assisted sixteen local investors and six foreign investors.

### **Answer to Question No. 861 of 2011**

It is difficult to give an exact level of capital investment as some businesses do not provide this information in the feedback forms submitted to the InvestGibraltar Office.

However, in 2007, the InvestGibraltar Office assisted with the setting up of 14 new businesses with an estimated level of investment of £462,000 comprising:

- One within the Tourism and Transport Sector
- One within the Financial Services and e-Commerce Sector
- Six within the Trade and e-Trade Sector
- Six within the Other Sector\*

(\*Other Sector refers to ventures that do not fall under a specific sector.)

In 2008, the InvestGibraltar Office assisted with the setting up of 17 new businesses with an estimated level of investment of £572,000 comprising:

- One within the Communications and e-Gaming Sector
- One within the Financial Services and e-Commerce Sector
- Eleven within the Trade and e-Trade Sector
- Four within the Other Sector category

In 2009, the InvestGibraltar Office assisted with the setting up of 11 new businesses with an estimated level of investment of £528,000 comprising:

- Two within the Tourism and Transport Sector
- One within the Communications and e-Gaming Sector
- Four within the Trade and e-Trade Sector
- Four within the Other Sector

In 2010, the InvestGibraltar Office assisted with the setting up of 22 new businesses with an estimated level of investment of £1,034,000, comprising:

- Three within the Communications and e-Gaming Sector
- Two within the Financial Services and e-Commerce Sector
- Twelve within the Trade and e-Trade Sector
- One within the Property Development Sector
- Four within the Other Sector

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 858 TO 861 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not very clear but it seems that the function is more in helping people who have decided to come in, in guiding them as it were, or helping them to go through the requirements that may be needed, rather than in persuading them to come in the first place. Is that the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, it has a dual function. This InvestGibraltar Office is not meant to be substituting, for example, the work of the Finance Centre Department or the Gibraltar Tourist Board in promoting tourism or the Gibraltar Port Authority in promoting the port. The Finance Centre, Tourism, the main sectors are promoted in their own right, with their own people. This is meant to be an office where people can come in or write in or whatever, seeking advice. For example, asking how to set up a company in Gibraltar. What are the tax implications. What needs to be done in order to register labour, registration of companies or trade licence applications, EU funding applications. There are a lot of people that come in and this office will actually help them to write out an EU funding application. It also helps people in writing up business plans. Sometimes there are small businesses that want to go to banks and they are asked for a business plan with cash flows and that, sometimes, can be quite an ordeal for certain small businesses. The office can actually help them in preparing all this in order to assist them. If people knock at the door and they see that there is a potential significant investor that is automatically referred to my office. The idea being that I do not necessarily have to deal with people that come in wanting to complete their business plan, but I am willing to see a developer or an investor in any particular area which I feel is of significant economic importance to Gibraltar and therefore they work side by side. They are in my corridor. It is very much part of my internal office anyway, but we have this branding of InvestGibraltar so that people actually pick up ... and judging ... you can see by the number of enquiries, they pick up on the internet. We have our own website. In that website we actually have ... if you care to look at it, you will see there is documentation on all aspects of Government application forms, information on anything to do with the setting up of a business in Gibraltar. There are also links with the Federation of Small Businesses, with the Chamber of Commerce, et cetera, with the Bar Council, list of Accountants, list of ... So, generally, it is a, sort of, red carpet type of treatment for anybody who is looking and it is not just foreign. The office is used quite a lot by locals as well who want to move on, who want to consider information on EU funding, on whether they are eligible or not, or whether ... How can they, sort of, complete an application form which may put them in better light for a successful outcome, et cetera, and that is the function of the office. It was an initiative which we put in place, I think it is a few years back and has worked very well. We are talking of two bodies here. This is not a great office administration. It is two bodies, young upcoming civil servants or members of the GDC who work directly to the Principal Secretary in my Ministry who oversees what happens and ensures that the advice that they give is correct as well, but it has played quite, I think, a good role. I think the perception is a good one, especially for foreign investors because they pick up ... you know our adverts are very, sort of, dynamic and try to make it a jurisdiction in which it is good to do business in. They pick up ... and they write and some of them end up on my desk and some of the projects and some of the investment that has been successfully completed in the last few years, have not necessarily come through that

office, but have been picked up by that particular website with all the relevant information and ended up on my desk. So it is an alternative route to reaching me.

ORAL

**NO. 862 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES ARCADE COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government confirm whether there are any vacant units in the Casemates development, including the arcade and, if so, which ones are they?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 863 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 863 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CASEMATES ARCADE COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government confirm whether any units in the arcade at Casemates have been turned down by the successful tenderer and, if so, which unit is it and on what date was it turned down?

**ANSWER**

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

Units 23A and 24A on the first floor of Casemates Barracks remain vacant.

None of the allocated units in the arcade at Casemates have been turned down by the successful tenderers.

ORAL

**NO. 864 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**WATERPORT TERRACES COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government confirm how many commercial units there are at Waterport Terraces and how many have been allocated?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 865 and 866 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 865 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**WATERPORT TERRACES COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say whether there was an obligation in the purchase contract of the commercial units at Waterport Terraces that work on the unit by the successful tenderer had to commence in a given period of time and, if so, what was the time period?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 864 and 866 of 2011.

**NO. 866 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**WATERPORT TERRACES COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Are Government in a position to say how many commercial units at Waterport Terraces are now open for business and in how many has construction/fitting-out work commenced?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 864 of 2011**

There are 18 commercial units at Waterport Terraces. Sixteen of these have been allocated.

**Answer to Question No. 865 of 2011**

There is no obligation in the underleases of the commercial units at Waterport Terraces for work on the unit by the purchaser to commence in any given period of time.

**Answer to Question No. 866 of 2011**

These units are being used for a range of different commercial and non-commercial activities, some of which are already open for business such as a number of minimarkets. There is no requirement for the Government to be advised of progress in terms of fitting out nor of estimated dates for the commencement of trading.

**NO. 867 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TRANSCOMA FERRY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS**

Can Government say how many persons arrived at and departed from Gibraltar on the Algeciras ferry, 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 the schedule which I now hand to him.

**Schedule to Question No. 867 of 2011**

The number of persons who arrived at and departed from Gibraltar on the Algeciras ferry, on a monthly basis, since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament is as follows:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Pax In</b>	<b>Pax Out</b>
January 2011	272	254
February 2011	321	281
March 2011	498	470
April 2011	660	550
May 2011	914	805
1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	118	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>2783</b>	<b>2483</b>

**NO. 868 OF 2011**

**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**

My Ministry has not sponsored or co-sponsored, in Gibraltar or elsewhere, any conference since the last Question Time in this Parliament. As I always say, I am always lumbered with this question but I am not sure where there are any others.

**NO. 869 OF 2011**

**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 this Parliament, the Port Advisory Council has met twice on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 and on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The Business and Commerce Advisory Council and the E-Business Advisory Council met once on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.

**NO. 870 OF 2011**

**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 the 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 the schedule that I now hand to him.

**Schedule to Question No. 870 of 2011**

<b>ERDF C&amp;EO 2007-2013 PROGRAMME</b>						
<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>ERDF</b>	<b>GOG</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>
38	Barrow Hills Limited	Active	£5,534.63 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	£12,914.15 (70%)	Building works
39	Dolce Vita Limited	Active	£19,926.39 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	£46,494.94 (70%)	Refurbishment works, Equipment, Advertising and Rent Subsidy Scheme

ORAL

**NO. 871 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

How often and on what dates have the Development Aid Advisory Committee met since the information supplied at 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 this Parliament.

**NO. 872 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AID PLANNING COMMISSION**

How many meetings of the Development and Planning Commission 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY  
AND TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 873 of 2011.

**NO. 873 OF 2011**

**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**

Since the information supplied in the last Question Time in this Parliament, there have been six meetings of the Development and Planning Commission the dates of which were:

- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011
- 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011
- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011

A list of applications received since the last meeting of this Parliament until the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 is attached. For each application the decision, applicant name, description and site address is given.



**GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR**  
**Department of Trade & Industry**  
**Town Planning & Building Control Section**

**Building/planning applications received 13/01/2011 - 15/06/2011**

App No.	Prop no.	App date	Date rcvd	Application type	Site address	Decision
BA11628		20/12/2010	14/01/2011	Formal building application	87-89 Main Street	Pending
BA11629	FP 479.4	13/01/2011	14/01/2011	Formal building application	57/63 Line Wall Road 6th Floor	Approved
BA11630		12/01/2011	14/01/2011	Formal building application	Old St Bernard's Hospital Former John Mackin	Government Project
BA11631		15/01/2011	18/01/2011	Formal building application	4 South Barracks Ramp	Approved
BA11632	FP1324.2	14/01/2011	14/01/2011	Formal building application	Ocean Heights Queensway Unit 1 Ocean Galle	Approved
BA11633		21/01/2011	21/01/2011	Formal building application	Europort Building Suite 731	Approved
BA11634	CP1249	21/01/2011	24/01/2011	Demolition building application	7 Humphrey's Bungalows Engineer Road 1	Approved
BA11635		24/01/2011	24/01/2011	Demolition building application	12 Castle Road	Approved
BA11636		10/01/2011	25/01/2011	Formal building application	30/1A Bakewell House Devils Tower Road	Approved
BA11637	CP1257	24/01/2011	25/01/2011	Formal building application	10A Magazine Walk Elliot's Battery	Approved
BA11638		24/01/2011	25/01/2011	Formal building application	2 Garrison Library Library Ramp	Approved
BA11639	CP1462	26/01/2011	26/01/2011	Formal building application	57 Devils Tower Road	Pending
BA11640	FP257	21/01/2011	26/01/2011	Formal building application	183/185 Main Street	Approved
BA11641	CP1019	26/01/2011	26/01/2011	Demolition building application	7 Europa Road	Approved
BA11642		31/01/2011	01/02/2011	Demolition building application	Sunflower Shop Building Europa Point	Government Project
BA11643		29/01/2011	01/02/2011	Formal building application	712 Ocean Heights	Approved
BA11644		30/01/2011	01/02/2011	Formal building application	ICC Rooftop	Approved
BA11645		30/01/2011	01/02/2011	Formal building application	The Shrine of our Lady of Europe Europa Point	Approved
BA11646		10/01/2011	02/02/2011	Formal building application	5d Library Ramp	Approved

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BA11647		01/02/2011	02/02/2011	Formal building application	former BFBS building South Barracks Road	Government Project
BA11648	CP1136	03/02/2011	03/02/2011	Formal building application	1 South Pavilion Road	Approved
BA11649		03/02/2011	07/02/2011	Formal building application	20 Withams Road	Approved
BA11650	CP1100	04/02/2011	07/02/2011	Formal building application	14 Lind House Europa Road	Approved
BA11651		09/02/2011	11/02/2011	Formal building application	The Boardwalk Trade Winds 4 & 5	Pending
BA11652	CP1314(	07/02/2011	09/02/2011	Formal building application	23 Leisure Island Building Ocean Village Promenade	Approved
BA11653		09/02/2011	09/02/2011	Formal building application	63/5/6 Europa Road	Approved
BA11654		10/02/2011	10/02/2011	Formal building application	ICC S3H, Second Floor	Pending
BA11655	FP9	11/02/2011	11/02/2011	Formal building application	17 Irish Town	Approved
BA11656		11/02/2011	14/02/2011	Formal building application	Leisure Island Building Ocean Village Promenade	Pending
BA11657	CP1386B	09/02/2011	14/02/2011	Formal building application	Atlantic Suites Europort Road Ground Floor	Refused
BA11658		14/01/2011	17/02/2011	Minor works building application	Rosia Road Dutch Magazine	Approved
BA11659		18/02/2011	18/02/2011	Formal building application	75/4 Governor's Street	Approved
BA11660		18/02/2011	22/02/2011	Formal building application	13 Devils Tower Road	Pending
BA11661		22/02/2011	22/02/2011	Formal building application	263/6 Main Street	Approved
BA11662	CP1399A	21/02/2011	23/02/2011	Formal building application	Trade Winds Unit R2	Pending
BA11663		02/03/2011	02/03/2011	Formal building application	6 Watergardens Unit 26 Ground Floor	Approved
BA11664		02/03/2011	02/03/2011	Formal building application	12/13 Europa Road Europa Mews	Approved
BA11665		02/03/2011	02/03/2011	Formal building application	Referendum House Glacis Estate	Pending
BA11666		20/02/2011	02/03/2011	Formal building application	Europlaza Apt 301 Block 3	Approved
BA11667		03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Formal building application	9 Coopers Lane	Approved
BA11668	CP1104A	03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Formal building application	2 Woodford Cottage Europa Road	Approved
BA11669		03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Formal building application	O'Hara's Battery O'Hara's Road	Refused
BA11670		04/03/2011	04/03/2011	Formal building application	Nelson's View 609	Approved
BA11671	CP1248	03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Formal building application	Engineer Road Maida Vale	Approved

BA11672	03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Formal building application	1/5 Sacred Heart Church Lime Kiln Road	Pending
BA11673	03/03/2011	04/03/2011	Formal building application	Engineer Lane Car Park Engineer Lane	Approved
BA11674	03/03/2011	04/03/2011	Formal building application	Arengo's Palace Car Park Arengo's Palace Lan	Approved
BA11675	04/03/2011	04/03/2011	Formal building application	Bayview Terrace Rosia Road 307	Approved
BA11676	06/03/2011	07/03/2011	Formal building application	Nelson's View 17	Pending
BA11677	04/03/2011	07/03/2011	Formal building application	Filomena House Devils Tower Road	Approved
BA11678	CP1412A	23/02/2011	Formal building application	Redroofs Devils Tower Road	Pending
BA11679	05/03/2011	09/03/2011	Formal building application	17 Town Range	Approved
BA11680	09/03/2011	09/03/2011	Formal building application	Police Barracks Hospital Hill	Approved
BA11681	CP 989	06/03/2011	Formal building application	1d Europa Road	Approved
BA11682	11/03/2011	11/03/2011	Formal building application	Ragged Staff Wharf Queensway 22-24	Approved
BA11683	FP656B/	09/03/2011	Formal building application	265 Main Street	Approved
BA11684	11/03/2011	18/03/2011	Formal building application	241 Block 2 Watergardens	Approved
BA11685	21/03/2011	21/03/2011	Formal building application	514 Nelson's View	Approved
BA11686	18/03/2011	21/03/2011	Formal building application	182 Main Street	Approved
BA11687	23/03/2011	24/03/2011	Formal building application	Devil's Gap Upper Rock	Pending
BA11688	25/03/2011	25/03/2011	Formal building application	Limonium House West View Park 12	Pending
BA11689	28/03/2011	28/03/2011	Demolition building application	Ragged Staff Depot Building Ragged Staff Roa	Government Project
BA11690	25/03/2011	28/03/2011	Formal building application	5/11 Willis's Passage	Approved
BA11691	23/03/2011	29/03/2011	Formal building application	Spy Glass Upper Rock	Withdrawn
BA11692	25/03/2011	28/03/2011	Formal building application	508 Nelson's View Rosia Road	Approved
BA11693	28/03/2011	29/03/2011	Formal building application	1 & 2 Rosia Cottages Rosia Road	Approved
BA11694	29/03/2011	29/03/2011	Formal building application	401 Block 4 Europlaza	Approved
BA11695	31/03/2011	31/03/2011	Formal building application	10B Europa Road Elliot's Battery	Approved
BA11696	CP996.9	01/04/2011	Formal building application	Rock Hotel Europa Road	Approved

BA11697	04/04/2011	04/04/2011	Formal building application	Cloister Building Irish Town	Approved
BA11698	31/03/2011	05/04/2011	Formal building application	3 Serfaty's Passage Flat 17	Approved
BA11699	02/04/2011	05/04/2011	Formal building application	1 South Pavilion Road House 7	Pending
BA11700	05/04/2011	05/04/2011	Formal building application	Leisure Island Business Centre Ocean Village	Approved
BA11701	29/05/2011	06/04/2011	Formal building application	17 Silver Birch Lodge Montagu Gardens	Approved
BA11702	06/04/2011	06/04/2011	Outline planning application	1 Casemates Square Unit 25	Approved
BA11703	05/04/2011	05/04/2011	Outline planning application	Leisure Island Building Ocean Village	Pending
BA11704	06/04/2011	06/04/2011	Formal building application	7 Sea Daffodil House North Mole Road Waterpo	Approved
BA11705	28/03/2011	06/04/2011	Formal building application	Eurotowers	Approved
BA11706	01/04/2011	01/04/2011	Formal building application	1 Jumpers Building Withams Road Commercial	Approved
BA11707	05/04/2011	05/04/2011	Outline planning application	Watergardens 40	Pending
BA11708	01/04/2011	07/04/2011	Formal building application	7 Prince Edward's Road	Pending
BA11709	08/04/2011	11/04/2011	Formal building application	215 Nelson's View Rosia Road	Approved
BA11710	06/04/2011	08/04/2011	Formal building application	2 Engineer Road	Approved
BA11711	08/04/2011	11/04/2011	Formal building application	Garden Flat Victoria Residency Brynpton	Approved
BA11712	15/03/2011	11/04/2011	Formal building application	411 Rosia Road Bay View	Approved
BA11713	04/04/2011	11/04/2011	Formal building application	255 Main Street	Withdrawn
BA11714	13/04/2011	13/04/2011	Formal building application	11 South Barracks Road	Refused
BA11715	07/04/2011	11/04/2011	Formal building application	27 Leisure Island Building Ocean Village Promie	Pending
BA11716	14/04/2011	14/04/2011	Formal building application	110 Nelson's View Rosia Road	Pending
BA11717	15/04/2011	15/04/2011	Formal building application	5 King Street	Approved
BA11718	13/04/2011	13/04/2011	Formal building application	59/61 Irish Town	Pending
BA11719	12/04/2011	13/04/2011	Outline planning application	North Mole Warehouse North Mole Road	Pending
BA11720	14/04/2011	15/04/2011	Formal building application	18 Rosia Road Rosia Court	Pending
BA11721	18/04/2011	18/04/2011	Formal building application	Block 1 Harbour Views Road Europlaza Apt 703	Approved

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BA11722	FP 479.4	18/04/2011	19/04/2011	Formal building application	57/63 Line Wall Road 6th Floor	Approved
BA11723		14/04/2011	15/04/2011	Formal building application	Flat Bastion Magazine Gardiner's Road	Pending
BA11724		09/03/2011	15/04/2011	Formal building application	315 Main Street	Approved
BA11725		15/04/2011	15/04/2011	Formal building application	RHO Grand Battery Smith Dorrien Avenue	Government Project
BA11726		15/04/2011	20/04/2011	Formal building application	13 John Mackintosh Square	Pending
BA11727		26/04/2011	26/04/2011	Formal building application	37-39 Line Wall Road 3rd Floor	Approved
BA11728		27/04/2011	27/04/2011	Formal building application	Nelson's View 201	Approved
BA11729		19/04/2011	27/04/2011	Formal building application	Rosia Court Rosia Road 32	Pending
BA11730	CP80A	14/04/2011	27/04/2011	Formal building application	Hindu Temple Engineer Lane	Approved
BA11731		27/04/2011	28/04/2011	Formal building application	Nelson's View G12	Approved
BA11732		28/04/2011	28/04/2011	Formal building application	Waterport Desalination Plant North Mole Road	Approved
BA11733		27/04/2011	03/05/2011	Formal building application	18 Shorthorn Farm Europa Road	Approved
BA11734		06/05/2011	06/05/2011	Formal building application	9 Cliff Tops Windmill Hill Road Rooftop	Pending
BA11735		07/05/2011	09/05/2011	Formal building application	Bayview Terrace Upper Car Park Level	Pending
BA11736	FP1052/1	09/05/2011	09/05/2011	Formal building application	4 Cumberland Steps	Pending
BA11737		05/05/2011	09/05/2011	Formal building application	Waterport Road Watergardens Units 1,2,3 (Ph	Approved
BA11738		27/04/2011	10/05/2011	Formal building application	1B Malvasia Vineyards Estate	Approved
BA11739		10/05/2011	11/05/2011	Formal building application	178 Main Street	Approved
BA11740		05/05/2011	11/05/2011	Formal building application	208 Peninsular Heights Harbour Views Road	Approved
BA11741		13/05/2011	13/05/2011	Formal building application	The Sails Queensway Quay The Tower	Pending
BA11742		12/05/2011	13/05/2011	Formal building application	Europort Building Europort Road 5 & 6	Pending
BA11743		16/05/2011	16/05/2011	Formal building application	7 Merlot House Vineyards Estate	Approved
BA11744		14/05/2011	17/05/2011	Formal building application	3 Transport Lane	Pending
BA11745		16/05/2011	18/05/2011	Formal building application	North Jumper's Bastion Rosia Road	Pending
BA11746		16/05/2011	18/05/2011	Formal building application	South Pavillion Rosia Lane Plot next to	Pending

BA11747	FP549	16/05/2011	18/05/2011	Outline planning application	31/33/35 Cannon Lane	Pending
BA11748		20/05/2011	23/05/2011	Formal building application	New Harbours 13	Pending
BA11749		18/05/2011	23/05/2011	Formal building application	298 Main Street Flat 3	Pending
BA11750		23/05/2011	23/05/2011	Formal building application	218 Nelson's View	Pending
BA11751		17/05/2011	23/05/2011	Formal building application	7 Cooperage Lane	Approved
BA11752		19/05/2011	23/05/2011	Formal building application	299 Wesley House Main Street	Pending
BA11753		24/05/2011	25/05/2011	Formal building application	12 Governor's Lane	Pending
BA11754		23/05/2011	24/05/2011	Demolition building application	The Mill City Mill Lane	Government Project
BA11755		27/05/2011	27/05/2011	Formal building application	40 Europa Road Buena Vista Barracks	Pending
BA11756		27/05/2011	27/05/2011	Formal building application	Royal Naval Hospital Europa Road	Pending
BA11757	CP1115	01/06/2011	01/06/2011	Formal building application	Mount Pleasant South Barracks Road	Pending
BA11758		02/06/2011	02/06/2011	Formal building application	Pier Office Marina Bay	Pending
BA11759		03/06/2011	06/06/2011	Formal building application	ICC Casemates Square 8th Floor Carpark	Pending
BA11760		03/06/2011	06/06/2011	Formal building application	6 Trafalgar House Trafalgar Road	Pending
BA11761		01/06/2011	06/06/2011	Formal building application	ICC Main Street G10	Pending
BA11762		06/06/2011	06/06/2011	Formal building application	13/15/4 Willis's Passage	Pending
BA11763		02/06/2011	06/06/2011	Formal building application	Corwallis Centre Unit G1	Pending
BA11764		07/06/2011	07/06/2011	Formal building application	120 Nelson's View	Pending
BA11765		07/06/2011	07/06/2011	Formal building application	West Place Of Arms Rental Unit 24	Pending
BA11766	CP1019/	07/06/2011	08/06/2011	Demolition building application	7 Europa Road	Pending
BA11767	CP988G	03/06/2011	08/06/2011	Formal building application	7/1 Tam House Gardiner's Road	Pending
BA11768		09/06/2011	09/06/2011	Formal building application	219 Nelson's View Rosia Road	Pending
BA11769		09/06/2011	09/06/2011	Formal building application	Block 1 Harbour Views Road Europlaza Apt. 12	Pending
BA11770	CP1282B	09/06/2011	09/06/2011	Formal building application	Queensway King's Wharf	Pending
BA11771	FP1310	08/06/2011	09/06/2011	Formal building application	9/11 Corral Road	Pending

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BA11772	08/06/2011	09/06/2011	Formal building application	Block 9 Europort Suite 943	Pending
BA11773	09/06/2011	10/06/2011	Formal building application	Block 1 Watergardens Unit 5/6	Pending
BA11774	10/06/2011	10/06/2011	Outline planning application	South Barracks Road	Pending
BA11775	06/06/2011	14/06/2011	Formal building application	Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village Grand Panor	Pending
BA11776	06/06/2011	14/06/2011	Formal building application	Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village Regency ap	Pending
BA11777	09/06/2011	15/06/2011	Formal building application	Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village Apt 108	Pending
Total no. of records:					150

**NO. 874 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CHATHAM COUNTERGUARD VAULTS**

Is it still the policy of the Government that the five vacant vaults at Chatham Counterguard will be awarded to one of the bidders who submitted a tender the closing date for which was 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and, if so, have these now been awarded, to whom, in what amount and for what purpose?

**ANSWER**

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

There are, in fact, six vacant vaults at Chatham Counterguard.

The Government is currently in the process of awarding the vacant vaults to bidders who submitted a tender, the closing date for which was 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

ORAL

**NO. 875 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**BUENA VISTA BARRACKS DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government say whether BV Homes has now paid the premium in respect of the project at Buena Vista Barracks and, if so, on what date and what amount has been paid?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 876 of 2011.

**NO. 876 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**BUENA VISTA BARRACKS DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government say whether any permits/licences have now been issued to BV Homes in respect of the project at Buena Vista Barracks and, if so, what are they and on what date were they issued?

**ANSWER**

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

BV Homes paid ten per cent of the agreed premium in the sum of £1,020,000 on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011. A subsequent part payment of £6,480,000 was paid on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. There is still a final payment of £2,700,000 which is due to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

BV Homes Limited was granted a Building Lease in respect of the ex-Buena Vista Barracks with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

**NO. 877 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PLANNING PERMISSION – VARIOUS PROJECTS**

Can Government say whether and, if so, when planning permission has been granted to the following and, if so, whether any conditions have been attached where applicable:

- (a) AKS Architects and Engineers Ltd, to develop houses on the site known as Buena Vista Barracks;
- (b) KIT (Gibraltar) Ltd, to construct two detached houses at Queensway Quay;
- (c) KIT (Gibraltar) Ltd, to construct a Boutique Hotel spa/gymnasium and restaurant at Queensway Quay;
- (d) AKS Architects and Engineers Ltd, to construct commercial premises with retail outlets at the ground floor Ex-Rialto Cinema, 12-26 Turnbull's Lane;
- (e) E&M Consulting Engineers Ltd, to construct a data centre and office development at Europort Road;
- (f) Lester Hotels Management Services, to demolish existing buildings and construct mixed use hotel and office development at Redroofs, 29 Devil's Tower Road and the Lady Williams Centre site?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Outline planning permission was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to AKS Architects and Engineers Ltd, to develop houses on the site known as Buena Vista Barracks. A number of conditions were attached to this Outline Planning Permission.
- (b) No planning permission has been granted to KIT (Gibraltar) Ltd, to construct two detached houses at Queensway Quay.
- (c) No planning permission has been granted to KIT (Gibraltar) Ltd, to construct a Boutique Hotel spa/gymnasium and restaurant at Queensway Quay.
- (d) Outline planning permission was granted to Gilman Holdings Ltd on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to construct commercial premises with retail outlets at the ground floor Ex-Rialto Cinema, 12-26 Turnbull's Lane. A number of conditions were attached to this Outline Planning Permission.
- (e) No planning permission has been granted to E&M Consulting Engineers Ltd, to construct a data centre and office development at Europort Road.

- (f) No planning permission has been granted to Lester Hotels Management Services, to demolish existing buildings and construct mixed use hotel and office development at Redroofs, 29 Devil's Tower Road and the Lady Williams Centre site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 877 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In respect of the two where conditions were attached, can the hon Member say what the conditions were?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not have those conditions but all planning permits have conditions attached to it as a matter of course. In respect of Buena Vista which is what is being referred to in this particular question, there were pages and pages of conditions. I do not have the information available for him. It is something that he can look at in the file and get what the conditions were but in respect of this, it is a major project and, therefore, the conditions tend to be quite high in number.

**NO. 878 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PLANNING PERMISSION – LIND HOUSE**

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Euphrates Ltd to demolish Lind House and build a single detached dwelling and, if so, on what date was this granted?

**ANSWER**

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

A planning permit was granted on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 for the demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a single detached dwelling.

ORAL

**NO. 879 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDER FOR ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL UNITS AT 82 AND 96 NEW HARBOURS AND 20 LATHBURY BARRACKS INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Can Government say how many parties submitted a tender for each of the commercial units at 82 and 96 New Harbours and 20 Lathbury Barracks industrial park?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 880 of 2011.

**NO. 880 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDER FOR ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL UNITS AT 82 AND 96 NEW HARBOURS AND 20 LATHBURY BARRACKS INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Can Government say whether the tender for the allocation of commercial units at:

- (a) 82 and 96 New Harbours which was advertised on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 with a closing date of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011; and
- (b) 20 Lathbury Barracks industrial park which was advertised on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 with a closing date of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011,

have now been allocated and, if so, to whom, in what amount and was the successful tenderer the highest bidder?

**ANSWER**

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

The following are the number of parties that submitted a tender in respect of each unit.

Unit 82 New Harbours	-	Five tenders received
Unit 96 New Harbours	-	Seven tenders received
Unit 20 Lathbury Barracks	-	Twenty two tenders received

None of the tenders have yet been awarded.

**NO. 881 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**RESTAURANT AT EUROPA POINT**

Is it still the policy of the Government that there should be a restaurant at Europa Point and, if so, have they now found a party who is interested in managing and running the venture?

**ANSWER**

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

The policy of the Government is that there should be a restaurant at Europa Point. The Government is in discussion with a potential investor and a possible announcement will be made on this issue shortly.

**NO. 882 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCES**

Can Government list the holders of Development Aid Licences who will continue to enjoy rating relief on their developments after the passing of the Development Aid (Amendment) Act 2011, which abolished rating relief on new developments, with a breakdown showing the name of the development in question?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 883 and 884 of 2011.

**NO. 883 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCES**

Can Government list the holders of Development Aid licences, since the new section 15A was introduced, who have enjoyed relief from import duty under section 15A of the Development Aid Act, when certified by the Chief Minister that such relief was appropriate in the public interest, with a breakdown showing the date when the relief was granted, the name of the development who benefited and the items that were not considered liable to pay duty?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 882 and 884 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 884 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCES**

Can Government list the developments to which sections 15B to 15H of the Development Aid Act is deemed to continue to apply following the enacting of the Development Aid (Amendment) Act 2011?

**ANSWER**

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

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

**SCHEDULE TO QUESTION NO 884****ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 882****Properties on Development Aid Rating Relief as 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011-06-16**

<b>Development Licence issued to</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Development</b>
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Bayside Road	Tradewinds
Montarik Developments Ltd	3 Bedlam Court	Montarik Building
AKS Gibraltar Ltd	12 Buena Vista Road	Ex Offices Mess
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Devil's Tower Road	Filomena House
EWMS Ltd	Europa Advance Road	Crematorium
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Europa Road	The Cliftons
Baltica Consulting Ltd	Europort Road	Eurotowers (16 Units & C.P.S.)
Baltica Group of Companies	Europort Road	Europort (2 Units)
Europort Five Ltd	Europort Round About	Atlantic Suites
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Gardiner's Road	Rock Gardens
Sand Key Properties Ltd	Glacis Road	Marina Views
Gibraltar Homes Ltd	Harbour Views	Unsold C.P.S.
Gib First Realty Ltd	Harbour Views Road	Peninsular Heights
Pebble Properties Ltd	Harbour Views Road	Europlaza
Baltica Group of Companies	Harbour Views Road	St Bernard Hospital
BG Property Holdings Ltd	89 Irish Town	Irish Town
Gibtelecom	15/21 John Mckintosh Square	Gibtelecom
17/25 Giro's Passage Developments Ltd	55 Line Wall Road	Line Wall Road
Warfare (Gibraltar) Ltd	85 Main Street	Main Street
Universal Traders Ltd	125 Main Street	Main Street
Silverlake Ltd	231 Main Street	Main Street
AKS Gibraltar Ltd	12 Naval Hospital Hill	Ex Thomsons Cottages
Hopefield Properties Ltd	12 Naval Hospital Road	Admiral's Place
Gibraltar Residential Property Company Ltd	16 North Mole Road	Waterport Terraces
Ocean Village Ltd & Ocean Village	Ocean Village	Ocean Village

Properties Ltd, Ocean Village Marinas Ltd		Complex
Yale Holdings Ltd	24 Parliament Lane	Frances House
New Harbours Development Co Ltd	Harbours Yard & Harbours Deck & Roof Top	Unsold C.P.S.
Queensway Quay Development Company Ltd	46 Queensway	Ordnance Wharf
Queensway Marina Ltd	46 Queensway	The Island
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	74 Queensway	E.B.C. unsold C.P.S.
Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Co Ltd	2 Reclamation Road	Kings Bastion Leisure Centre
Lord Napier Mews Ltd	4 Rodger's Road	Lord Napier Mews
Ben Par Properties Ltd	5 Rosia Lane	Merlot House (unsold stores)
Suntale Properties Ltd	1 Rosia Parade	Rosia Plaza (additional flats)
Commercial Developments Inc Ltd	33 Rosia Road	The Anchorage
Gibraltar Land Developments Ltd	30A Rosia Road	Battery Close
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	2A Sandpits	Sandpits Mews
Little Genoa Ltd	21 Sir Herbert Miles Road	Little Genoa
Deacon Contractors Ltd	2B South Barrack Road	South Barrack Mews
United Developers Ltd	38 South Barrack Road	Blackwood Tower (2 Flats)
Sharrock Shand Developments Ltd	15/21 Town Range	Town Range
Varyl Begg Estate Tenants Association	Varyl Begg Estate	C.P.S.
Sonwest Developments Ltd	3 Windmill Hill Road	Sunset Close
Peak Developments Ltd	9 Windmill Hill Road	Clifftop House
Longhorn Properties Ltd	Europort Avenue	Waterport Place
OEM Rosia Developments Ltd	40 Rosia Road	Nelson's View
Dolby Investments Ltd	10/12 Rodger's Road	Rodger's Road
OEM Cumberland Developments Ltd	29 Rosia Road	Bayview Terraces

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 883**

To date no holder of a Development Aid Licence has requested relief from Import Duty under the new section 15A of the Development Aid Act.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 884****Development not yet completed**

<b>Development Licence issued to</b>	<b>Address</b>
MCB Gibraltar Ltd	Eastside
Ocean Village Investments Ltd	Marina – 64 new berths
Lau-Anaya Ltd	329 Main Street

**Applications submitted prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> February not yet considered by DAAC**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>
Gilman Holdings	6-10&12-29 Turnbolls Lane & 1-3 Engineers Lane
Arethusa Developments Ltd	47 Line Wall Road 15-17 College Lane
Mount Bay Developments Ltd	202-204 Main Street & 1-9 Giro's Passage
Ocean Village Business Plaza	WTC Bayside Road
Lester Hotel (Gibraltar) Ltd	Devil's Tower Road

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 882 TO 884 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the import duty relief, Question No. 883 of 2011, the schedule gives the developments who have benefitted but not the items that were not considered liable to pay duty.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Sorry. Could you repeat that again.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In Question No. 883 of 2011, it does not show the items that were not considered liable to pay duty.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

It says that no such cases exist.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the list of the developments not yet completed, is there a cut-off date by which either they do something about it or is that, sort of, indefinite?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No. The actual licence does have an expiry date on it by which they need to complete based on the application. When they submitted an application it said when the scheme should start and finish and, therefore, there is a time lapse under which that needs to be concluded.

**NO. 885 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PUBLIC MARKET – ARREARS OF RENT**

What amounts of rent arrears due from traders at the Public Market have been waived in the past five financial years, giving a breakdown by trader showing the amount waived, the period for which it was due and the date when these sums were waived?

**ANSWER**

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

No rent arrears have been waived in the past five financial years, from traders at the Public Market. However, there have been cases, when traders have been relocated or units surrendered, that arrears of rent have been taken into account when agreeing compensation.

**NO. 886 OF 2011**

**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) licenced 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. 887 and 888 of 2011.

**NO. 887 OF 2011**

**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. 886 and 888 of 2011.

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**NO. 888 OF 2011**

**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 the schedule that I now hand to him.

### **Schedule to Question No. 888 of 2011**

#### **Answer to Question No. 886 of 2011**

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since October 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)
October 2010	23	43.4	499	8.6
November 2010	30	34.2	581	9.9
December 2010	25	58.3	441	8.4
January 2011	30	67.5	588	10.8
February 2011	38	15.1	653	11.4
March 2011	32	95.7	696	11.5

#### **Answer to Question No. 887 of 2011**

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since October 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)
October 2010	-	-	-	-
November 2010	-	-	4	32.9
December 2010	-	-	-	-
January 2011	-	-	-	-
February 2011	1	0.3	4	21.1
March 2011	2	1.8	7	131.2

#### **Answer to Question No. 888 of 2011**

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since October 2010 was follows:

	Value of Computers (£ thousands)
October 2010	1,065
November 2010	1,185
December 2010	1,072
January 2011	2,140
February 2011	1,380
March 2011	1,730

ORAL

**NO. 889 OF 2011**

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

**Schedule to Question No. 889 of 2011**

Coach Park revenue 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011.  
Last figures sent up to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011.

Month	Revenue Amount	Banked Amount
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	£2,170.00	£2,256.94
February 2011	£5,981.00	£6,165.67
March 2011	£5,650.00	£6,151.26
April 2011	£9,014.00	£9,755.50
May 2011	£7,730.00	£8,468.76
1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	£2,600.00	£2,842.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,145.00</b>	<b>£35,640.42</b>

**NO. 890 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**MIAMI SEATRADE CRUISE CONVENTION 2011**

What was the cost, with a breakdown of Gibraltar's attendance and participation at the Miami Seatrade Cruise Convention in 2011, how many persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation and what offices do they hold?

**ANSWER**

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

The persons that made up the official delegation at the Miami Seatrade Cruise Convention in 2011 were:

Tony Davis, Director of Maritime Affairs  
Albert Poggio, Director of Gibraltar Government Office in London  
Edwina O'Mahoney, Gibraltar House, London

Costs:

Stand	£10,902.16
Flights	£ 6,717.30
Hotels	£ 6,379.96
Conference Pass	£ 453.26
Subsistence	£ 896.89

**Total                      £25,349.57**

**NO. 891 OF 2011**

**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 Nos. 892 to 894 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 892 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 891, 893 and 894 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 893 OF 2011**

**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 the information supplied in the last Question Time in this Parliament 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 891, 892 and 894 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 894 OF 2011**

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

### Schedule to Question No. 894 of 2011

### Answer to Question No. 891 of 2011

The figures are as follows:

Month	Bunkers	Foreign Going	
		Cargo	Repairs
January	464	13	16
February	476	12	6
March	443	12	6
April	507	12	16
May	574	14	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2464</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>

### Answer to Question No. 892 of 2011

No applications have been received and no licences have been issued since the last Question Time.

### Answer to Question No. 893 of 2011

The breakdown is as follows:

2011

MONTH	STS MOTHERSHIPS	STS COMMERCIAL	STS TOTAL	REVENUE TO PORT (£)
January	12	5	17	37,000
February	10	7	17	50,000
March	8	4	12	33,000
April	13	4	17	33,000
May	18	3	21	27,000
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>				<b>180,000</b>

### Answer to Question No. 894 of 2011

The revenue that 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, is:

	£
January 2011	32,190.14
February 2011	27,981.99
March 2011	33,288.05
April 2011	35,558.79
May 2011	34,593.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163,612.96</b>

**NO. 895 OF 2011**

**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 the information supplied in the last Question Time in this Parliament, and what was the nature, date and effect of any such accident, the name of the operator and of any vessels involved?

**ANSWER**

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

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him. As I usually do, I wish to remind the hon Member of the definition of the word “accident” under the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Accident, Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2006.

# **SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 895**

Date	Incident/Vessel Name	Incident Details
02/01/11	Vlas Nichov	Ambulance called as one crewmember suffered an injury to the neck.
04/01/11	Tug Rooke	Tug Rooke assisted tug Sunswale as she had tangled her propeller.
07/01/11	Fishing Vessel send distress call on DSC	Spanish fishing vessel at position Lat 036.03' N , Lon 005.26' W Tarifa Traffic relayed message on channel 16. GPA contacted Algeciras Traffic and offered assistance. Algeciras Traffic noted with thanks but the tug Salvamar Dubhe on route to assist.
12/01/11	Blu Sapphire	Reported losing one of her anchors at position 36 07.618 N 005 21.915 W. Received notification letter from Class society and Steelmac engaged by company to retrieve lost anchor.
21/01/11	Chariot	Vessel unable to heave up anchor. Weather deteriorating. One tug put on standby. Vessel managed to heave up anchor the following day and left the anchorage at 1248hrs.
07/02/11	Yacht Drifting	Algeciras Traffic reported a sailing yacht drifting in Gibraltar area out of fuel. Has no VHF but with a mobile telephone. Yacht called and position 36 00.6660N 005.2101W. Port launch dispatched to the area, also Guardia civil launch proceeding, RGP informed.070700 hrs. Yacht found, fuel handed to them by Guardia Civil yacht will be heading to La Linea anchorage.
19/02/11	Vemaail IX	Vemaail IX collided with the Aegean Princess on the east side. GMA and GPA conducting investigation.
04/03/11	JO Spirit	Vessel JO SPIRIT reports medical evacuation required for crew member. Port launch tasked and transferred patient from vessel to shore and waiting ambulance.
05/03/11	Zakynthos	Barge Zakynthos bumped into the vessel JOP whilst casting off the vessel JOP due to weather.
21/03/11	Oilfish	Oilfish reported having fire onboard. Fire was brought under control by crew but once alongside N°5 berth the fire brigade went onboard to ensure that all was correct.
27/03/11	Missing Diver	Port launch dispatched to assist the RGP with the search and rescue of a missing diver. Diver was subsequently found at Rosia Bay.
03/04/11	Missing Diver	RGP reports possible missing diver of the seven sisters. Port launch dispatched.
10/04/11	Inspiration 1	Vessel run aground in Tangiers is brought under tow to Gibdock.
14/04/11	Capsized boat	RGP reported a capsized boat with five illegal immigrants onboard. Port launch, RGP and dispatched but nothing found.
18/04/11	Missing Diver	Port launch dispatched on the RGP's request to assist as a diver was feared missing. Diver appeared shortly after in a different location.
06/05/11	City of Beirut	An ambulance called in to attend a crewmember from the vessel.
10/05/11	Liver Bird	Fire on board whilst yacht on the hard under going repairs. The operation was stopped at once and an investigation is ongoing.
16/05/11	Watling Street	Reported that the CT Wicklow whilst casting off the vessel had made contact with them. Minor damage was reported to the CT Wicklow but the Watling Street sustained no damage. GMA informed.
25/05/11	Cosco Jinggangshan	Collided with the mothership "Aeolos" producing minor damage. The vessel almost collided with a second vessel "ETC ISIS". An investigation was carried out and subsequent report will be made available shortly.
31/05/11	Nature Plant	An explosion was heard at approximately 1530hrs and emergency procedures were implemented as tank N°2 of the plant went up in flames. Liner independence of the Seas was in port adjacent to the plant but the GPA managed to arrange quick departure.

ORAL

**NO. 896 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT RADAR AT WINDMILL HILL**

Can Government say whether the Port radar at Windmill Hill is now fully operational?

**ANSWER**

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

The radar systems at Windmill Hill have been fully operational since January 2011.

**NO. 897 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR SEAMAN MECHANIC**

Are Government now in a position to say how many persons applied for the vacancy of Seaman Mechanic with the Gibraltar Port Authority that was advertised on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, how many posts were available and how many applicants were Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

Forty individuals applied for the role of Seaman Mechanic of which 37 were Gibraltarian. There was only one post available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 897 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Has the post now been filled?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Was it filled by one of the Gibraltarians or by one of the others?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

By one Gibraltarian.

ORAL

**NO. 898 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR MARINE SURVEYOR**

Can Government say whether the post of Marine Surveyor has now been filled and, if so, on what date and is the successful applicant a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 899 of 2011.

**NO. 899 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCIES FOR TRAINEE MARINE SURVEYOR**

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the vacancies of Trainee Marine Surveyor which was advertised on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, how many vacancies were there, how many applicants were Gibraltarian, has anyone been selected for the posts and are the successful applicants Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

There were three vacancies for the post of Marine Surveyor. Two have now been filled, one by a Gibraltarian on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 and one by a UK National on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

An offer of employment has been made to another UK national.

Five applications were received for two Trainee Marine Surveyor posts. One did not meet the minimum requirements stated in the advert and another withdrew the application prior to the interview. The recruitment process is still ongoing.

**NO. 900 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR BUNKERING SUPERINTENDENT**

Can Government say whether the post of Bunkering Superintendent which was advertised on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010, has now been filled and whether the successful applicant is a Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

The position was filled and the successful candidate commenced employment on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The individual is Gibraltarian.

**NO. 901 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – VACANCY FOR MARINE OFFICER**

Can Government say how many persons have applied, to date, for the post of Marine Officer in the Gibraltar Port Authority which was advertised in May 2011 with a closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011, how many vacancies are available and how many applicants, to date, are Gibraltarian?

**ANSWER**

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

At the time of drafting this answer, we have had three formal applications for the position of Marine Officer. There is one post available. One applicant is Gibraltarian. However, I can tell the hon Member that the closing date was on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and in total there have been seven applications.

**NO. 902 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**MV DANICA BROWN**

Can Government confirm whether the merchant vessel “Danica Brown” entered and was berthed inside Gibraltar harbour in May 2011 and, if so, on what day did the vessel arrive, when did it depart, where exactly was it berthed, what was her cargo and why did she leave?

**ANSWER**

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

The vessel “Danica Brown” entered Gibraltar on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 after breaking down on its approach to the Strait of Gibraltar. It was berthed at Gibdock to have an assessment of the engine failure carried out. Once this was done, it left the harbour on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and went to anchor to await spares. Once these were received, the vessel left British Gibraltar territorial waters.

The vessel was laden with general cargo on board which included some ammunition.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 902 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Why did the vessel leave?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The vessel left because it received its spares, repaired and left.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Why did it leave the harbour, not why did it leave the ...?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, because it was awaiting spares and Gibdock, obviously, had valuable berthing space that needed to be used alternatively and, as it was just waiting for these spares to arrive, it was taken over to the Eastside.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are there any special procedures which apply when a vessel is carrying ammunition?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Correct, but the ammunition that was carried was well below the thresholds of any concern.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The vessel did not leave then because of the ammunition, it left because of the spares. Is that the position?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct, although there was a lot of speculation as to what the true sequence of events were.

ORAL

**NO. 903 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – INCREASE IN PILOT BOARDING AND LANDING FEES**

Can Government list the commercial and other entities that were consulted before they took the decision to increase pilot boarding and landing fees with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and can Government list the old fees and the new ones?

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Schedule to Question No. 903 of 2011**

The entities consulted were the Gibraltar Port Authority Board and the Port Advisory Council.

The level of fees are as follows:

Gross Tonnage	Up to 500	500 to 3000	3000 to 7500	7500 to 15K	15K to 30K	30K to 50K	50K to 70K	70K to 100K	100K to 150K	Over 150K
New Charge	50.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Old Charge	20.00	40.00	55.00	75.00	85.00	95.00	105.00	115.00	135.00	155.00
Increase	30.00	10.00	45.00	25.00	15.00	55.00	45.00	35.00	15.00	5.00

**NO. 904 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT AUTHORITY – CLOSURE OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

For what reason was the Gibraltar Port Authority Administration Office closed in the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and what notice was given to port operators of this closure?

**ANSWER**

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

The Gibraltar Port Authority Administration Office closed earlier than normal on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 so that staff could attend a 'team building' exercise.

The notice provided to operators by word of mouth was to inform Port Operators that the Administration Office would close at 14.00 hours. No lunch break was taken on that day. At all times, there were GPA personnel available to attend to any urgent business.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 904 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can Government list the GPA personnel that were available, that remained in the port, the officers that did not go to the exercise?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. This was just purely the Administration Office. The rest of the staff were at work.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

What did the team building exercise consist of?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, I was not aware of this until I received the question. I have asked the question since but I have not had a reply yet.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member say whether the team building exercise took place in Gibraltar or did it take place outside Gibraltar?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not aware of the details. As I have said, when the question was raised and the answer drafted for me, I have asked for further information but I have not been in my office in the last day. So I have not had the details of this.

**NO. 905 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NORTH MOLE EXTENSION JETTY**

What plans, if any, do the Government have for the extension jetty in North Mole?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government would like to see more use made of the extension jetty in the North Mole. However, the structural integrity of this jetty is currently being assessed. A full structural report will be available in August 2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 905 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The hon Member said the Government would like to see greater use being made of the jetty. What type of use would it like to see?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

For the berthing of vessels alongside. At the moment, it is fairly restricted because there is concern as to the structural integrity of the jetty. Therefore, an assessment is being done by consultants to ensure that we take the view that we can make more use of it or put remedy in place in order to be able to make more use of it.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Would it be used for the refuelling of vessels or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Refuelling of vessels. No. There are no plans as such on anything yet. What we want to do is ... we have a shortage of berths in the port, generally, and I think that if we can make better use of those facilities, mainly for harbour craft that operate within the port area, that would be very useful. It would probably decongest other areas which we could put to better use.

**NO. 906 OF 2011**

**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;
- (e) Liverpool,

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. 907 of 2011.

**NO. 907 OF 2011**

**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;
- (e) Liverpool,

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 the schedule that I now hand to him.

### Schedule to Question No. 907 of 2011

### Answer to Question No. 906 of 2011

Flights delayed by more than half an hour

	LHR	LGW	LTN	MAN	LPL
January	1	5	1	1	0
February	1	3	1	0	0
March	1	6	2	2	0
April	0	0	1	1	0
May	0	4	1	1	1

### Answer to Question No. 907 of 2011

Flights timetabled and cancelled

	LHR		LGW		LTN		MAN		LPL	
	SCH	CANX	SCH	CANX	SCH	CANX	SCH	CANX	SCH	CANX
January	31	0	31	0	18	0	12	0	0	0
February	28	0	28	1	17	0	13	0	0	0
March	31	0	31	0	23	0	13	0	2	0
April	30	0	30	0	24	0	17	0	13	0
May	31	0	31	0	33	0	22	0	13	0

**NO. 908 OF 2011**

**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;
- (e) Liverpool?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 909 of 2011.

**NO. 909 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – PASSENGER TAX / LANDING CHARGES**

Can Government say whether Andalus Airlines have now paid the sums owing in respect of passenger tax and landing charges?

**ANSWER**

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

As stated in answer to Question No. 270 of 2011, the Government no longer considers that it is appropriate to provide details of sums due by individuals, named commercial entities or citizens. Between the three airlines that operate into Gibraltar, £94,051.10 is due in respect of landing and parking fees and £271,710.00 in respect of passenger departure fees.

The sums owing by Andalus Airlines have not yet been paid.

The Government are now in the process of taking appropriate legal steps to recover this money.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 908 AND 909 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is that legal action planned to take place in Spain or in Gibraltar?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, it will be in Spain.

ORAL

**NO. 910 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**AIRLINES INTERESTED IN FLYING TO GIBRALTAR**

Can Government say with how many airlines interested in flying to Gibraltar they are currently in active discussions?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government is in active discussion with nine airlines.

ORAL

**NO. 911 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – COMMERCIAL UNITS**

How many entities applied for each of the three vacant commercial units in the departure lounge of the new air terminal building that were put out to tender on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 with a closing date of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011, have any units now been awarded and, if so, to whom?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 912 to 915 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 912 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – COMMERCIAL UNITS**

Can Government say whether the contracts for the commercial units at the new air terminal have now been signed and, if so, can they give the names of each of the successful tenderers showing in each case the name of the directors and beneficial owners?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 911 and 913 to 915 of 2011.

**NO. 913 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF ATMs**

Can Government now say how many entities have submitted a tender for the provision of Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) for the new air terminal which was advertised on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with a closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011, has the tender now been awarded and, if so, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 911, 912, 914 and 915 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 914 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL  
UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government confirm the number of commercial units which have been fitted out and refurbished by Obrist Interiors at the new air terminal?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 911 to 913 and 915 of 2011.

**NO. 915 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**NEW AIR TERMINAL – FITTING OUT AND REFURBISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL UNITS BY OBRIST INTERIORS**

Can Government say how much is due or has been paid to Obrist Interiors for the fitting out and refurbishment of the commercial units at the new air terminal, with a breakdown showing the date of payment, the amount and the items being paid for?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 911 of 2011**

Four entities applied for the three vacant commercial units that were put out to tender on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

All the units have been awarded.

**Answer to Question No. 912 of 2011**

The contracts for all the commercial units are in the process of being signed. Therefore, as I said in my answer to Question No. 270 of 2011, once all the relevant documents have been signed the Government will make the information on names, directors, et cetera available to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question No. 913 of 2011**

Two entities submitted a tender for the provision of ATMs for the new air terminal.

No tender has been awarded as one submission did not meet the criteria and the other was received after the closing date.

**Answer to Question Nos. 914 and 915 of 2011**

No units have been fitted out and refurbished by Obrist Interiors at the new air terminal. Consequently, no payments are due to Obrist Interiors for this purpose.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 911 TO 915 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

How much has been paid to Obrist for the work that they did at the air terminal?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not have that information readily available for him but if he remembers, when we discussed this in the House previously, Obrist Interiors were commissioned to carry out the design works in preparation for the manufacturing of the furniture. When costings were submitted by Obrist Interiors for consideration, in respect of the actual manufacturing of the furniture, the cost of these were exorbitant and did not represent value for money. Therefore, the existing relationship with Obrist Interiors ... the decision was taken not to continue and, therefore, alternative suppliers were sought and we now have another company that is actually carrying out the manufacturing aspect of the fitting out of all the units.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Obrist has carried out the design but not the manufacture? Is that the position?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Which company has been contracted to manufacture the furniture?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They have not carried out the design for somebody else now to carry out the manufacture. If that is what he means. They carried out designs for what they would have manufactured and the whole thing did not proceed. So now there is a new entity involved.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

So the position is then there will be new designs and then those new designs will be manufactured. Is that the case?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, the question of design and manufacture is much more extricably linked than that. This is ...

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Have Obrist been paid anything for the design work they did up to that stage or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. They have been paid. Obrist have been paid for the design. This was a contract in stages and we were hoping that they would be able to go through all the stages. We have agreed on the design. When we came to the second part or whatever part it was, when we actually had to sign on and cost the manufacturing, we could not come to terms because it did not represent value for money and, therefore, we had to look elsewhere.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the new company they are dealing with now, a Gibraltar based company or is it an international company?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. It is a Gibraltar based company.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member explain why they did not go to this company in the first place?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

It is a Gibraltar based company. It is a company that does not ... its main office is not in Gibraltar but does have a Gibraltar office that operates and has done other works in Gibraltar for other entities before.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the hon Member give the name of the company?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. The name of the company is Continental Design.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Does the hon Member know how much has been paid to Obrist for the work that they did for the original design or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not know what the figure is. I do not have that information here with me but yes a fee was agreed for the design at the initial stages and that has probably been settled. I do not get involved in the actual payment aspect of it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not know if I recollect correctly what the hon Member told us the last time, when he sought to persuade us of the wisdom of having brought these people in, he said that it was because the Government had come to the conclusion that there was not anybody else available that could produce the standard that would be in keeping with the quality of the new air terminal. I cannot understand how it is now possible to do something that he used a lot of persuasive arguments before to tell us why it was impossible. What is it that has changed that it is now possible to get somebody else to do it when he made such a good case the last time for having to use these people?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think that one of the most important aspects in the construction of these units is actually the design section of it. I think that the expertise that Obrist Interiors offered, in terms of advising on design and layouts et cetera of the outlet, is something which Government did not think was available locally, right, and probably not available locally. When it comes to the manufacturing aspect of it, then it is a different ball game and, therefore, we wanted to ensure that, when we actually got the cost submission for us to consider, it represented value for money. Therefore, we took the decision that it did not and, therefore, we needed to look for alternative sources of supply and we found that there was somebody local who could manufacture the furniture but not ... well no, it would be manufactured outside. This is not being manufactured in Gibraltar.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

If I can just clarify, because having heard the exchange I cannot help thinking that the two sides are a little bit at cross purpose on this. There is not. The new provider is not a local company in the sense that I suspect that the Hon Mr Bossano imagines a local company. This is just somebody who is as foreign as Obrist but they happen to have a technical presence. Do you see what I mean? So it is not as if we have gone to a local supplier of furniture. I just wanted to make sure that the hon Members were not left with that misapprehension. I cannot help thinking that there is room in the exchange that I have heard for that misunderstanding to have been left inadvertently. In terms of their criticism of the choice of Obrist in the first place, the alternative is as criticisable, except for the fact that they have this technical presence, which I am sure is not all at the root of their original criticism. So, I just want to make that clear. Nothing is going to be manufactured in Gibraltar and the real things are all taking place outside as they were going to be done before. The difference between what is happening now and what was going to happen before is price. When Obrist submitted their design and it costed it, their so far unjustified criticism of the cost of the air terminal might have become a little bit more justified, at least, in relation to the furniture. I hope that that makes clear the position.

**NO. 916 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GBC**

What progress, if any, has been made in the implementation of the proposals made by Mr Allan King in respect of the review of the G.B.C?

**ANSWER**

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

Since 'The Way Forward' document was published in 2009, Mr Allan King has been appointed CEO of the Corporation. GBC's Management team has made technical, staffing and programming proposals to the GBC Review Steering Committee, for the Government's consideration. This includes transferring Broadcasting House to a more central location. The Government is currently giving consideration to the proposals and is expecting to make a full statement before the summer recess.

**NO. 917 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GBC**

Can Government confirm what are the terms and conditions of employment of the General Manager of GBC? I should just clear that there is now not a General Manager but a Chief Executive, I believe.

**ANSWER**

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

Yes. That is obviously a different question. My answer was going to be that the post of General Manager has not existed since the retirement of the last incumbent.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 917 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the hon Member have the details for that different question?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Mr Allan King's terms and conditions are for a three year contract that would be subject to increase in year 2 and year 3 in line with Government's salary increases for similar appointments in the senior posts. A contract has been entered between GBC and Group K Broadcasting Limited who have agreed that, for a fee of £58,000 per annum paid directly to the company in monthly instalments and a gross salary of £85,000 per annum paid directly to Mr King, they are willing to second Mr King to GBC for the term of the contract.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Are there any other terms in the agreement in relation to residence or the provision of a residence or other remuneration payable in respect of advertising agreements, for example?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, not at all.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This arrangement where there is a £58,000 fee and an £85,000 salary. Does that mean that only the £85,000 is taxable?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes. That is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does Mr King have any involvement in the ownership of the company that gets the £58,000?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, he may very well but that is not the issue. The fact is that there is a company in the United Kingdom that had contractual rights to his services and that this is a fee for securing the release of that contract. So his personal earnings in Gibraltar are that, the £85,000.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So if there is a United Kingdom based company that provides services in Gibraltar and has earnings from the provision of those services, has that company got to declare that income or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is a very different question. The answer is the tax that is payable by Mr King is payable on the £85,000. What are the tax liabilities or potential tax liabilities of non-Gibraltar companies that have income derived from Gibraltar is a matter that, no doubt, the Commissioner of Income Tax will pursue in the usual way but it does not arise ... it is not taxes that arise from Mr King's employed status as an employee within Gibraltar.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So it is not a case that this is a package that has been negotiated in order to minimise or rather to ensure a certain level of tax free income. That is not the case then?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member is not at liberty to probe the motivations, whatever might have been the motivations. Whether they are the ones that he suspects or are not the ones that he suspects are incapable of displacing the effects of the tax legislation in Gibraltar. So, what is relevant is not the motivation, it is how the tax laws of Gibraltar bite on a given factual situation regardless of the motivation. In other words, even if we had done it to help him save tax, it would not help him save tax if it is a taxable transaction in the hands of the company.

**NO. 918 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW CHILDREN'S PARKS**

How much of the costs of the new children's parks opened by the Government have been met by the Government and how much has been met by contributions from charities?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government has met the full costs of all the new and re-provided children's parks, ball-playing areas and fitness parks which have to date been opened.

**NO. 919 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MID-HARBOUR ESTATE – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Can Government state what environmental considerations were taken when planning and building the Mid-Harbour estate in order to make it as green a development as possible?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Mid-Harbour estate provides a wonderful living environment for its residents, to a high standard that is unprecedented in the history of Government rental housing in Gibraltar.

The buildings are also attractive, and therefore contribute positively to Gibraltar's urban environment. Regrettably, none of the buildings are coloured green.

The materials used in the construction of the buildings seek to minimise energy usage and exceed the Building Regulation requirements in effect at the time of design. Where possible the designers have specified and used recyclable materials such as aluminium.

Generally, the internal lighting has been installed in compliance with the requirements for the conservation of energy, with enhanced switching and energy saving lamps.

In addition, communal area lighting is operated by movement sensors. Communal areas such as stairs, lift lobbies and walkways are also naturally lit to minimise the need for artificial light and reduce the daily energy usage.

In accordance with the guidelines set out by the Government for energy performance in buildings, low energy bulbs have been fitted to all lights.

A waterfront promenade is incorporated in the design, allowing the enjoyment of the outdoors by all, residents and non-residents alike. The new revetment works are of natural rock, providing an ideal environment for plants and small fish.

There is provision for green and planted areas.

All in all, housing provision of a very high standard, with which tenants are delighted and of which the Government is extremely proud.

ORAL

**NO. 920 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**OLD BUILDING AND WORKS DEPOT – DEMOLITION**

Can Government provide this Parliament with the risk assessment, plan of works and the control measures that took place for the demolition of the old Building and Works depot at Ragged Staff?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 921 to 923 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 921 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**OLD BUILDING AND WORKS DEPOT – DEMOLITION**

Can Government state where the asbestos that was present at the old Building and Works depot at Ragged Staff has been stored or whether it has been taken to Spain and what type of asbestos it was?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 920, 922 and 923 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 922 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**OLD BUILDING AND WORKS DEPOT – DEMOLITION**

Can Government state how many Health and Safety inspectors were involved in the demolition of the old Building and Works depot at Ragged Staff?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 920, 921 and 923 of 2011.

**NO. 923 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**OLD BUILDINGS AND WORKS DEPOT – DEMOLITION**

Can Government provide the report that the contractor produced to establish the procedure for the removal of asbestos at the old Building and Works depot at Ragged Staff which should include the location, the maximum quantity to be removed, the number of workers involved, the measures taken to limit the exposure of employees, and the commencement date and its expected duration as is required by the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Prior to commencement of any works to demolish the ex-Buildings & Works depot at Ragged Staff, an Asbestos Survey was carried out by a specialist consultant appointed by Government. This survey identified that the asbestos on the site was mainly contained within asbestos cement roofing sheets and was generally of the type known as chrysotile. Crocidolite was found in some asbestos cement downpipes.

The Asbestos Survey Report was used by the contractor to prepare an Asbestos Removal Plan that set out the procedures to be followed. This Plan formed part of the project's Health and Safety File and was adhered to by the contractor. All asbestos removed as part of the demolition of the depot was disposed off in an approved waste facility in Spain through a licensed operator.

Before any demolition works started, it was necessary for the contractor to comply fully with the established procedure for obtaining a Demolition Permit. The contractor was required to provide a detailed Demolition Report for the proposed works which included the scope of the works, the demolition methodology and sequencing, risk assessments and identified control measures. In addition to this Demolition Report, and as required under the Construction (Design, Management, Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1998, the contractor also prepared a construction phase Health and Safety Plan.

The project was managed by the Government's Technical Services Department whose supervisory staff during the demolition included a Chartered Civil Engineer, a qualified Health and Safety Officer and a Clerk of Works. Additionally, the contractor had under their direct employment a further Chartered Civil Engineer and a Health and Safety Consultant as well as a General Foreman.

I am advised by the Government's Technical Services Department that there has been complete compliance with the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations in relation to this demolition project and in these circumstances it is not appropriate to publish the various technical reports submitted to the Government.

ORAL

**NO. 924 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT**

Can Government state whether it is still its intention to build the energy from waste plant and, if so, where will it be situated and when will it commence and complete the project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 925 to 927 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 925 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Can Government state at what stage it is in relation to the Sewage Treatment Plant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 924, 926 and 927 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 926 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Can Government state what type of Sewage Treatment Plant will be built and when it is expected to be fully functionable?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 924, 925 and 927 of 2011.

**NO. 927 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Can Government say what will happen to the waste from the Sewage Treatment Plant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 924 to 927 of 2011**

It remains the Government's intention to proceed with the construction of a new sewage treatment plant and waste to energy plant although I cannot yet give a date for the commencement, nor therefore the completion, of either of these projects.

The sites that have previously been announced for the new sewage treatment plant and waste to energy plant remain the same, namely Brewery Crusher for the former and the site of the current incinerator at Europa Advance Road for the latter, both locations being subject to the necessary consents being granted.

Both these projects will be procured as design and build projects and it is therefore not yet possible to state what will be the specific type of plant employed for each, suffice to say that they will naturally comply with all EU and other local environmental legislation applicable to the construction and operation of such plant.

Both such plant produce residual waste and there are a number of possible outlets for such waste that would need to be further investigated, with the final selection being dependant on the composition and volumes produced by each.

**NO. 928 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on the old site of the Theatre Royal including the demolition of the old theatre, clearing and placing of hoardings around the site respectively?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

A total of £402,364.36 has been spent in the demolition of the old theatre, the clearing of the site and the placing of a hoarding around it.

ORAL

**NO. 929 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

Can Government state how much money will be allocated to the building of an underground parking and the green area at the old site of the Theatre Royal?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Government is currently developing this scheme, it would therefore be inappropriate to provide an estimate at this moment as the project would have to go out to tender and it could influence prices provided by proposed contractors.

ORAL

**NO. 930 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CULTURE AND HERITAGE AGENCY**

Can Government state how many times it has met with representatives of the union in relation to the Ministry of Culture being converted into an agency?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 931 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 931 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CULTURE AND HERITAGE AGENCY**

Can Government state what will be the structure or posts in relation to employees of the Ministry of Culture after it is converted into an agency?

**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.

ORAL

**NO. 932 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT**

Since the Government announced a root and branch review of the Customs Department, what changes has it implemented and what consultation process has taken place with members of staff and/or their representatives?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As the hon Member knows, the post review agreement was not accepted by staff. That was therefore the end of the matter.

ORAL

**NO. 933 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT**

Can Government state how much money has been spent on the Marine Section of Customs in the last four financial years giving a breakdown by items, vessels and/or equipment as the case maybe?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 933 of 2011**

<b><u>2007/2008</u></b>	<b><u>Recurrent</u></b>	<b><u>Capital</u></b>	<b><u>Grand Total</u></b>
Fuel	£5,711.74		
Equipment		£14,167.83	
Training	£190.00		
Miscellaneous	£2,440.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,341.74</b>	<b>£14,167.83</b>	<b>£22,509.57</b>

<b><u>2008/2009</u></b>	<b><u>Recurrent</u></b>	<b><u>Capital</u></b>	<b><u>Grand Total</u></b>
Fuel	£3,860.13		
Equipment		£2,463.90	
Training	£1,000.00		
Miscellaneous	£676.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,536.13</b>	<b>£2,463.90</b>	<b>£8,000.03</b>

<b><u>2009/2010</u></b>	<b><u>Recurrent</u></b>	<b><u>Capital</u></b>	<b><u>Grand Total</u></b>
Fuel	£8,302.45		
Equipment		£4,468.27	
Training	£1,739.02		
Miscellaneous	£258.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,299.47</b>	<b>£4,468.27</b>	<b>£14,767.74</b>

Cont ...

**Continued Answer to Question No. 933 of 2011**

<b><u>2010/2011</u></b>	<b><u>Recurrent</u></b>	<b><u>Capital</u></b>	<b><u>Grand Total</u></b>
Fuel	£9,694.21		
Equipment		£6,252.39	
Training	£1,658.59		
Miscellaneous	£995.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,347.80</b>	<b>£6,252.39</b>	<b>£18,600.19</b>

ORAL

**NO. 934 OF 2011**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**NEW POWER STATION**

How long are the works for the new power station anticipated to take?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The duration of the power station works is 24 to 26 months.

**ORAL**

**NO. 935 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING WORKS AGENCY**

Has the plant and machinery of the Housing Works Agency been certified as fit for use?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

All plant and machinery of the Housing Works Agency is certified fit for use with the exception of woodworking machinery for which the required upgrades to meet current legislation is being processed.

ORAL

**NO. 936 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – SALE OF 50 PER CENT SHARE OF CO-OWNERSHIP HOMES**

Can Government state if there has been any sale of the Government 50% share of Co-ownership Homes since the answer to Question No. 301 of 2011, providing a breakdown by month and estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 936 of 2011**

**Sales of Government's share of Co-Ownership Homes**

	<b>SWJG</b>	<b>Montagu Gardens</b>	<b>West View Park</b>	<b>Harbour Views</b>	<b>Montagu Crescent</b>	<b>Brympton</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Jan-11</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£53,001.52	£0.00	£0.00	£53,001.52
<b>Feb-11</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£4,573.48	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,573.48
<b>Apr-11</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£84,512.77	£0.00	£84,512.77
<b>May-11</b>	£10,965.38	£58,390.34	£0.00	£0.00	£29,227.91	£0.00	£98,583.63
	<b>£10,965.38</b>	<b>£58,390.34</b>	<b>£4,573.48</b>	<b>£53,001.52</b>	<b>£113,740.68</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£240,671.40</b>

**NO. 937 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – COST OF WORKS CARRIED OUT BY GJBS LIMITED IN SOUTH DISTRICT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES AND MID HARBOUR RENTAL ESTATE**

Can Government now state 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:

- (a) Waterport Terraces (including Albert Risso House);
- (b) Nelson's View;
- (c) Bayview Terraces;
- (d) Cumberland Terraces;
- (e) Mid Harbour rental scheme,

giving a breakdown by project and per item?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No. The position remains as explained in answers to Question Nos. 1429 of 2010 and Question No. 302 of 2011. These figures are now being finalised and agreed and I hope to be able to provide them to this House during this meeting.

**NO. 938 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES - WATER INGRESS**

What has the Government done, to date, in connection with the water ingress and damp at Cumberland Terraces reported during the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position in relation to the three or four cases of water ingress through French windows on balconies one weekend in November last year, has been resolved.

ORAL

**NO. 939 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

Can Government say what is the cost, to date, and the estimated total cost of the replacement programme to make windows inward opening at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 940 and 941 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 940 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

Can Government say how many windows have been replaced, to date, to make them inward opening and eliminate the need for restrictors at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View with a breakdown by each of the three mentioned buildings?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 939 and 941 of 2011.

**NO. 941 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES, CUMBERLAND TERRACES, NELSON'S VIEW - REPLACEMENT DOORS**

Can Government say how many front doors have been replaced, to date, at Cumberland Terraces, Bayview and Nelson's View and how many remain to be replaced with a breakdown by each of the three mentioned buildings?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 939 of 2011**

The cost to date of the replacement programme to make windows inward opening at the three south district residential developments is £409,413.28. This is also the total cost since the programme is now complete.

**Answer to Question No. 940 of 2011**

A total of 1,479 windows have been replaced. These being 667 at Cumberland Terraces, 498 at Nelson's View and 314 at Bayview Terraces.

**Answer to Question No. 941 of 2011**

A total of 346 front doors have been replaced, being 120 at Cumberland Terraces, 138 at Nelson's View and 88 at Bayview Terraces. The replacement programme is complete.

**NO. 942 OF 2011**

**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% 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 No. 943 of 2011.

**NO. 943 OF 2011**

**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 list 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. 942 of 2011**

I now hand to the hon Member a schedule with the information requested giving a breakdown of the current sales for the south district affordable housing developments showing how many are being sold on a 100% basis and how many are being sold on a 50/50 or other co-ownership ratio.

**Answer to Question No. 943 of 2011**

As stated in answer to Question No. 314 of 2011, the reserve list in respect of these three developments has been exhausted.

**Answer to Question No. 942 of 2011**

**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	31	2	12	1	19	3	0	5	1	0	44	118
Bayview Terraces	10	1	9	2	18	2	0	1	0	0	28	71
Cumberland Terraces	56	3	27	1	29	3	0	5	1	1	33	159
Total	97	6	48	4	66	8	0	11	2	1	105	348

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 942 AND 943 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

It came to my notice a short while ago that some people on the reserve list were not offered one of these fifty five flats that apparently were not sold. Why was this?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. That is not true. Everyone that was on the reserve list was accommodated. The reserve list are people who were drawn from the hat at the last draw and placed on the reserve list. The people that have not been accommodated but do not form part of the reserve list are people who subsequently went to GRP to express an interest in buying flats. Such people thought that, by simply going to register an interest and having not taken part in any draw, they would be preferred and that is not fair to the people who also did not take part in any draw and did not go along to express an interest. So what the Government is now doing is re-advertising them and a new draw is taking place amongst all the people who may be interested in the remaining flats. A distinction has to be drawn then between the reserve list and the list of people who simply went to express an interest after the event. The event being the last draw.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

So people thought that they were on the reserve list but really there were not. That is what you are saying. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I do not find any need to reinterpret what I have said. It is clear. There is a reserve list and there is an expression of interest list and it may be that some people thought that the expression of interest list constituted the reserve list. Indeed, I have seen such people myself. There are people who have mentioned this to me and they felt that they were getting on in the order. In other words, as if the next phase of the reserve list was on a first come first served basis, rather than the drawing of lots. That is the issue that has arisen.

ORAL

**NO. 944 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR FLATS AT BAYVIEW TERRACES,  
CUMBERLAND TERRACES AND NELSON'S VIEW**

Can Government say how many applications have been received for the 55 vacant flats at Cumberland Terraces, Nelson's View and Bayview which were put out to tender in May 2011 with a closing date of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011, with a breakdown showing the number of applicants per category of flat and per development?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

A total of 437 applications have been received. These are not analysed in terms of the type of flat and development being applied for.

**NO. 945 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS TOP FLOORS OF CUMBERLAND TERRACES**

What weight restrictions, if any, are applicable to the top floors of Cumberland Terraces?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There are no specific weight restrictions applicable to the top floors of Cumberland Terraces. There is no distinction in the structural design of Cumberland Terraces, Bayview Terraces and Nelson's View. All three developments have been designed in accordance with the relevant Building Standards for residential properties (BS8110: Reinforced Concrete and BS6399: Part 1: Loadings for Buildings), which require that buildings be designed for a given imposed load, with which these three developments fully comply. The imposed load for residential properties is 1.5kN/m<sup>2</sup> (approximately 150kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and 4.0kN/m<sup>2</sup> (approximately 400kg/m<sup>2</sup>) for common areas.

So, to the extent that the question suggests or might suggest erroneously to an ill informed reader or even an ill informed questioner that there is a specific weight restriction in respect of Cumberland Terraces, that is not true, but of course, all buildings are designed to withstand a certain weight load. There is no building in the world on which you could put an unlimited load bearing. So, the fact is that the Building Regulations in Gibraltar and everywhere else specify load bearing capabilities to which residential properties have got to be built. That is an essential part of the Building Regulations and all three of these buildings comfortably comply with all those regulations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 945 OF 2011**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Keeping things as simple as possible, can the Chief Minister confirm that tenants of the top floors are not allowed to place ceramic tiles, for example, on the floors?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I can, most certainly, not confirm that. Nor is it the case. This is not something that I have heard. I would have heard it. The load bearing added by placing of floor tiles is irrelevant in the context of the load bearing capabilities of this or any building and, therefore, the hon Member despite that, clearly, neither he nor I are structural engineers, should not allow ourselves to be excited by tittle tattle of this sort.

ORAL

**NO. 946 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – TENDERS RECEIVED FOR FLATS AT WATERPORT TERRACES**

Since the answer to Question No. 315 of 2011, can Government say if the 20 available flats at Waterport Terraces have now been allocated to the successful applicants?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 947 of 2011.

**NO. 947 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

In connection with Waterport Terraces, can Government state when will the purchasers be able to form their own tenants' association?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 946 of 2011**

The number of unallocated flats in Waterport Terraces which were advertised for sale in September of last year was in fact 23 and not 20 as stated in the question. All of these flats have been allocated.

**Answer to Question No. 947 of 2011**

Waterport Terraces is an owner-occupier estate and as such its property owners are not tenants as suggested in the hon Member's question. They do not form, therefore, a tenants association. As in other such estates, each flat owner is a member of a management company. Control of that management company will be transferred to flat owners when all the sales of flats in the estate are completed. This is expected in early July.

ORAL

**NO. 948 OF 2011**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – TENANTS REQUIRING WORK TO 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 CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 949 and 950 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 949 OF 2011**

**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 Housing Works Agency for refurbishment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 948 and 950 of 2011.

**NO. 950 OF 2011**

**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 Housing Works Agency within the Housing Department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As part of the new, much improved service being offered to tenants since the Housing Works Agency was established, No. 6 Convent Place is overseeing the reconciliation and updating of the data base of outstanding jobs.

This currently shows that there are 407 internal jobs pending which pre-date the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (the date of establishment of the Agency) and 576 internal jobs which have been reported by the tenants since, that is, later than the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

In addition, there are 1,259 jobs which relate to or require external works to the building itself, and these are now being tackled by both the Agency and private sector contractors on a block by block basis.

In other words, there are that number of jobs which although they may manifest themselves as a damp patch on the inside, actually, there is no point fixing that until you do the external works because you would just be throwing the money away and what has now been done is that all these jobs have been desegregated. The ones that are internal only are the ones that I gave the answer to you first. The 1,259 are the ones that are not worth doing until the external envelope of the building has been done and those external envelopes of the buildings are now being done by private contractors and by GJBS.

There are 63 post war flats with the Agency for refurbishing, and these are being done, as a matter of priority now, in groups of 10.

**ORAL**

**NO. 951 OF 2011**

**THE HON N F COSTA**

**SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS TO GHA AND CARE AGENCY**

Can Government say how many entities submitted a tender for the supply of provisions to the GHA and the Care Agency 2011/2012, has the tender now been awarded and, if so, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

A total of ten entities submitted a tender for the supply of provisions to the GHA and the Care Agency for the period 2011 to 2013.

The tender is currently under consideration by the Treasury Tender Board and an award is expected in the not too distant future.

ORAL

**NO. 952 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NEW SCHOOL AT THE MID TOWN DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government state when it proposes to begin the construction of a new school at the Mid-Town development?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 953 and 954 of 2011.

**NO. 953 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – NEW SCHOOL AT THE OLD ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL**

Can Government state when the new school at the old St Bernard’s Hospital will be operational, giving details of the number of classes which will be available, the number of students it is expected to take and the number of teachers expected to teach at that school?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 952 and 954 of 2011.

**NO. 954 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EDUCATION – SERVICE PUPILS IN FIRST AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Can Government state the outcome of negotiations with the MOD in respect of the enrolment of Service pupils in First and Middle schools?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The current proposal is for the intended new school to be located within the Rooke Complex, the transfer of which to the Gibraltar Government is currently under negotiation as part of a wider and further MOD land transfer agreement. It is not possible to say yet when building works might begin.

Works continue on the gutting out and refurbishment of the old St Bernard's Hospital building. It is currently envisaged that the First School will have nine classes and around 11 teachers for 175 pupils. The Middle School is envisaged to have 12 classes and around 15 teachers for around 300 pupils.

The agreement with the MOD has not yet been signed, although it is envisaged under it, when it is signed, that transfers into our schools will begin in the academic year starting September 2012.

**NO. 955 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH UK IN RESPECT OF EU DIRECTIVES / REGULATIONS**

Can Government state whether an agreement has now been concluded with the United Kingdom for reciprocal arrangements in respect of obligations which arise under EU Directives or regulations but which do not apply as between Gibraltar and the United Kingdom?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No agreement has been concluded with the United Kingdom. The position remains as previously explained in this House.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 955 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Have the Government been able to identify specifically which areas are involved? Have the Government got any concerns in respect of any particular EU Directive or regulation which ought to be given priority or which ought to apply as between ourselves and the United Kingdom because it already applies as between Gibraltar and other Member States.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh yes, and not just in relation to the EU but also in relation to the EEA which is a slightly wider body as he knows. The Government have for a number of years, well certainly for over a year, been identifying and collating. We have had preliminary discussions on a number of these areas with the relevant Whitehall officials. Those took place in November last year but the problem that we have in engaging with the UK on this is that all the issues belong in different Departments of State. Some of them relate to financial services and of those some are in the Treasury and others are in the ... whatever the DTI is now called in the UK and it is quite difficult to engage at the right level. My personal view is that the negotiations to be effective are going to have to take place probably at Cabinet Office level in the UK because what is really required here is a qualitative political agreement that Gibraltar and the UK should just treat each other for all purposes as if they were both separate Member States or separate States or separate paths or whatever the measure is, which is the

Gibraltar Government's position and preference but the negotiations have, it depends on what he describes by negotiations. We are engaged in a number of the issues. So, if he wants to call that negotiations there are, but I do not think we are anywhere near coming to a comprehensive overarching agreement. Different departments in the UK have different positions on different issues on this question. So it is not an easy task but I am convinced it is quite an important task which we need to persevere with.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is it simply the case of practicalities that perhaps that Cabinet Office discussion and political decision being taken or is the Government aware of any fundamental objection as a matter of principle? Are we talking of principle or practicalities here in the discussions?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I cannot say and the answer to that question is probably that there are different positions on different issues by different Departments of State. This is the problem that we have had. We engage with one Department of State on a similar issue. For example, the ability of our gaming companies to advertise into the UK, which was an EEA regime and that the Department for Culture Media agreed and then there are discussions that you have with other Departments of State, the Treasury or the Inland Revenue on the more tax related and finance centre related issues, or the FSA if they relate to regulatory matters and they adopt different positions on different items, depending, usually, on what suits the UK interest in that particular dossier. Our position is that that is not an appropriate approach but the appropriate approach is that there should be a, sort of, "constitutional" policy decision as to how the two places should treat each other and that should that be the automatic default position for all matters. So, the answer to the hon Member's question is that at the moment they are all being dealt with on a, issue by issue, dossier by dossier basis and this results in different Departments of State taking different positions in relation to different dossiers.

ORAL

**NO. 956 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**BANKING LICENCES**

How many applications for banking licences have been made between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 957 and 958 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 957 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**BANKING LICENCES**

How many applications for banking licences have been withdrawn since the answer to Question No. W40 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 956 and 958 of 2011.

ORAL

NO. 958 OF 2011

THE HON G H LICUDI

**BANKING LICENCES**

How many banking licences have been granted since the answer to Question No. W41 of 2011?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

None.

ORAL

**NO. 959 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**BANKING LICENCES**

Can Government state the cost, with a breakdown, of attendance at any conference which related to financial services since the answer of Question No. W44 of 2011, giving the name of the conference and the offices of those who might have attended as part of the Government delegation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him.

**Answer to Question No. 959 of 2011**

The Finance Centre Department attended the Captive Live Insurance Seminar in London, from 30<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director

Conference fee	£3,500.00
Flights and Hotel Accommodation	£ 696.40
Hire of Furniture	£ 409.97
Expenses	£ 252.75

Total: £4,859.12

The Finance Centre Department attended the Zurich FUNDS Exhibition and Conference, from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

The Government delegation consisted of:

Mr Francis Sanchez – Executive Officer

Flights and Accommodation	£ 953.00
Expenses	£ 676.00
Courier	£ 483.44

Total: £2,112.44

The Finance Centre Department held a Financial Services Breakfast in Zurich and a Financial Services Lunch in Geneva both hosted by the Chief Minister. In addition, the Finance Centre held a networking session in Zurich and a seminar in Geneva, from 24<sup>th</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

The Government delegation consisted of:

Mr Francis Sanchez – Executive Officer

Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director

Flights	£ 1,343.00
Accommodation	£ 2,751.78
Breakfast, Lunch, Seminar rooms and Catering	£37,631.54
Transport	£ 309.09
Expenses	£ 535.04

Total: £42,570.45

**NO. 960 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months since the answer to Question No. W45 of 2011 stating the reason for removal?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 961 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 961 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government state the number of companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since the answer to Question No. W46 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him.

**Answer to Question No. 961 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 960 of 2011**

2011	Struck off by request	Struck off by Register	Wound Up/Liquidated	Wound Up by Court	Cessation Under Sec 10(3)	TOTAL
Jan	55	0	12	0	2	69
Feb	96	0	13	0	5	114
March	142	0	26	0	5	173
April	0	0	11	0	5	16
May	49	1650	8	0	4	1711

\* Note: the May 1,650 figure of companies struck off by the Registrar is a yearly exercise in which companies which have not handed in their returns for three years get struck off.

**Answer to Question No. 961 of 2011**

The companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since the answer to Question No. W46 of 2011 are as follows:

January 2011	154
February 2011	154
March 2011	167
April 2011	120
May 2011	136

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 960 AND 961 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In the table provided by the Hon the Chief Minister, in May 2011, it has "Struck off by Register" the number of 1,650 which is a massive leap in respect of all the other numbers and when compared to previous months when no companies were struck off the Register by the Registrar. At the top it says "Struck off by Register", I suppose it means by the Registrar. Is there any particular reason? Was there a concerted effort? A cleaning up exercise or something like that done in May which resulted in 1,650 companies being struck off.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, this is actually a yearly exercise in which companies that have not submitted three years worth of returns are struck off and that is, in fact, explained to the hon Member in the note at the foot of the table but I can understand that in the heat of the moment he cannot ... it might not have jumped out at the page for him.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

That is right. We get a table, we look at the table, something jumps out, we do not look at the explanation at the bottom. It often happens.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

He does not have to repeat what I have graciously acknowledged to him without him having to ask for it.

ORAL

**NO. 962 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**BANKING SECTOR**

Can Government state how many persons were employed in the banking sector in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by nationality in the months since the answer to Question No. W48 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 963 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 963 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**INSURANCE INDUSTRY**

Can Government state how many persons were employed in the insurance sector in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by nationality in the months since the answer to Question W49 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him.

**Answer to Question No. 963 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 962 of 2011**

**Banking**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gibraltar	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC
Jan 2011	13	625	400	138	35	0	50	2
Feb 2011	13	629	402	137	36	0	52	2
Mar 2011	13	623	399	135	35	0	52	2
Apr 2011	13	621	398	136	35	0	50	2
May 2011	13	620	395	136	35	0	52	2

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

**Answer to Question No. 963 of 2011**

**Insurance**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gibraltar	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC
Jan 2011	28	233	118	89	14	2	9	1
Feb 2011	28	238	119	91	15	2	10	1
Mar 2011	27	237	118	90	16	2	10	1
Apr 2011	27	238	120	88	17	2	10	1
May 2011	27	241	121	89	17	2	11	1

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

**NO. 964 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**FINANCE CENTRE OFFICE – EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state how many employees are currently engaged in the Finance Centre Office giving details of the grades and salary scales of such employees?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There are currently seven employees engaged in the Finance Centre Department of the Ministry of Finance.

**Civil Servants**

One Senior Officer (Personal to holder otherwise SEO)	£ 62,864
Two Executive Officers	£ 30,703 x 2
One Administrative Officer (part time)	£ 16,333

**GDC employees**

One Grade 4	£ 32,712
One Grade 2 (part-time)	£ 13,113

In addition, there is a Finance Centre Director, Mr James Tipping, who is not in a grade or salary scale. His basic salary is £122,608.

**NO. 965 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**MARRACHE GROUP OF COMPANIES – ADMINISTRATION FEES AND CHARGES PAID BY FSC**

Can Government state whether further fees and charges, if any, have been paid by the Financial Services Commission in relation to the administration of the Marrache Group of Companies in respect of which the FSC has raised, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, a Special Levy, since the answer to Question No. 330 of 2011 giving a breakdown of fees, charges and itemised disbursements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I cannot give the hon Member the breakdown but since the answer to the question that he has mentioned, a further £120,042 have been paid, but I have not received the breakdown in time from the FSC. Remember this is information that I obtained for him from the FSC but it is not actually Government information. So, that is the amount. I suspect that most of it would be lawyers and accountants but I do not have that breakdown.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 965 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Does the hon Member know and I note that this was the subject of some discussion when Question No. 330 was asked. It is not purely a Government responsibility. It is an FSC. So I want to be careful not to tread on thin ice here. Does the Government know what the state of play is in terms of possibility of further fees and charges? Is this now the conclusion, in addition to the fees and charges which we have been given already, or does the Government know whether we can expect further amounts to be charged?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

If the question is limited to the aspect of this matter with which the FSC is concerned, I believe that there is a little bit more to come but I cannot tell him how much. There is another aspect of this matter which is being handled through the Chief Justice because it relates to the firm and I think there, there is quite a lot more to come. The hon Member may be aware that the levy system is now a different one to the one that was originally proposed by the FSC and that that levy system has only been made

possible by the fact that the Government is making an advance to the FSC which will be repaid from the levies into the life boat fund that the financial services companies will be making during each of the next three years. So there is that source, I do not know if that is what he means by cost or funding. I am just trying to, sort of, myself ... Those are the three areas where the Government has not a legal liability but a *de facto* exposure to financial cost. On the winding up of the trust companies, in other words, the bit to do with the FSC, I think that is almost now at an end and what is left is the last few tidying up fees of the last bits and pieces but the exercise is more or less complete. So I would not expect a lot more on that. The other one is a different proposition.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

What the question is aimed at establishing, given the Government and indeed the hon Member's own responsibility as Minister for Finance to give consent to any special levy, whether there have been any further discussions or any further consent has been sought in respect of any other special levy for this matter.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. The Financial Services Commission presented to me for my consent version 1 of the levy to which I consented. The Finance Centre industry led by the Finance Centre Council then asked for the opportunity to speak to the Financial Services Commission to try and persuade them to put up a different type of proposal which they did and they agreed a different type of levy proposal, which the FSC then put up to me and to which I consented as well and that is the one that is being implemented and that is the one which, in effect, spreads the load on the contributors over a three year period. But, of course, the FSC needs to be funded immediately to pay its bills to its lawyers. They cannot wait three years. You know how lawyers hate waiting to have their fees to be paid. So therefore, that gap has been bridged by a loan from the Government to the Financial Services Commission, which is then repaid from those annual payments, which is what the implemented levy scheme apply. I am not aware that the need has arisen for any further levy or any further scheme or anything to be changed in the scheme if that is the thought of his last supplementary.

ORAL

**NO. 966 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO THE TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS  
TRAVELLING TO AIRPORT AND FRONTIER AREA**

Can Government state whether any decision has now been taken as to the route which pedestrians will take to the airport and frontier area once the tunnel under the runway is concluded?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position remains as previously explained to the hon Member in this House.

**NO. 967 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**AMOUNTS SPENT ON NEW AIR TERMINAL, ACCESS ROAD AND TUNNEL**

Can Government state the total amounts and provide a breakdown of the amounts that have been spent from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date in respect of works for the new airport, the tunnel under the runway and the new frontier access road including but not limited to:

- (a) consultants' fees;
- (b) architects' fees;
- (c) building contractors;
- (d) any sub-contractors paid directly by the Government;
- (e) relocation of MOD buildings or services;
- (f) any other fees (specifying what such fees relate to),

and what fees remain to be paid in respect of these matters?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 967 of 2011**

	<b><u>Paid from</u></b> <b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Jan</u></b> <b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>Fees</u></b> <b><u>Remaining</u></b>
	(£)	(£)
<b>1) Airport Access Road</b>		
Building Contractor	1,461,380	19,260,168
Consultants Costs	1,085,266	1,559,090
Insurance	<u>57,744</u>	<u>289,806</u>
	<u>2,604,390</u>	<u>21,109,063</u>
<b>2) Airport Terminal</b>		
Building Contractor	12,331,326	19,728,095
Consultants Costs	706,164	1,605,705
Architect Fees	266,136	1,112,882
Insurance	<u>57,744</u>	<u>63,000</u>
	<u>13,361,370</u>	<u>22,509,682</u>
<b>3) MOD Relocations (British Lines)</b>		
Building Contractor	450,360	3,402,013
Consultants Costs	179,542	346,486
Architect Fees	<u>48,670</u>	<u>266,178</u>
	<u>678,572</u>	<u>4,014,677</u>
 Grand Total	 <u>£16,644,332</u>	 <u>£47,633,422</u>

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 967 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

In terms of the airport terminal, there is a total of £22 million fees remaining to be paid. Is this in respect of works which are still to be done or is it work that has been done but still has not been paid or ... Does Government know?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I have interpreted his question as generously to him as possible. When he has asked the question ... The main body of the question asks for a breakdown of amounts and then he lists (a) to (f), the items that he is interested in and then the last bit of his question only refers to fees that remain to be paid. Fees are paid to consultants but not to the builder but I have, nevertheless, given him the information as if the last word were amounts and not fees. So, the answer in the 'fees remaining column' is not just fees remaining, it is other payments remaining which would not normally be described as fees. Like contractual payments to a contractor would not normally be described as fees. So, specifically in relation to the air terminal, what is left unpaid are those sums of money, the first one £19 million plus to the contractor, the consultants fees, the architects fees and the insurance. I am struggling to make more sense of his supplementary but if he wants to have another go at me, he is welcome.

**HON G H LICDUI:**

Yes. The supplementary was, are these amounts ... and fees, I am grateful for the hon Member clarifying that fees has been interpreted widely, are these amounts which are to be paid in respect of works which are still to be done, or works which have been done but have not been paid yet?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I cannot really answer that question. There are retentions in there which could relate to work that has been done, monies that are being retained. There are other payments which the contract entitles the Government to retain. So those would be in respect of work that has been done. There would also have been work that has been done but may not yet have been certified and therefore has not been paid. So, it would be almost impossible for me to draw the line between the £12.3 million and the £19.7 million and draw the line precisely as to which of those two sums relate to work that is actually up and then there are payments that are made in respect of goods that are brought on to the site but are not yet installed. So those get certified and paid. It is very difficult at any given moment in time to say, of the money that has been paid how much actually relates to work that has been done and work that has not been done. We would need to agree a whole lot of more definitions between ourselves before I could give him that information but the air terminal is scheduled to be ready during the month of July. It is therefore highly unlikely that there are £19.7 million worth of undone works. Well, more than highly unlikely. There may be a very small slippage beyond the end of July but it is certainly not a lot of slippage that can be measured in days, not in months and therefore, yes, the hon Member ... I can tell from the hon Member's facial expressions whether he is pleased or sad that the air

terminal is going to be ready before the next election. I suppose it could be either given the debate that takes place. If he is particularly keen on this information, I can try and get him something more accurate than that. It would never be precise because there is always work done. The certification takes place on a monthly basis. There is always going to be at least one months work done but not certified. So whenever the answer is given, it is never going to be precisely the information that he wants.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I am satisfied with the answer. The question was simply whether there is £19 million worth of work still to be done in the months ahead and the hon Member has clarified that. The same issue arises in a slightly different way in respect of Item No. 1, airport access road, where £1.4 million has been paid and £19.2 million remains to be paid. That seems to suggest that the works to the airport access road are almost at an embryonic stage. Is that correct and, if so, are we to expect that those works are not going to be completed for a year or two?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Absolutely right that they are not yet very advanced and, of course, if the hon Member were to visit Eastern Beach to see the excellent Eastern Beach refurbishment scheme that the Government has now completed for the benefit of the bathers in Eastern Beach, whilst admiring the wonderful landscaping that has taken place there, he would also see for himself the answer to his question.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

No I cannot. It is blocked off. It is boarded off.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it is not blocked off at one end. You can see from one end. The hon Member should know, well, he may not know, but the hon Member ... I am now making him aware that the sequencing of the work would not have required the road to have been done before the tunnel had reached further. The tunnel is delayed. The area where the road is going, that is to say, the bit of road parallel to the magnificent new Eastern Beach Road is in effect the builder's yard for the tunnelling works. The tunnelling works could not be done if there was not an area of land that side to support it. So it was always programmed that that stretch of road from the Eastern Beach access ramp to the tunnel, to the new intended roundabout at the junction of Eastern Beach Road and Devil's Tower Road, that that would be the last bit that would be done. Because the tunnel is delayed, that is delayed too. So, that stretch of, sort of, road which gets from Devil's Tower Road to the tunnel is the last part. The tunnel will be more or less ready before that road is anywhere near ready. So yes, it is, embryonic is not the right word, but it is at a very un-advanced stage, certainly.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is the hon Member saying that that stretch of road alone from the roundabout of Devil's Tower Road to the entrance of the tunnel, that that stretch alone costs £23 million? I hope not.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, but I am impressed that the hon Member knows what each metre of road costs, which he would have to know before he could be surprised at any figure. But anyway, he is right. He is right by instinct if not by expertise. Remember that the project is divided into sections. So there is the roundabout at what is now Devil's Tower Road near the, sort of, Polish monument which will divert traffic from Devil's Tower Road into the new four lane road that would go from there to the tunnel. So roundabout and that stretch of road. Then there is the down ramp into the tunnel. Then there is the tunnel itself. Then there is the up ramp out of the tunnel, well in or out depending which way you are travelling, and then there is the road from the ramp on the north side of the tunnel leading to the loop underneath the air terminal bridge that can now be clearly seen when you are in the loop. All of that is what this costs.

ORAL

**NO. 968 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD – COST OF WORKS**

Can Government state the costs, to date, of the works to Devil's Tower Road giving a breakdown between the costs of the contractor, consultants and other costs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 969 of 2011.

**NO. 969 OF 2011****THE HON G H LICUDI****DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD – ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Can Government state what additional costs are expected to be incurred over and above the original price in connection with the works to Devil's Tower Road, giving details of the reasons for such additional costs?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER****Answer to Question No. 968 of 2011**

	<b><u>Paid to Date</u></b>
	<b>(£)</b>
<b>1) Devil's Tower Road</b>	
Building Contractor	5,124,736
Consultants Costs	664,234
Architect Fees – Landscaping	<u>82,435</u>
	<b><u>5,871,405</u></b>

**Answer to Question No. 969 of 2011**

The costs for the Devil's Tower Road contract have been affected by a number of additional requirements resulting in a currently reported, as it stands at the moment, increase of £450,000 since the works were awarded, the most significant of these involves the replacement of existing water mains and electricity supply cables along significant lengths of the affected sections of Devil's Tower Road, which were not included in the original contracted scope of works.

ORAL

**NO. 970 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**APPROACH ROAD TO TUNNEL UNDERNEATH RUNWAY – ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Can Government state what additional costs are expected to be incurred over and above the original price in connection with the approach road to the tunnel underneath the runway which runs parallel to Eastern Beach Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 971 to 978 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 971 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**APPROACH ROAD TO TUNNEL UNDERNEATH RUNWAY – COST OF WORKS**

Can Government state the costs, to date, of the approach road to the tunnel underneath the runway which runs parallel to Eastern Beach Road, giving a breakdown between the costs of the contractor, consultants and other costs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 and 972 to 978 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 972 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EASTERN BEACH ROAD – FURTHER COSTS**

Can Government state what further costs are expected to be incurred in the works to Eastern Beach Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970, 971 and 973 to 978 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 973 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**EASTERN BEACH ROAD – COST OF WORKS**

Can Government state the total costs, to date, of the works to Eastern Beach Road including the car parks, giving a breakdown between the costs of the contractor, consultants and other costs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 to 972 and 974 to 978 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 974 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**ROAD WORKS TO THE NORTH OF THE TUNNEL UNDERNEATH RUNWAY –  
ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Can Government state what additional costs are expected to be incurred over and above the original price in connection with the road works to the north of the tunnel underneath the runway, giving details of the reasons for such additional costs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 to 973 and 975 to 978 of 2011.

**NO. 975 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY – ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Can Government state what additional costs are expected to be incurred over and above the original price in connection with the works to the tunnel underneath the runway, giving details of the reasons for such additional costs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 to 974 and 976 to 978 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 976 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY – HALTING OF WORKS**

Can Government give full details of the reasons why works to the tunnel underneath the runway were halted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 to 975, 977 and 978 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 977 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY – RESUMPTION OF WORKS**

Can Government state when works on the tunnel underneath the runway are expected to resume?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 to 976 and 978 of 2011.

**NO. 978 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY – COMPLETION**

Can Government state when the tunnel underneath the runway is expected to be completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 970 of 2011**

The cost for the approach road to the tunnel which runs parallel to Eastern Beach Road has been affected by variations issued under the provisions of the contract since the award of the contract in respect of:

- a. Alterations to the layout of the new roundabout construction resulting in a £36,000 in additions.
- b. Omission of the proposed Southern Footbridge resulting in a saving to the Contract of £149,360.

A net reduction of (£113,360)

**Answer to Question No. 971 of 2011**

No costs, save £42,000 worth of Contractor Design Fees, have been incurred to date on the tunnel approach road that runs parallel to Eastern Beach Road.

In reconciling that answer with the one that I gave him to Question No. 967 of 2011, he has to focus specifically on the difference in language in his question. This one is limited to the bit of the road that runs parallel to Eastern Beach Road. So, I just warn him about that.

**Answer to Question No. 972 and 973 of 2011**

The costs paid to date in respect of the Eastern Beach Road are £2,660,424 being: £2,245,349 in respect of construction costs and £415,075 in respect of consultant costs. A further £1,601,945 will be incurred in the future including phase 2 works when the tunnel approach road is completed. In other words, there are further works to be done on Eastern Beach Road which cannot be done until the parallel tunnel road is itself done.

**Answer to Question No. 974 of 2011**

In relation to the additional costs in connection with the road works to the north of the tunnel, there have been none. That is, none additional costs. They have not been subject to any contractual adjustments of any kind.

**Answer to Question No. 975 of 2011**

A claim for additional costs as a result of interference to the work from a communications antenna in the proximity of the works that resulted in delay, has been accepted by the Project Engineer. The exact amount has not been agreed with the contractor, but ranges between £165,000 and £300,000.

**Answer to Question No. 976 of 2011**

I am going to be slightly less forthcoming with him in the answers to the next two questions which relate to the reasons to the delay et cetera for reasons which I will try to explain the coyness.

The construction of the tunnel walls was completed in December 2010 with most of the work activities undertaken during the night when the airfield is closed. In other words, by Christmas last year they had sunk into the ground the two side walls of the tunnel along the whole of its length. The next phase of the works comprises the construction of the reinforced concrete tunnel roof. In early January 2011, the contractor said that it was reviewing and revising its method of construction.

The contractor has installed a water de-contamination plant on site in order to treat and dispose of the ground water. The ground water requires pumping out in order to allow the tunnel excavation works to proceed under dry conditions.

Mr Speaker, and this is the statement in which I appeal both to his defender of the interests of Gibraltar and to his legal instinct, instincts as a lawyer.

Given that this contractual relationship is in a critical phase, I do not wish to say more at this time.

**Answer to Question Nos. 977 and 978 of 2011**

The Government cannot say when the contractor will resume works in a meaningful way and thus I cannot say when it will be completed and, I repeat, given that this contractual relationship is in a critical phase, I do not wish to say more at this time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 970 TO 978 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

On that aspect of that matter, I think we are content not to press the hon Gentleman further in this House at all on the basis that he has suggested.

**NO. 979 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**ROSIA TO QUEENSWAY LINK ROAD**

Can Government state the cost, so far, of the planning for the new road linking Rosia to Queensway?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The costs incurred to date are £411,632.59 in respect of professional design fees and ground investigation works.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 979 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Have Government now taken a decision as to whether this road will proceed or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The works include the full pre contract package. So if the Government decided to proceed with the works it could now go out to tender to it. That is the amount of work that has been done. We continue to monitor. I personally think that this will still be a useful addition to the traffic circulation infrastructure in Gibraltar. There are decisions to be made in terms of risk reward. In other words, in favour of doing it is that it will further improve traffic circulation. Against it, have got to be considered that there are a couple of sections in which it curtails the space available to some tenants of some commercial units in New Harbours. Before the Trafalgar Interchange had the salutary effect on traffic circulation that it has had, that balance was clearly in favour of doing the project. Since the Trafalgar Interchange has been done and has had, I think what most people would recognise, I think a significant positive impact on traffic circulation here, that balance in favour of the conflicting issues has become less clear which is not to say that the project is not going to be proceeded with but simply that in the light of all of this new situation, the Government are keeping the situation under review, talking to the shipyard people, will engage in discussion with the tenants affected, with a view, preferably, of going ahead with it because it is a further decongestion of traffic from the Trafalgar Interchange area and indeed from Rosia Road area where there are still sometimes tail backs to enter the first little roundabout which forms part of the Trafalgar Interchange. So, it remains under review. I cannot tell him for sure whether it will take place or not. My personal

preference is that it should but we are not in a position yet to say to the hon Member as a matter of policy whether it will.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Is the hon Member saying, as I understand him to be saying, that the over £400,000 has been spent on a project where no political decision has actually been taken yet to proceed with that project? Does the hon Member agree with us that that is a little bit like putting the cart before the horse? Spending all the money before a decision is taken as to whether the project should go ahead. Should it not have been the other way round? Take a political decision and then spend the money to carry it out.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I go to the trouble of giving the hon Member a whole amount of sequential information to which he clearly does not listen. He obviously had his politically astute, in his view, supplementary prepared and he was determined to ask it regardless of the information that I gave him. It is obviously not the case. This project was prepared because the Government fully intended to do it and the hon Member will see that the Government's integrated traffic and parking plan says that both will be done. So the Government's policy decision was to do both projects and that is this context in which the fees were spent. Now, the Government are reviewing the possibility of reversing its decision to do the project. He could then, if he wanted to, if the Government were to make the position to reverse the decision, he could then if he wanted to, criticise the Government for, in fact, as the events have happened, having spent £400,000 on a project that did not materialise. What he cannot do now is say that they were spent in the knowledge that a policy decision had not been made. When the expenditure was incurred the policy decision had been made to do the project. So, we shall have to see whether the Government has ended up ... If the Government reverses the decision in the light of the new situation, if the Government reverses the decision to proceed with that [*inaudible*] road, then unquestionably, the £400,000 will not be entirely wasted because the work is done and if some future Government wanted to resuscitate the plan, it would be there, but if this or no future Government decided ever to resuscitate that plan, then unquestionably, it will not be arguable against, that the £400,000 had been spent in preparation for a scheme which was then cancelled before it was in place. That factual statement will not be contestable but that is very different to the erroneous position described in the hon Member's pre-prepared supplementary.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

It was not in fact pre-prepared. It is actually noted here but the error of our ways seems to be in suggesting to the Government that they never took a policy decision on this and we are now enlightened by the Hon Chief Minister who tells us that a policy decision had been taken. So, is the position then that we are now faced with a U turn by this Government at a cost to the tax payer of over £400,000?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member is wrong on both counts as he is in the first place. First of all, the fact ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

We never get it right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, you do not get it right because the hon Member does not care what he is told. He is determined to pretend at the facts as he requires them to be, to make whatever cheap political snipe point he feels suits his opportunistic political instinct to make. That is the reality of it. He cannot base a supplementary on the premise that the Government has not made a policy decision to build this road. Look, it is not long ago that he was asking me when I was going to do it. Why? Because it is in the Traffic Parking Management Plan which was published last year and which contains this project as a matter of policy decision made. The last time that we were in this House he thought he had me against the ropes because I would not commit to a date for commencement and implementation of a scheme which the Government has announced, as a matter of policy, it was going to do. Now, it suits him to argue the contrary. Now, it suits him to argue that the Government has not made a policy decision on this project. Well, he cannot have it both ways. He is wrong but look, Mr Speaker, if the Government were to make a U turn for the right reasons ... The hon Members appear to think that a U turn which means change your mind is necessarily a bad thing to do. This has been one of the flaws in the GSLP political philosophy for thirty years, that they think that to keep an open mind and to keep your mind open to the possibility of changing your decision is somehow a weakness. It is not a weakness. It is a strength, provided that the U turn, as he calls it presumably for more graphic effect, is for sensible, explainable, defensible, rational, coherent reasons and if we did change our minds on all of those grounds, he could still, if he wanted to, criticise for having spent £400,000 preparing for a project that we had decided not to proceed with. All I am saying to him is that he cannot say that today, nor can he say today what he has said.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

What I can say today is that open minds are not weaknesses but U turns for lack of planning are certainly political deficiencies on the part of this Government and at a cost to boot of over £400,000.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, first of all there is no U or V or L turn, or any other turn that looks physically like any letter of the alphabet and secondly, at the end of the day, if the Government were to decide ... and here we are discussing it hypothetically. I have already told him that my preference is to consider ... is to proceed and my preferences are not entirely without influence within the Government. So, as the hon Members are [*inaudible*]. Well, but then you see, Mr Speaker, their giggling rather undermines the hon Member opposite. If I told him ten minutes ago that that was my preference to go ahead and their giggling suggests that because I am, sort of, an emperor and a dictator and all these things that their trashy little publications accuse me of and that that means that my preferences go and are implemented because they are my preferences, then he should not have spent the last ten minutes accusing us or making any political points based on U turn. Because if I have explained to him that my preference is to proceed and he thinks that my preferences are the only ones that

count, implicit from their giggling, then he should not have made any statement predicated on the assumption that there will be a preference because one leads to the conclusion that there is not going to be a U turn. So you see Mr Speaker, he has got to keep Mr Linares's giggling more on a leash.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I am laughing.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, laughing then, laughing, more on a leash. The Trafalgar Interchange has been a spectacular success beyond even the Government's best hopes and imagination. If, as a result of that, the balance of good sense in proceeding with the other road has been altered to the point where it would be silly to proceed with it, the Government is not going to proceed with a several million pound unnecessary contract to protect itself against his accusations that we have wasted £400,000. Or is he recommending to me that I should avoid the U turn at all costs and, because I have spent £400,000, I should spend another £4 million unnecessarily. Mr Speaker, you see being on this side of the House requires a little bit more imagination and a little bit more courage and a little bit more responsibility than the hon Members need to deploy on that side of the House. For that reason, and because they show no instincts of being able to deploy the sort of responsibility that you need to have to be on this side of the House, I suspect that they are going to stay on that side for a while longer.

ORAL

**NO. 980 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**CATALAN BAY CAR PARK – WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT**

Can Government state what was the purpose of the works carried out at Catalan Bay car park in connection with the installation of the equipment which is currently behind the hoarding on the upper level of the car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 981 and 982 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 981 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**CATALAN BAY PARK – WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT**

Can Government state the cost, to date, of the equipment which was placed several months ago at the Catalan Bay car park and which is now behind the hoarding on the upper level of that car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 980 and 982 of 2011.

**NO. 982 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**CATALAN BAY PARK – WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT**

Can Government state what the anticipated use will be and when that use will occur of the equipment which was placed several months ago at the Catalan Bay car park and which is now behind the hoarding on the upper level of that car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 980 of 2011**

The plant and equipment that was set up at the Catalan Bay car park is for the purpose of recycling by a process of washing excavated sand arising from the tunnel excavations for the new road tunnel and subsequently use it as clean sand and put it to good sustainable use by replenishing the beaches with it or placing it in some other place where it will have been cleaned to the point. So that is specialist equipment. The sand that comes out of the tunnel when the tunnel is excavated is significantly polluted. It cannot be disposed of except at huge cost per tonne in what would effectively be a hazardous waste plant. So the way that we are proceeding with it is that we are bringing a machine near to the site that is capable of cleaning and recycling that soil to the required EU standard where it can be used for other purposes.

**Answer to Question No. 981 of 2011**

Equipment mobilisation costs	92,138
Maintenance costs	39,600
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**Answer to Question No. 982 of 2011**

So the soil which should have been produced by the tunnel already has not yet been produced by the tunnel because the tunnel works are delayed and hence the equipment has been moved temporarily during the summer season to make way for an expanded Catalan Bay beach car park. Therefore, it is expected that after the summer season, when the deep excavation of the tunnel is underway, that this

equipment will be re-spread out, re-installed and it will do the job that I have just described to him.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 980 TO 982 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

We take it that this, the equipment and the plant, were clearly not have been bought. This equipment clearly has not been bought by the Government. Does it belong to a contractor? Is the payment being made to a contractor or is this simply being leased by the Government and, if so, on what terms?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know exactly who it is being leased by but leased it is being from a plant supplier in Spain. These are quite specialist bits of equipment, certainly this size. So it is being leased. I do not know the exact details of who it is being leased from. I suspect it is the Government. I suspect. I suspect it is the Government, yes. In any case, it is at the Government's cost whether it is being leased by the Government or by somebody else. It is certainly at the Government's cost. I thought he had asked me who had actually leased the equipment.

ORAL

**NO. 983 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**PARK-AND-RIDE SCHEME**

Can Government state when the new park-and-ride scheme in the northern area of Gibraltar will be operational?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 984 of 2011.

**NO. 984 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD CAR PARK**

Can Government state when the second phase of the Devil's Tower Road car park will be operational?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 983 of 2011**

The 'Park and Ride' scheme effectively became operational on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011 with the introduction of the free bus service. Visitors to Gibraltar can now park their cars at the splendid new multi storey car park at Devil's Tower Road and travel right to the heart of the city on one of our splendid new buses free of charge.

There is a bus stop directly outside the Devil's Tower Road car park for this purpose.

**Answer to Question No. 984 of 2011**

The second phase of the Devil's Tower Road car park will be operational during the summer.

**ORAL**

**NO. 985 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT AIR TERMINAL**

Can Government state when the new airport car park will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Once the new air terminal is completed and in operation it will be possible to demolish the existing air terminal building which occupies the footprint of what will be the new car park and only then can construction of the new car park commence.

It is not appropriate to disclose the estimated costs at this stage of that car park since the works have not yet been procured and that is commercially sensitive information.

ORAL

**NO. 986 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT OLD NAVAL HOSPITAL**

Can Government now state when the new car park at Old Naval Hospital will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 987 to 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 987 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT FLAT BASTION ROAD**

Can Government now state when the new car park at Flat Bastion Road will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 986 and 988 to 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 988 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT MID TOWN DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government now state when the new car park at the Mid Town development will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 986, 987 and 989 to 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 989 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT SOUTH PAVILION**

Can Government now state when the new car park at South Pavilion will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 986 to 988 and 990 to 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 990 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT SOUTH BARRACK ROAD**

Can Government now state when the new car park at South Barrack Road will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 986 to 989 and 991 to 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 991 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**NEW CAR PARK AT GRAND PARADE**

Can Government now state when the new car park at Grand Parade will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 986 to 990, 992 and 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 992 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GLACIS ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

Can Government now state when the roundabout in Glacis Road will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 986 to 991 and 993 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 993 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**REGAL HOUSE JUNCTION ROUNDABOUT**

Can Government now state when the roundabout at Regal House junction will be built and what the expected cost will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position remains as previously explained in this House in answer to Question No. 1010 of 2010.

ORAL

**NO. 994 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**DEVIL'S TOWER ROAD CAR PARK – AVERAGE NUMBER OF FEE-PAYING CARS**

Can Government state what the average daily number of fee-paying cars were from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date at the Devil's Tower Road car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 995 of 2011.

**NO. 995 OF 2011**

**THE HON G H LICUDI**

**GIBRALTAR CAR PARKS LIMITED – REVENUE COLLECTED**

Can Government state the total revenue collected by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, to date, giving a breakdown by car park?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 994 of 2011**

The average daily number of fee-paying cars from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date has been 41.

**Answer to Question No. 995 of 2011**

The total revenue collected by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to date by car park is as follows:

Sandpits Car Park	£31,101.00
Willis' Car Park	£57,335.00
New Harbours Car Park	£67,128.50
Europlaza Car Park	£ 7,539.80
Devil's Tower Road Car Park	£54,819.16
Queensway Car Park	£54,921.90

ORAL

**NO. 996 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURNING FROM UK – SUMMER JOBS**

Can Government state how many returning UK students were given jobs during the summer vacation last year, what was the rate of pay and provide a breakdown of the areas of employment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 997 of 2011.

**NO. 997 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURNING FROM UK – SUMMER JOBS**

Can Government state whether they have any indication of how many returning UK students are likely to be seeking summer jobs with the Government this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 996 of 2011**

One hundred and twenty five university students returning from the UK were given jobs during the summer vacation last year and the rate of pay was £120 per week (£6 per hour) free of tax and social insurance contributions. I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the areas of employment last year, as he has requested.

**Answer to Question No. 997 of 2011**

The Financial Secretary who administers the scheme advises me that he estimates that there will be about 100 university students seeking summer jobs with the Government this year.

**Answer to Question No. 997 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 996 of 2011**

The breakdown of the areas of employment was as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>No.</b>
Audit	2	Gib Car Parks	1
Care Agency	19	Housing	3
CTO Offices	1	Human Resources	7
Civil Status	2	IT & LD	2
Courts	5	Culture	4
Customs	2	Police	3
DSS	8	Post Office	6
Education	2	Procurement	1
Employment	2	Secretariat	2
Enterprise and Development	1	Shipping Registry	2
Environment	4	Sports and Leisure	2
GEA	5	Statistics	6
GHA	11	Income Tax	6
Technical Services	5	Treasury	9
Town Planning	2		

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 996 AND 997 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the rate for last year the same as this year? The rate of pay that he has mentioned?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No one has sought from me a change of figure, so I am assuming that it is either going to be the same or the same up-rated by whatever the rate of pay has gone up in this year.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The idea of summer jobs is limited then to people who are studying in the UK. That is to say, people who are in college here in Gibraltar and are returning back to the College do not have access to any summer jobs?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The idea of the scheme was to allow university students that have living expenses and the costs of being away from home to give them an opportunity to supplement their income for the rest of the year, as well as giving them something to do. So, the scheme does not apply, has never been applied to any resident student, really, because it has not fitted in to this idea of allowing them to supplement their income. A lot of the students nowadays operate overdrafts even. They get their cheques, three cheques a year. They manage their funds. Some of them ... and this is just an opportunity to give them seven or eight weeks worth of opportunity to supplement their income. I think that is the reason why.

ORAL

**NO. 998 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CARE AGENCY – MINIMUM MANNING LEVEL**

Can Government confirm whether the Care Agency has a minimum manning level and specify what this level was as at April 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 999 to 1003 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 999 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – MINIMUM MANNING LEVEL**

Can Government confirm whether the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority has a minimum manning level and specify what this level was as at April 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 998 and 1000 to 1003 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1000 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – MINIMUM MANNING LEVEL**

Can Government confirm whether the Gibraltar Electricity Authority has a minimum manning level and specify what this level was as at April 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 998, 999 and 1001 to 1003 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1001 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY – MINIMUM MANNING LEVEL**

Can Government confirm whether the Gibraltar Port Authority has a minimum manning level and specify what this level was as at April 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 998 to 1000, 1002 and 1003 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1002 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – MINIMUM MANNING LEVEL**

Can Government confirm whether the GHA has a minimum manning level and specify what this level was as at April 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 998 to 1001 and 1003 of 2011.

**NO. 1003 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING MAINTENANCE AGENCY – MANNING LEVELS**

Can Government confirm that the Housing Maintenance Agency has no minimum manning levels?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There are no minimum manning levels agreed in the collective agreements relating to the Authorities and Agencies, save as follows:

In the case of the Housing Works Agency, Clause 42(5) of the Collective Agreement states that “There are no agreed manning levels, but the Agency will replace at least one out of every two outgoing staff (excluding takers of the Early Exit Scheme) with craftsmen or multi skilled workers. In other words, in future, for every two that go, the Government is committed to replacing at least one. It is not to say that they will replace more but that is the minimum.

In the case of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority, there is a clause that provides that any previously agreed manning levels with the Government will be respected.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 998 TO 1003 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the case of the rest there is no specific manning level agreement?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of the Housing Agency, given that I believe there is a clause that some of the people that are still in the Agency and of a certain age group may still have ... I think it is three years, when they have got access to the exit package. I take it that those would not be covered by the ratio of 2 : 1. Is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is correct.

ORAL

**NO. 1004 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT RENTED HOUSING STOCK TO A  
GOVERNMENT COMPANY**

Can Government state whether it has proceeded with the policy of transferring the rented housing stock to a Government company and, if so, from which date and to which company and can they list the estates so transferred?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1005 and 1008 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1005 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT RENTED HOUSING STOCK TO A  
GOVERNMENT COMPANY**

Can Government state the book value attributed to any rented Government housing estates transferred to any Government company and provide a breakdown of the value, the estate and the company?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1004 and 1008 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1006 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO A GOVERNMENT COMPANY**

Can Government state whether any Government property, other than rented housing estates, have been or are likely to be transferred to a Government owned company?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1007 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1007 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO A GOVERNMENT COMPANY**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the property, other than housing estates, if any, transferred to a Government company and identify the property, the book value and the company?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the properties that have been transferred into the ownership of Gibraltar Commercial Property Investments.

**Answer to Question No. 1007 of 2011**

**Answer to Question Nos. 1006 and 1007 of 2011**

The following properties were all transferred to GCP Investments Limited.

<b>Property</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Book Value</b>
Bleak House Training Institute	16 Europa Flats	£2,775,000
Ex Sergeants Mess	14 Governor's Parade	£3,625,000
Social Services Agency	16 Governor's Parade	£2,100,000
Department of Education	23 Queensway	£2,585,000
Treasury Building	23 John Mackintosh Square	£5,230,000
Building & Works Department	31 Town Range	£1,100,000
Environmental Agency	37 Town Range	£1,500,000
Customs House	18 Waterport Wharf	£2,700,000
Income Tax Office	331 Main Street	£2,055,000
Ex Department of Education	40 Town Range	£1,975,000
Information Technology	12 Library Street	£1,200,000
Treasury Department	Unit 35 Harbours Deck	£292,000
Technical Services	Unit 61 Harbours Deck	£154,000
Gibraltar Health Authority	Unit 69 Harbours Deck	£200,000
GSSL	Unit 71 & 72 Harbours Walk	£523,000
Employment Department	Unit 75 – 79 Harbours Walk	£1,908,000
Personnel Department	Unit 83 – 86 Harbours Walk	£1,323,000
Technical Services	Unit 87 Harbours Walk	£262,000
Technical Services	Unit 90 Harbours Walk	£346,000
Environment Agency	Unit 91 Harbours Walk	£246,000
Procurement Department	Unit 93 Harbours Walk	£446,000
Statistics Department	Unit 99 Harbours Walk	£369,000

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1006 AND 1007 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that in respect of the previous answer about residential property, the Government said that this was in order to enable a mixture of owners and tenants to be in the same block which presumably does not apply to this, what is the reason for this transfer?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This has got nothing to do with the residential ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No, no. That is why I am asking?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is something quite different. The reason for this is ... and he has had an inkling of this in the budget book but, obviously, he has not had an opportunity to comment publicly on yet, where he sees that Government Departments are now paying rent on these properties. So these properties have been transferred to the Government Department to GCP. GCP is collecting that rent and is using that rental income to finance a loan that it has taken which is the sum of money that he identified in the last Question Time as being sitting in a balance. Do you remember? He identified a sum of money that was sitting in a balance in one of the companies. I think in the last Question Time ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Oh yes. £19 million, yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

There was a figure around that and those funds are there. Still there sitting in the balance of the account and they are just there for the general liquidity [*inaudible*] and it has been raised by this company. They were raised for the purposes of the Government's announced intention. If a private developer did not step forward to itself provide office accommodation for the ... the hon Member may have heard me say publicly that we were concerned that there was an insufficient supply of office space and that if a private developer did not step forward soon with a funded proposal, such was the macro economic handicap that this shortage provided for Gibraltar that the Government would if need be, step in. I think the hon Members were a bit critical of that decision. This was the money that was raised for that purpose and it is not yet clear whether the Government will be proceeding with building its own offices or not. Much depends on negotiations currently taking place with a private property developer that has stepped forward.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But I am not very clear. The amount that was shown in the breakdown that he gave me was cash. Now, is he saying that that is the cash that the company obtained by renting these properties to the Government?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, no, no, by borrowing from the bank.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Oh, I see. So, in fact, what the Government has done is transfer the properties for no payment to the company and then the company has used those properties to raise money from the bank in a way which does not appear as public debt. That is the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, he could explain it in those alarmist [*inaudible*].

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it an accurate explanation or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, as he well knows from company borrowings that he participated in when he was Chief Minister, company borrowing is not part of the public debt. That is true. If there is borrowing within a company, which there is, it is not reckonable in the measure of public debt. That is true.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Let me just point out to him that, in fact, there were no Government companies owing money before and I think this is the first time that there is and that he was very critical when he suspected there was and I can tell him that I came across one of his questions not so long ago, so I have it handy if he wants to have it and he asked me whether there was any Government borrowing. I gave him a non-committal answer which left it up to him to carry on with the suspicion that there was, with which he was in total disagreement, let me say, at the time. So the reality of it is then that the Government ... Surely, the Government could have borrowed the money cheaper than the company? Why have they gone down this road?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. Well, can the Government say what is the rate of interest that the company is paying on the money that they have raised?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

With notice of the question, yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But that he knows that it is less than the Government borrowing rate from the banks? So I can work it out from that basis?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not more expensive than the Government can borrow at the moment.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it more expensive than the rate that the Government can borrow from the bank? Because the Government may choose, for example, to issue fixed interest debentures at a higher rate than the market, which it is doing, but that is a matter that the Government wants to do it for other reasons. Not just to raise money as he has explained to the House before. He chooses to provide an opportunity for savers to have a better rate from the Government than they can get in the market and that is a Government policy. He is not comparing it with that I take it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. What I am saying is I understand that the Government could not borrow this sum of money from the bank more cheaply than the company has borrowed it from the bank.

**NO. 1008 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RENTAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TENANTS AND GOVERNMENT**

Can Government confirm that the rental agreement between tenants and the Government in the rental estates are no longer between the Crown and the tenant as has been the case historically and when was this changed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

In order to enable the documentation and implementation of its new “right to buy” scheme for post war flats, the Government is restructuring the way it holds its rental estates, given that estates, and indeed individual blocks will in future be owned both by home owners and occupied by Government tenants. The necessary regime to accommodate both types of occupiers could not be created otherwise.

The restructure involves the grant of a headlease by the Crown to the Government’s wholly owned and controlled company Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited, in respect of the buildings in post war estates. The post war estates that have been so leased are listed in the schedule that I now hand to the hon Member but for the purposes of just understanding the rest of my answer, he should just assume that it is all of them. He does not need to look at that list now. These were all done in one headlease dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited has in turn underleased the buildings within each estate, to Gibraltar Residential Properties Ltd (“GRP”) another company wholly owned and controlled by the Government.

So headlease, Crown to Gibraltar Land Holdings. Head underlease, Gibraltar Land Holdings to GRP. Both Government owned companies.

The restructure also includes the sub leasing of all unsold flats by GRP back to the Crown, so that the Government’s tenants remain the Government’s tenants. Nothing changes as far as Government tenants are concerned, they remain the direct tenants of the Government under their existing tenancy agreements because the property, all those flats have been leased back to the Government and therefore, remain in the hands of the Housing Department and the tenants remain there under the existing tenancy agreements.

When a tenant exercises the “Right to Buy” the Government, that is to say the Housing Ministry bit of the Government, releases that particular flat from its sub lease from GRP, thereby enabling GRP to sell it to the tenant by means of the issue of an underlease.

No book value has yet been attributed in Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd to the headlease, nor in GRP to the Head underlease. He has asked for the book value, not for payments, but I can tell him in passing that there has not been a payment.

**Schedule to Question No. 1008 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1004 of 2011**

**Estates/Blocks the subject of headlease  
by Crown to Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited**

Alameda Estate	Penney House
Anderson House and Macfarlane House	Police Barracks
Arengo's House	63 Prince Edward's Road
Belvedere	Redstart House
Buena Vista House	Rosia House
Churchill House	Schomberg
Coelho House	Scud Hill House
Edinburgh Estate	Seaview Terraces
Genoa House	Shamrock House
Glacis Estate	St Jago's
Harrington Building	St John's Court
Heathfield House and Sandpits House	St Joseph's Estate
Kent House	Stanley Buildings
Knight's Court	Tank Ramp
Laguna Estate	Upper Witham's Road
Lower Witham's Road	Varyl Begg Estate
Macmillan House and Tankerville House	Vineyard House
Medview Terraces	Westside Mews
Moorish Castle Estate	Willis's House
New House	

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1004, 1005 AND 1008 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The answer to Question No. 1008 of 2011 has not been given.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I gave that. Would he like me to repeat that? I said the restructure also includes the sub leasing of unsold flats by GRP back to the Crown so that the Government's tenants remain the Government's tenants. Nothing changes as far as Government tenants are concerned. They remain direct tenants of the Government under their existing tenancy agreement and then I explained, in layman's terms, that that means that ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but, in fact, is it not the case that the tenants of the Government were in previous tenancy agreements in all Government residential property. The landlord was not the Housing Department or the Government, it used to be the Crown and it used to be the Governor. So that contract has been changed now?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It seems to me to have nothing to do with this. That presumably was changed at an earlier date, was it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. I think that the hon Member may be confused. The tenancy agreements between the Housing Department and tenants have always been signed by the Housing Department and they have never been signed by the Governor, as far as I am aware, and that has not changed, as far as I am aware.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I can assure the ... since I am a Government tenant, I can assure the Government that historically it used be between the Governor of Gibraltar and the tenant. Even the home ownership ones were like that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, the home ownership ones are different because that involves an alienation of a property interest and that has to be by the Governor but the tenancy agreements ... I

mean I cannot speak going back ... I do not know how or since when he became a tenant of his home in Gowlands Ramp ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I was born as a tenant.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Exactly, so it may be that in those days but, certainly, during any of the time that he or I have been Chief Minister, tenancy agreements have been not been signed by the Governor. So this must be a very historical situation because the tenancy agreements do not create that proprietary right in the property which amounts to an alienation of the Crown's ownership rights in the property. Of course, the Governor has had to sign the headlease from the Crown to Gibraltar Land Holdings, what I have just described to him, but in his or my Governmental memory, those things that he is now holding have not been signed by the Governor. A wholly different thing is where there have been home ownership schemes. Places like Rosia Dale and Shorthorn and places like this where ... and even today, when the Government sells a property, the lease or the underlease or whatever the document is through which the sale ..., that has to be signed by the Governor on behalf of the Queen, now acting under the advice of the Chief Minister under the new Constitution because that is an alienation of land and land in Gibraltar is held by the Crown. Technically, it is owned by the Queen but that does not apply to letting arrangements.

ORAL

**NO. 1009 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CONTRACT TO CONSTRUCT CAR PARK AT ARENGO'S PALACE**

Can Government confirm whether the contract to construct a multi-storey car park at Arengo's Palace has been entered into by the Government or the car park company, and, if the latter, can Government clarify whether the company is funding the project from its own resources or obtaining outside finance and, if so, from what source?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1010 of 2011.

**NO. 1010 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CONTRACT TO CONSTRUCT CAR PARK AT ENGINEER'S LANE**

Can Government confirm whether the contract to construct a multi-storey car park at Engineer's Lane has been entered into by the Government or the car park company and, if the latter, can Government clarify whether the company is funding the project from its own resources or obtaining outside finance and, if so, from what source?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Both contracts have been entered into by the Government and will be funded by the Government through the Improvement and Development Fund. Eventually when built, the car parks will be operated by the Car Park Company.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1009 AND 1010 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This seems to be a departure from the policy that the Government adopted previously because the Government originally included car parks in the I&D Fund and then, at a later stage, decided that it was better to have the car parks done by the Car Park Company that would raise the money and service the amount raised. I think it was something like a PFI so that, in effect, it would not have to come out of money voted by the House. Is there a reason for wanting to go back?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. It is just that the Government have the resources. There is no need for the Car Park Company to go out and borrow for this purpose. There are also issues to do with planning permissions and things of that sort whilst the project is a Government... So there is no reason. The Government would be very happy to do it the way that he has described but it is just not the way that the contracts have been formulated and put out but this does not mean that the Government is diluting its policy of concentrating all the car parks in the company. So a way will have to be found with injecting the car parks into the company, in due course, but they are being built technically as Government projects not as company projects for the purposes of funding and contracting documents and contracting party.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It will therefore be funded from the I&D Fund, I imagine?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 1011 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CITY FIRE BRIGADE – TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES FROM MOD**

Can Government now state whether the City Fire Brigade has taken over any responsibility at the moment from the MOD and, if so, from what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No Sir. It has not.

**NO. 1012 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS – COMPLIANCE BY EMPLOYERS**

Since the answer to Question No. 357 of 2011, can Government state whether any other areas besides the Construction Industry have been identified for a stricter enforcement of Employment Regulations?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, but the bar and restaurant trade is likely to be a sector at some stage in the future to be subjected to particular attention, it being one of the areas with the most transient workforce but that has not happened yet.

ORAL

**NO. 1013 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government state whether, since the announcement was made, any more construction companies have joined the Government construction sector project scheme and, if so, provide a list of companies stating if any are considered main contractors and, if so, which?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1014 to 1016 and 1019 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1014 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government list the 41 companies that have registered to participate in the Government Construction Sector Project Scheme and specify the six companies categorised as main contractors?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1013, 1015, 1016 and 1019 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1015 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government state what the total workforce of the six main contractors was when they joined the register to participate in the Government Construction Contract Scheme, giving a breakdown by gender and nationality and showing a division between resident and frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1013, 1014, 1016 and 1019 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1016 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government state when the registration of 41 companies participating in the Government Construction Sector Project Scheme commenced and indicate the date that each of the 41 companies joined the scheme?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1013 to 1015 and 1019 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1017 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government say of the contracts allocated to date, as a result of the Government Construction Industry Scheme, whether any were commenced in the last financial year and consequently are partly funded from the expenditure of 2010/2011 and, if so, identify the contracts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1018 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1018 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government confirm that all the projects being allocated under the Construction Industry Project Scheme are funded from the Improvement and Development Fund and, if any are not, identify those which are not and their source of funding?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes. These contracts were commenced in the last financial year and were consequently partly funded from the 2010/2011 expenditure.

All the projects which have been allocated under the construction industry scheme are funded from the Improvement and Development Fund.

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested in Question No. 1017 of 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 1018 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1017 of 2011**

Contracts awarded under the Government's Construction Scheme

1. The Harbour Views promenade
2. The refurbishment of Kent House
3. The refurbishment of Laguna Playground
4. Various other playgrounds
5. Construction of Laguna Estate sheds – phases 1 & 2
6. Relocation of Mother Goose Nursery
7. Demolition of Ragged Staff Depot
8. Demolition of Sun Flower Shop at Europa Point
9. The clearance of rocks from beaches
10. Castle Street beautification
11. Refurbishment of Governor's Meadow House
12. Refurbishment of Churchill House
13. Refurbishment of Harrington Building

The following contracts have yet to be signed:

1. Construction of new premises for Sea Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh
2. New premises for St John's Ambulance

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1017 AND 1018 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it that the list all started before the end of the last financial year? There are thirteen on the list, because that was what Question No. 1017 of 2011 was asking.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. I do not think so. Some of those started in the last financial year and have been part funded from the Improvement and Development Fund 2010/2011 vote. I dare not, from memory, but I suspect that Harbour Views Promenade, the refurbishment of some of the playgrounds, the Laguna Estate sheds, for example, the Mother Goose Nursery. Some of those were started last year.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The ones listed in the statement the hon Member made to Parliament in April, are all those the ones that started the previous year or ...?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

If I have said ... what was the date of the statement?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It said 27<sup>th</sup> April, and there were nine projects mentioned that had already been allocated but it did not say whether it was before the end of March or after the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Regardless of when they have been allocated ... even if they were allocated before the end of the [*inaudible*]. Not necessarily was expenditure made. It could have been allocated before the beginning of the financial year but no expenditure incurred. I had not focussed on the fact that he was interested in a distinction between the ones that started and the ones that had not started before the end of the financial year. Although I see that Question No. 1017 of 2011 asked whether any were commenced ... and consequently are partly funded and, if so, identify the contract, I did not really identify the contracts from the list. We have not specified the ones that had started and therefore incurred but I will get that to him. I apologise to him.

ORAL

**NO. 1019 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government state what was the total workforce of the 35 small companies with under 25 employees each when they joined the register to participate in the Government Construction Contract Scheme, giving a breakdown by gender and nationality and showing a division between resident and frontier workers?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The hon Member will find the answers and information regarding Question Nos. 1013 to 1016 and 1019 in the following schedule.

In fact, it provides much more information than he asked for. It provides all the information about all the companies in the scheme that he has asked for.

**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 1013 TO 1016 AND 1019**

Company Name	Date Applied	Date Registered	Specialist Work	Total No.	Nationality	
Amco Gibraltar Ltd	26/08/10	11/10/10	Yes	133	To be provided	General Construction Company
Casais	26/08/10	11/10/10	Yes	79	79 EU	General Construction Company
Koala Holdings Ltd	23/09/10	11/10/10	Yes	58	56EU 2Non EU	General Construction Company
Profield Contractors	18/08/10	11/10/10	Yes	61	41EU 20NON	General Construction Company
Wilkie Ltd	23/09/10	11/10/10	Yes	25	23EU 2 NON	General Construction Company
Sharrock Shands Ltd	03/09/10	11/10/10	Yes	38	36 EU 2 NON	General Construction Company
101 Ltd	04/09/10	11/10/10	No	15	15EU	Suppliers
A & K General Builders Limited	21/02/11	18/03/11	No	2	2EU	General Construction Company
A & M Scaffolding & Cradles Ltd	12/04/11	29/04/11	No	33	33EU	Scaffolding
AJ Sheriff Electrical Ltd	14/09/10	11/10/10	No	13	13EU	Elec/ Sat AV Systems
Amalgamated Builders & Merchants Ltd	01/09/10	Not registered to date	No	To be provided	To be provided	Suppliers
Atlas Builders & Merchants Ltd	26/08/10	11/10/10	No	8	8EU	Suppliers
Barbary Logistics Limited	07/09/10	Not registered to date	No	2	1EU 1NON	Plant & Equipment Supplier / Transport Contractor
Basewell Limited	20/09/10	11/10/10	No	3	3	Cement concrete suppliers
Bridge Contracts Limited	05/05/11	20/05/11	No	6	6EU	Refurb Specialists
Bright Co Ltd	08/10/10	11/10/10	No	12	12EU	Restoration
Cano Monumental Masons	14/10/10	11/10/10	No	5	5EU	Masonry Works
Charles Anes Ltd	16/08/10	11/10/10	No	3	2EU 1NON	Stonework / Material Supplier
Clap Ltd	31/08/10	11/10/10	No	22	18EU 4NON	General Construction
CK Transport	27/09/10	11/10/10	No	28	28EU	Demolition & Transport
Cold-Aire Engineering Ltd	23/08/10	11/10/10	No	12	12EU	Air Conditioning & Ventilation
Deselec Ltd	26/10/10	12/11/10	No	7	7EU	Electrical Supplier
E.W.M.S Ltd	24/08/10	11/10/10	No	12	12EU	H&S and waste management
Eden Botanics Ltd	08/02/11	25/02/10	No	6	6EU	Horticultural Projects
Fill-A-Skip	17/08/10	11/10/10	No	4	1EU 3NON	Skip Hire
G & G General Construction Ltd	30/09/10	Not registered to date	No	To be provided	To be provided	General Construction Company
Gemini Riteway Ltd	30/09/10	11/10/10	No	14	13 EU 1 non EU	scaffolding
Gibral Flora Ltd	27/09/10	11/10/10	No	11	10EU 1NON	Horticultural Projects

Greenarc Limited	24/05/11	17/06/11	No	26	24EU 2NON	Horticultural Projects
Hire-U-Shop	20/08/10	11/10/10	No	15	15EU	Material / Plant/ Hire Sale
Itek Ltd	25/01/11	18/02/11	No	9	9EU	Furniture Glazing
LC Groundworks	26/08/10	11/10/10	No	25	25EU	Construction / Labour Contracting
Interbuild Ltd	17/08/10	11/10/10	No	15	15EU	General Supplier /Hire
Marr company Ltd	22/09/10	11/10/10	No	11	To be provided	Painters / Decorators
Mersey Castle Ltd	25/08/10	11/10/10	No	10	10EU	Scaffolding Painter Decorator
Monteverde & Sons	26/09/10	11/10/10	No	88	83EU 5NON	Demolition / Transportation
Nebig Construction Ltd	07/10/10	22/10/10	No	3	3EU	Suppliers Plant Hire
On the Level Ltd	22/09/10	11/10/10	No	7	7EU	Bricklayers
PW Contracting	17/08/11	11/10/10	No	25	24EU 1NON	Plumbing Roofing
Rison Limited	02/06/11	Not registered to date	No	1	1EU	Steelwork /Piling
RLH (Gib) Ltd	07/09/10	11/10/10	No	25	25EU	Labour Contracting
Robvia Ltd	20/08/10	11/10/10	No	6	6EU	Transport & Plant Hire
Roger Bullivant (Gib) Ltd	16/05/11	27/05/11	No	9	9EU	Piling
Rotary (Gib) Ltd	07/09/10	11/10/10	No	3	3EU	Mechanical / Electrical
SFA Interiors Ltd	31/08/10	11/10/10	No	6	6EU	Waterproofing / Decorator
Skybridge Ltd	23/08/10	11/10/10	No	4	4EU	Asbestos Survey Management
Steelmac Ltd	30/09/10	11/10/10	No	29	29EU	Specialist Steelwork
Techtrolec Ltd	25/08/10	11/10/10	No	14	14EU	Electrical
Transformations Ltd	24/02/11	18/03/11	No	6	6EU	General Builders
Triangle Engineering Ltd	02/09/10	11/10/10	No	6	6EU	Roofing / Brick laying
Fire Security	09/06/11	24/06/11	No	10	10 EU	Security/ Alarms
Straits Overseas	28/02/11	18/03/11	No	4	4EU	Steel Works
Watch I.T. Ltd	20/08/10	11/10/10	No	5	5EU	Security Systems Installer
Western Isles Ltd	25/08/10	11/10/10	No	14	14EU	Steam boilers/Welding

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1013 TO 1016 AND 1019 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is this the list with the additions that there have been since he made the announcement in the House?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. This is the current ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This is the current ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[Inaudible]*

**NO. 1020 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**APPROVED GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS**

Can Government provide the lists of approved Government contractors showing the speciality and the maximum level of contract value of work that can be undertaken by each, as at the end of this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The list of Government approved contractors has been out of use for a number of years and is now out of date. It is completely ... In response to his question, I asked for a copy of the list and most of the companies are either bankrupt or have left Gibraltar a long time ago. Certainly, the Government have made no decision by reference to them nor the Treasury Tender Board for many years now. If he is still interested in knowing what the old original list was, I can try and get it for him but ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. The interest was in relation to the contracts that have been awarded to see whether they all came from that list or not but if the list is extinct. It does not matter.

ORAL

**NO. 1021 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF HARBOUR VIEWS PROMENADE CONTRACT TO PROFIELD LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Harbour Views Promenade contract to Profield Limited in the sum of £1,504,807 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1022 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1022 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF KENT HOUSE REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT TO PROFIELD LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Kent House refurbishment contract to Profield Limited in the sum of £80,000 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 and 1023 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1023 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF LAGUNA ESTATE PLAYGROUND CONTRACT TO AMCO**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Laguna Estate Playground contract to AMCO in the sum of £347,989 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021, 1022 and 1024 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1024 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS' CONTRACT TO CIAP**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of various playgrounds' contract to CIAP in the sum of £183,945 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1023 and 1025 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1025 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF LAGUNA ESTATE SHEDS CONTRACT TO KOALA LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Laguna Estate Sheds contract to Koala Limited in the sum of £630,000 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1024 and 1026 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1026 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY CONTRACT TO KOALA LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Mother Goose Nursery contract to Koala Limited in the sum of £498,506 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1025 and 1027 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1027 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF RAGGED STAFF DEPOT DEMOLITION CONTRACT TO MONTEVERDE & SONS LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Ragged Staff Depot demolition contract to Monteverde & Sons Limited in the sum of £306,711 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1026 and 1028 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1028 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF SUNFLOWER SHOP DEMOLITION CONTRACT TO MONTEVERDE & SONS LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Sunflower Shop demolition contract to Monteverde & Sons Limited in the sum of £62,268 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1027 and 1029 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1029 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF BEACH ROCK CLEARANCE CONTRACT TO MONTEVERDE & SONS LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the beach rock clearance contract to Monteverde & Sons Limited in the sum of £142,038 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1028 and 1030 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1030 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF CASTLE STREET BEAUTIFICATION CONTRACT TO AMCO**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Castle Street beautification contract to AMCO in the sum of £813,014 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1029 and 1031 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1031 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF SEA SCOUT AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PREMISES  
CONTRACT TO WILKIE LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Sea Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Award premises contract to Wilkie Limited in the sum of £1.1 million whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1030 and 1032 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1032 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE CONTRACT TO KOALA LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the St John's Ambulance contract to Koala Limited in the sum of £537,404 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1031 and 1033 to 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1033 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF GOVERNOR'S MEADOW REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT TO PROFIELD LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Governor's Meadow refurbishment contract to Profield Limited in the sum of £980,000 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or

any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1032, 1034 and 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1034 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF CHURCHILL HOUSE REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT TO WILKIE LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Churchill House refurbishment contract to Wilkie Limited in the sum of £350,000 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1033 and 1035 of 2011.

**NO. 1035 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ALLOCATION OF HARRINGTON BUILDING REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT TO KOALA LIMITED**

Can Government state in respect of the allocation of the Harrington Building refurbishment contract to Koala Limited in the sum of £494,000 whether this was done:

- (a) by allocation on pre-established and published schedule of rates and, if so, what were these rates;
- (b) on simple market price tender between selected companies and, if so, which were the other companies;
- (c) on a conventional or accelerated tender basis; or
- (d) any other price assessment and, if so, specify the nature of such other arrangements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 1021 to 1025, 1030 and 1033 to 1035 of 2011**

The projects to which Question Nos. 1021 to 1025, 1030 and 1033 to 1035 relate were awarded under (d), namely, "any other price assessment".

The intended works were generally presented as measured items in accordance with industry standard methods of measurements. The resultant items of measurement were subsequently analysed into their constituent components of labour, plant and materials all at their basic, actual cost.

The labour productivity rates were derived from published standard outputs suitably adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the work such as access difficulties, restrictions and the like. The labour rate and cost was derived through the analysis of the actual cost of employing such labour in Gibraltar.

The labour rate derived was applied to the productivity output. The material, the plant and the labour costs were summed and applied to the items of measurement to compute the individual elemental cost.

The site specific preliminaries cost was established on the same basic principles. In this way the actual cost of the work was duly established.

**Cont ...**

To this cost was applied a percentage which ranged between 10 and 13.5 per cent for head office overhead costs. This being the cost for a contractor to maintain and run the business. This percentage was established from "open book" principles and submitted accounts by the contractors. A further percentage of 5 per cent was applied to cover both risk and profit on the specific project.

**Answer to Question No. 1027 and 1028 of 2011**

The projects at Question Nos. 1027 and 1028 were demolition projects. These were awarded under (d) "any other price assessment". As demolition projects they have to be costed in a different way and cannot be costed in the same way as the previous one.

A budget estimate was established which comprised from rates obtained from Government's current Highways Measured Term Contracts 05/08, from Scaffolding Measured Term Contracts 07/08 and from the Spon's Price Book, which is an industry standard price book. The contractors priced document was evaluated against an established budget estimate and the contract sum determined.

**Answer to Question No. 1032 of 2011**

The St John's Ambulance contract has not been awarded yet. The allocation is being reviewed on a simple market price tender between selected companies.

The Government is evaluating revised offers for the works from Profield, Koala and Casais.

**Answer to Question Nos. 1026, 1029, 1031 and 1032 of 2011**

The contracts referred to in these questions were awarded on the basis of (b), namely, a simple market price tender between selected companies, as follows:-

Question No. 1026: KOALA and GJBS

Question No. 1029: Monteverde & Sons, AMCO and CK Transport

Question No. 1031: WILKIE Construction and GJBS

Question No. 1032: KOALA, Profield and Casais

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1021 TO 1035 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it then that the ones that were selected, in competition as it were with GJBS, was because they were cheaper than GJBS.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member has to bear in mind that the whole purpose of the scheme was to ensure that work is distributed around the viable construction companies to ensure that the industry survives at a time when it appears to be only public sector work that is available to keep them afloat. GJBS quotation is sometimes used to allocate work to them but it also sometimes used to ensure that the company that the work is given to is not grossly overcharging. In other words, sometimes it is just used as a benchmark comparator. I think that in all cases that the contracts were given to companies, they were given to companies who were the cheapest but, first of all, I am not a hundred per cent certain of that and it would not be an impediment, given that the purpose is to distribute the work and to support the industry. It would not be an impediment to give it to a company that was not the cheapest provided that it was within a certain reasonable margin that did not mean that the tax payer was no longer getting value for money. The tax payer here has two different interests. One is for work to be done at the cheapest possible price and that is balanced against a desire to distribute the work between three or four or five companies to ensure that they all survive because in the long term the tax payer has an interest in a significant ... Otherwise, GJBS would get all the work and although I am a great fan of GJBS, the quality of the work they produce, as one construction company recently told me, the Government gives all the work to GJBS. Now, it is tantamount to nationalising the building industry because, in effect, all the work that they now get is Government work, a percentage of it. So I think, from memory, that it has always gone to the lowest bidder but it would not be an obstacle to giving a contract to a company that was not the lowest bidder.

**NO. 1036 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RECLAMATION OF LAND AT SOUTHERN END OF EASTERN BEACH**

Can Government state how much land in square meters it expects to reclaim at the southern end of Eastern Beach, how much the reclamation is expected to cost and confirm that when finished the reclaimed land will belong to the Government?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government are currently undertaking coastal protection works on the eastside of Gibraltar, starting at the southern end of Eastern Beach. In proceeding with these works, the area behind the new revetment, that is being built now, will be infilled thus also resulting in the reduction of the rubble mountain. In other words, what is happening is that a bund is being built and part of the rubble mountain is being used to create the landfill. The section immediately adjacent to Eastern Beach, which is what is underway now, will create approximately seven thousand five hundred square metres of additional land at an estimated cost of £1.3 million, the cost and ownership of which is subject to the agreement documents related to the Eastside development.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1036 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does that mean yes it belongs to the Government or no it does not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It means that there has been delay in the Eastside project for reasons that the hon Member can imagine, about the global financial crisis, et cetera. The rubble mountain should have been moved already. The Government cannot allow the rubble mountain to stay there until the Eastside development moves. So the Government have decided to get on with it, which in addition was necessary because I do not know if he has noticed that part of the revetment around the old reclamation has begun to degrade and, if not reinforced, it will become a source of land loss as is already happening a little bit at the Catalan Bay end. So, for coastal protection works it is necessary. The rubble mountain can then be removed. Who would be responsible for the cost of that in the circumstances which arise is something that we have to discuss with the Eastside developers in due course. At the moment, the

Government are meeting the costs. As to the ownership of the land, it depends on how far we go out. At the moment, it is not intended to go out beyond the footprint that was sold to them. So, the footprint that was sold to them was bigger than what the land that there is there now. Of course, they were going to do the reclamation to get out to that new imaginary line. At the moment, the Government are doing it because it has got to get on with it but these are issues that now need to be raised with the developer and brought in to the negotiation that now needs to take place. So the question of ownership and who will ultimately bear the cost is very much for consideration and for decision. In the meantime, it will be entirely legitimate for the House to proceed on the basis that the Government are paying the cost without any certainty that it will get them back. We have taken the view that we have had a very considerable sum of money already from these developers and that these are things that have got to be done, whatever the contractual situation. We cannot allow the Eastside development to degrade further by this erosion of what were always supposed to be temporary revetment works, even when they were originally done. So we have got to get on with it and the question of cost recovery and all of that, will have to be sorted out later.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The temporary revetment works have lasted twenty years which is not bad for temporary works but that was known to the people that bought the land when they bought it. They knew what they were buying. It just seems to me that the material that is there, if it is capable of being used for land reclamation, it is capable of being used for land reclamation and, therefore, the logic would be to put it in an area where the land that is reclaimed should belong to the Government that is paying for it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, and part of it will be. This is not the only reclamation that will be done but there is a significant cost of moving this and that cost is reduced by using it very near by and this is very near by, but there are other reclamation projects in hand for which that land will also be available. The hon Member says sold and he was only repeating what I said. I suppose we ought to be more technically accurate. Underleases have not actually been signed. So what there is ... are commercial agreements for sale and there are commitments which have been incurred and these are areas where I would not wish to get drawn very far. But the answer to the hon Member's question is not clear cut and we would not expect to have any difficulty resolving these issues with the developer but they have not been resolved yet and, in the meantime, we are advised that we must get on because the degradation to the revetments are considerable. Temporary structures often last ten years. They were temporary structures and the hon Member can see for himself that it is disappearing. The original reclamation is now eroding particularly at the southern end of it nearest Catalan Bay and if we do not move quickly to beef that up, it will become really problematic and we risk losing large amounts of the lands that have already been created.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

From what the hon Member has said, is it the intention then to extend what is being done at Eastern Beach all the way to Catalan Bay along the front of the existing land?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

We started in Eastern Beach and as soon as the bathing season is finished, there is a proposal to start at the Catalan Bay end as well. Whether they will meet in the middle or whether they will be limited to the areas that need buttressing, I cannot say to the hon Member but it is not the intention just to do the Eastern Beach end. The Catalan Bay end is the next.

**NO. 1037 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RELOCATION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES LOCATED ADJACENT TO EAST SIDE RECLAMATION**

Can Government state what is the current position regarding the relocation of the commercial activities currently located adjacent to the East Side reclamation area as regards:

- (a) the order of costs;
- (b) the area earmarked for the relocation, if required;
- (c) who will meet the costs, i.e., the Government or the developer?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The cost to date I am told has been limited to the £12,000 that it cost to demolish a kiosk that there was near the Eastern Beach, beginning of Eastern Beach there, for which no relocation was required. The demolition cost was met by the Government of Gibraltar. The Eastside development agreement includes payment to the Government of a sum to meet relocation costs which has been paid. Government have received that sum. The order of costs of relocation when it finally takes place is not known. The most costly would relate to the Restsso facility and the Government's own MOT Centre. The rest are warehouses and things. Relocations are currently on hold because the development itself is in abeyance due to the global financial crisis but there is a relocation plan of the companies that are there and where they will be going. For example, that is one of the reasons why the site next to the old WSM, the old NAAFI warehouse, Customs House, WSM and the next one is empty. That is empty because it is earmarked for the Restsso relocation and so on and so forth with other industrial users there. There are a number of companies, York Limited and a number of others and they have all been slotted in, in bits of the ex-Crag Factory and that sort of thing. So there is a reprovisioning plan, but the execution of it has not been proceeded with or accelerated because the reasons for doing it are themselves in abeyance, namely, the development itself.

ORAL

**NO. 1038 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**BUILDINGS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT – EXIT PACKAGE**

Can Government state how many employees in the Building and Works Department were eligible for the early exit package and how many took up the option and what was the cost?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1039 and 1040 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1039 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**BUILDINGS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT – EXIT PACKAGE**

Can Government confirm that a condition of the Building and Works early exit package was that those who took up the offer could not register as unemployed with the Employment Service after their employment with the Government ended?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1038 and 1040 of 2011.

**NO. 1040 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING WORKS AGENCY – BOARD MEMBERS**

Can Government state whether it has appointed any additional persons as members of the Board of the Housing Works Agency under the provisions of section 5(1)(d) and, if so, how many and provide a list of those appointed and state with effect from which date the appointments took place?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1038 of 2011**

Fifty six employees were eligible for the Early Exit Scheme of which 47 took up the option to do so. The cost was £2,327,683.78.

**Answer to Question No. 1039 of 2011**

The agreement contained a provision that the persons who took up this offer would not register for unemployment and, therefore, he can call it a condition or he can call it an agreed term or he can call it whatever he wants but that was part of the deal.

**Answer to Question No. 1040 of 2011**

No appointments have been made to the Board, as yet. So, at the moment what we have is the, sort of, ex-officio member who is the CEO of the Ministry. The acting CEO of the Housing Agency.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1038 TO 1040 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The acting CEO of the Agency being somebody that transferred from the Housing Department. Is that right?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am told that the acting CEO is a member of staff of the Ministry.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there a particular reason why in this instant a condition was attached that people could not seek employment by registering with the ETB? I have never come across such a condition before when people are being made redundant anywhere else.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

These people were not made redundant. These people had a job which they were perfectly free to continue in. They took up an offer from the tax payer to have their jobs bought off them. In those circumstances, for the tax payer also to fund thirteen weeks unemployment seemed a little bit excessive. This is not somebody who loses their job. This is somebody who gives up their job. Query whether such a person actually is eligible for unemployment. I have never considered the legal implications of that. Whether you can make yourself unemployed voluntarily and then go and claim unemployment benefit raises actually an interesting question but, in any event, this was agreed in the agreement that, given the enhanced terms of the Early Exit Scheme, people who took it up would not also be effectively doubly compensated for the first thirteen weeks of the period immediately after work. It did not seem unreasonable to any of the work force. It did not seem unreasonable to the union and it certainly did not seem unreasonable to the Government who represents the tax payers in this matter.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think I need to point out to the hon Member that unemployment benefit is not actually paid for by tax payers. It is paid by workers who contribute social insurance throughout their working life and that, in all probability, many of these people have never claimed unemployment benefits in their life because they have been working all the time in the Government and that, where there is a state of redundancy, the standard procedure is that volunteers are invited and that the volunteers who volunteer are leaving their jobs voluntarily and therefore not being made compulsorily unemployed and thirdly, fourthly or fifthly, as the case may be, the law is very clear. If somebody has chosen to become unemployed all that happens is that the payment of the thirteen weeks is delayed by six weeks. So what I question is whether the legal powers exist for a former employer to prohibit a former employee from claiming something that the law says he is entitled to. Have the Government looked at that element of the law?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The former employer has not prohibited anybody from doing anything. The aforementioned former employee has agreed with the Government not to submit an application. It is a matter of free negotiation and agreement and choice. The Government have not said, notwithstanding the provisions of the law I am not going to let you apply. The parties have sat together at a table. They have negotiated and they have agreed that if the Government makes them this very generous offer, they will reciprocate, amongst other ways, by not applying for unemployment. That was the deal. If freely given, freely agreed to and, therefore, the non-application is the result of their desisting by agreement. It is not a question of the Government imposing anything. Nor is this a case of redundancy. I accept that when there is a state of redundancy and you call for volunteers, the actual names of the persons that

... ends up are volunteers but the required number of people were going to be unemployed. This is not such a case. If nobody had applied, the Government would not have made anybody redundant. So these persons are volunteers in the sense that no-one was required to go and they asked to go.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not think ... they were invited to take up an offer by their employer and they took the offer and one of the conditions attached to the offer by the employer was that they would not claim but given that they agreed to that condition, in the absence of the legal provision that allows the Department to refuse to pay the social insurance, presumably, if somebody wants to change his mind and apply for the unemployment benefit, the Employment Service would have to treat it independent of whatever agreement they have entered into with the hon Member.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. The Government would take the view that such a person is [*inaudible*] from reneging on his agreement with which the tax payer has otherwise complied and would resist any such application. If the Government were to be advised that it is not at liberty to resist such a matter, then the Government would legislate retrospectively to prevent people from taking advantage of a bargain that they have done with the tax payer in that way.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the Government believe that it is perfectly legitimate to enter into an agreement because it has not taken the trouble to check what the law is even though there is no precedent to my knowledge anywhere else that you can deprive somebody of social insurance benefits which are statutory rights and by contributions, not paid out of peoples taxes, paid out of social insurance contributions. It is as if the hon Member were to say to me tomorrow, I am going to be very generous and let people go from the Civil Service with an enhanced pension which it is doing, on condition that they do not claim the old age pension from the social insurance.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is not the position in this case. Nor is the union ignorant of what the laws are in this matter.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I would not be so sure of that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is not the position. The position is that the Government have already compensated these workers for these thirteen weeks. This is not a question of the Government not having ... This is a group of workers who opt to go, amongst the

compensation package is payment for these thirteen weeks and then the suggestion is that we should let them register and charge for these thirteen weeks again. The hon Member might think that that is reasonable. I think that most people would not and it is not the bargain that was struck and the Government would seek by all lawful means at its disposal, including its ability to change the law, if it were necessary. I am advised it is not but if he were right and the people that have spoken to me are not right, and the law needed to be changed, then the law would be changed. I think that there is a ... I am not aware that there has been any great rush to do this. I think that the beneficiaries of this deal understand and accept that they have done a very good deal. Good deal for them, in the long-term I think it is a good deal for the tax payer too. That is a matter of judgement, I know, but they recognise that and they are not ... No one has said to me, we want to renege on the deal because we do not think that subsection so and so, of section so and so, of such and such an Act ... Most people are honourable. They have done a deal which has been good for them and they comply with it.

ORAL

**NO. 1041 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of January 2011 how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1042 to 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1042 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of February 2011 how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1041 and 1043 to 1050 of 2011.

**NO. 1043 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of March 2011 how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1041, 1042 and 1044 to 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1044 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of April 2011 how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1041 to 1043 and 1045 to 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1045 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 how many self-employed persons had made tax returns for the financial year 2008/2009 and what were the total earnings declared by these self-employed persons?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1041 to 1044 and 1046 to 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1046 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of January 2011 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. 1041 to 1045 and 1047 to 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1047 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of February 2011 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. 1041 to 1046 and 1048 to 1050 of 2011.

**NO. 1048 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of March 2011 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. 1041 to 1047, 1049 and 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1049 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of April 2011 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. 1041 to 1048 and 1050 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1050 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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**

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

**Answer to Question No. 1050 of 2011**

**Answer to Question Nos. 1041 to 1045 of 2011**

The final GDP estimate for 2008/2009 includes the actual earnings, as shown in the accounts submitted to the Income Tax Office, in respect of both self-employed persons and companies, up to and including November 2010. At this point, the GDP figure is determined as final for that year. Self-employed persons who, and companies which, had not submitted returns by that date are included in the GDP figure as part of the assumed estimate of income earned in respect of outstanding returns.

**Answer to Question No. 1046 of 2011**

A total of 800 self-employed persons had submitted tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of January 2011. Their total earnings were £20.72 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1047 of 2011**

A total of 833 self-employed persons had submitted tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of February 2011. Their total earnings were £26.26 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1048 of 2011**

A total of 963 self-employed persons had submitted tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of March 2011. Their total earnings were £28.47 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1049 of 2011**

A total of 980 self-employed persons had submitted tax returns for the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of April 2011. Their total earnings were £28.72 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1050 of 2011**

The information requested is not currently available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1041 TO 1050 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not very sure why the answer to Question Nos. 1041 to 1045 of 2011 is the answer that I have got here.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Neither am I. I am just reading it because I think the assumption is that ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The assumption is that the information that I am seeking is related to the information I want to have about the GDP.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, but it still does not explain why they do not give you the numbers. They just tell you they have finished the job without actually ... They just tell the hon Member that the accounts have now been closed either by the return or by the estimated balance without saying what number and therefore what percentage. That is a defect and I do not know. It is clearly not an answer to the question that was asked. I think somebody has been too clever in trying to second guess ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is useful information to have but it is not what I was asking.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think somebody has just been too clever in trying to second guess what you were after and has given what they second guessed rather than what you asked which is always a dangerous thing to do. Can I send it to him during the course of next week?

**NO. 1051 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**REFUNDS OF PERSONAL TAXATION**

Can Government state the amount of personal taxation refunded in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and provide a breakdown by year of refund?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The total amount of tax refunded in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 was £3.96 million.

The Commissioner of Income Tax has advised me that the statistical analysis required by the hon Member by year of refund is not available, given that the amount referred to, which has just been given, is based on the total of all repayment cheques that are issued by the Income Tax Office. These cheques may nevertheless be issued both net and in respect of multiple tax years in some instances, in which case an analysis of the respective underlying years of assessment is not available.

He may have noticed that now there is a provision for a refund of public revenue in the new Estimates Book.

ORAL

**NO. 1052 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**COMPANIES – ASSESSMENTS/TAX PAYABLE**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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. 1053 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1053 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – COLLECTED UNDER NEW/OLD TAX REGIME**

Can Government state how much of the Company Tax collected in the last financial year was on the basis of the new tax regime introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and how much was due to tax payable at the old rate on profits earned prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1052 and 1054 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1054 OF 2011**

**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. 445 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1052, 1053 and 1055 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1055 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – COLLECTED IN RESPECT OF ARREARS**

Can Government state what was the amount of tax payable by companies collected in the financial year 2010/2011 in respect of tax arrears, showing how much of the arrears were due from employers was for each of the following tax years 2009/2010, 2008/2009, 2007/2008, 2006/2007 and 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1052 to 1054 and 1056 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1056 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state as at the end of December 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. 1052 to 1055 and 1057 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1057 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state as at the end of January 2011 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. 1052 to 1056 and 1058 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1058 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state as at the end of February 2011 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. 1052 to 1057 and 1059 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1059 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state as at the end of March 2011 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. 1052 to 1058 and 1060 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1060 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state as at the end of April 2011 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. 1052 to 1059 and 1061 to 1063 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1061 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX RETURNS – COMPANIES**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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. 1052 to 1060, 1062 and 1063 of 2011.

**NO. 1062 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1052 to 1061 and 1063 of 2011.

**NO. 1063 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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 the tax year 2009/2010 and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 1063 of 2011****Answer to Question No. 1052 of 2011**

	<b>2001/02 £M</b>	<b>2002/03 £M</b>	<b>2003/04 £M</b>	<b>2004/05 £M</b>	<b>2005/06 £M</b>
Assessed	32.0	38.2	42.8	38.2	50.7
Discharged	17.5	21.9	20.2	17.4	25.7
	14.5	16.3	22.6	20.8	25.0
Paid	14.4	16.0	22.4	20.6	23.3
Outstanding	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.7
No. of companies	1558	1555	1623	1640	1603

	<b>2006/07 £M</b>	<b>2008/08 £M</b>	<b>2008/09 £M</b>	<b>2009/10 £M</b>
Assessed	56.1	53.3	53.1	42.4
Discharged	30.8	25.2	21.4	14.3
	25.3	28.1	31.7	28.1
Paid	24.7	26.6	30.4	25.3
Outstanding	0.6	1.5	1.3	2.8
No. of companies	1562	1487	1574	1613

**Answer to Question No. 1053 of 2011**

The total Corporation Tax collected in the 2010/11 financial year was £29.1 million. Out of this total, £16.4 million was in respect of assessments raised for the year of assessment 2010/11, of which £10.1 million related to the period July 2010 to December 2010 and £6.3 million to the period January 2011 to June 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 1054 of 2011**

The Corporation Tax collected in each month since the answer to Question No. 445 of 2011 is:

Month	Gross £M	Refunds £M	Net £M
January 2011	3.94	0.08	3.86
February 2011	12.69	0.07	12.62
March 2011	2.32	0.14	2.18
April 2011	0.72	0.04	0.68
May 201	0.85	0.00	0.85

**Answer to Question No. 1055 of 2011**

The amount of Corporation Tax collected in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 in respect of arrears relating to the tax years 2005/2006 to 2009/2010 was:

Tax Year	£M
2005/2006	0.18
2006/2007	0.47
2007/2008	0.99
2008/2009	1.53
2009/2010	2.63

**Answer to Question No. 1056 of 2011**

A total of 788 companies had submitted accounts in respect of the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of December 2010. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £44.86 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1057 of 2011**

A total of 844 companies had submitted accounts in respect of the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of January 2011. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £52.00 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1058 of 2011**

A total of 912 companies had submitted accounts in respect of the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of February 2011. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £54.19 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1059 of 2011**

A total of 995 companies had submitted accounts in respect of the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of March 2011. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £64.87 million.

**Continued Answer to Question No. 1063 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1060 of 2011**

A total of 1043 companies had submitted accounts in respect of the financial year 2009/2010 by the end of April 2011. The Gross Trading Profits calculated from these accounts were £64.59 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1061 of 2011**

The information requested is not currently available.

**Answer to Question No. 1062 and 1063 of 2011**

**COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Year of Assessment	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
<b>Under £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	125	112	118	130	146
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M
Total paid	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M
<b>Over £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	4	15	12	10	19
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.1M	0.4M	0.3M	0.4M	0.5M
Total paid	0.1M	0.2M	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M
Year of Assessment	2006-07	2008-08	2008-09	2009-10	
<b>Under £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	197	269	385	591	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.4M	0.5M	0.7M	0.9M	
Total paid	0.2M	0.2M	0.3M	0.4M	
<b>Over £35,000</b>					
No of companies assessed	34	36	62	90	
Total assessed (i.e. Total tax payable)	0.8M	1.1M	1.7M	8.6M	
Total paid	0.4M	0.6M	1.2M	7.9M	

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1052 TO 1063 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In answer to Question No. 1060 of 2011, I notice that, in fact, compared to Question No. 1059 of 2011 the number of companies submitting accounts goes up from 995 to 1043 but the gross trading profits total is actually slightly down. Now, that would imply, in fact, that all the companies between the 995 and the 1043 reported losses and that the figure has been netted. Would that be the correct interpretation?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think what it is likely to mean is that the basis of estimating of the unreported companies under the new system is actually remarkably accurate and that when the accounts actually come in, it does not vary the figure by very much. The hon Member will recall ... you do. Right. In fact, it is down a bit.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The figure for Question No. 1058 of 2011 of £54 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Sorry. My last intervention was comparing it with Question No. 1059 of 2011.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that entirely. If the £54 million is an indication of the estimate included, then they were out by £10 million between February and March in one direction and then out by £300,000 between March and April in the other direction.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. The companies that reported in March brought the figure up to £64.87 million.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

From an estimate of £54 million?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Not from an estimate. Remember the figure of £54 million is the combined figure and then ... I am just trying to do the subtraction of 995 minus 912, about 83 companies more had sent in their accounts by the end of March and that produced an additional £10 million. Then the next 48 companies actually had the effect of reducing which means that those 48 companies had been slightly over estimated for and that the 83 companies that had reported in March had been underestimated but that is the only

reading of those figures. Can I just remind the hon Member, I am sure he may recall, but just so that, in case he wants to use any of this stuff for his budget address. The ... what the transitional provisions are, that the answer to Question No. 1053 of 2011 reflects the transition provisions which means that for that tax year, the companies had paid for half the tax year at one rate of tax and for the other rate at the much lower, at the ten per cent. So they have paid on the same figures because it is all on the profits up to ... on the same figures they have paid at 22 per cent in respect of six months worth of tax year liability and at ten per cent in advance in respect of ...

**ORAL**

**NO. 1064 OF 2011**

**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. 468 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1065 to 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1065 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – COLLECTED IN RESPECT OF ARREARS**

Can Government state what was the amount of PAYE collected in the financial year 2010/11 in respect of tax arrears, showing how much of the arrears were due from employers was for each of the following tax years 2009/2010, 2008/2009, 2007/2008, 2006/2007 and 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1064 and 1066 to 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1066 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS/TAX PAYABLE**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1064, 1065 and 1067 to 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1067 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS/TAX PAYABLE**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 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. 1064 to 1066 and 1068 to 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1068 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS**

Can Government state as at end of May 2011 how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deductions for employees for the tax year 2008/2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1064 to 1067 and 1069 to 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1069 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS**

Can Government state as at the end of May 2011 how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deductions for employees for the tax year 2009/2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1064 to 1068 and 1070 to 1072 of 2011.

**NO. 1070 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PAYE – COLLECTED BY AREA OF EMPLOYMENT**

Based on the 2009/2010 Employers Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted to date, what was the amount of PAYE collected and give a breakdown by area of employment as follows:

- (a) MOD;
- (b) Gibraltar Government;
- (c) Government owned and joint venture companies;
- (d) Private Sector employment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1064 to 1069, 1071 and 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1071 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX COLLECTED – PAYE PAID BY INDIVIDUALS AND EMPLOYERS,  
SELF-EMPLOYED, SECTION 67 AND REFUNDS**

Can Government provide a breakdown of income tax collected in the last financial year showing the amounts for PAYE, individuals, section 67, and amounts refunded?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1064 to 1070 and 1072 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1072 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX ARREARS – INDIVIDUALS, SELF-EMPLOYED COMPANIES AND PAYE DEDUCTIONS**

Can Government provide the tax arrears position as at the close of the last financial year, showing the amounts based on assessments on:

- (a) Individuals;
- (b) Self-Employed;
- (c) Companies; and,

the tax due for PAYE deductions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 1072 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1064 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE tax collected each month since the answer to Question No. 468 of 2011 is:

Month	Gross £M	Refunds £M	Net £M
January 2011	9.41	0.52	8.89
February 2011	8.55	0.08	8.47
March 2011	9.98	0.49	9.49
April 2011	9.41	0.96	8.45
May 2011	9.63	0.29	9.34

**Answer to Question No. 1065 of 2011**

The amount of PAYE tax collected in the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 in respect of arrears relating to the tax years 2005/2006 to 2009/2010 was:

Tax Year	£M
2005/2006	0.08
2006/2007	0.30
2007/2008	0.59
2008/2009	0.95
2009/2010	5.74

**Answer to Question No. 1066 of 2011**

As at 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 2025 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 £98.9 million and £96.5 million respectively.

**Answer to Question No. 1067 of 2011**

As at 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 2083 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 £100.6 million and £100.0 million respectively.

**Answer to Question No. 1068 of 2011**

As at the end of May 2011, 122 employers had not submitted their 2008/2009 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

**Answer to Question No. 1069 of 2011**

As at the end of May 2011, 98 employers had not submitted their 2009/2010 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

**Answer to Question No. 1070 of 2011**

Based on the 2009/2010 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates submitted to date, the PAYE tax collected by area of employment is as follows:

	£M
(a) MOD	3.7
(b) Gibraltar Government	27.9
(c) Government owned and joint venture companies	4.1
(d) Private Sector Employment	<u>64.3</u>
	<u>100.0</u>

**Answer to Question No. 1071 of 2011**

The amount of Income Tax collected in the financial year 2010/2011 broken down by PAYE paid by individuals, section 58 (previously section 67), other collections and refunds is as follows:

	£M
PAYE paid by Individuals (through assessments)	1.51
PAYE paid by Employers	104.97
Self-employed	14.64
Section 58	1.11
Other Collection	<u>0.38</u>
	122.61
Refunds	<u>3.96</u>
Income Tax collected (net of refunds)	<u>118.65</u>

**Answer to Question No. 1072 of 2011**

The tax arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 was as follows:

	£M
Individuals	6.32
Self-employed	11.11
Companies	12.29
PAYE	9.77
	<u>39.49</u>

These figures include estimated assessments totalling £13.02 million (individuals £0.99 million, self-employed £6.05 million and companies £5.98 million) as well as assessments due after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 amounting to £2.94 million (individuals £0.18 million, self-employed £0.89 million and companies £1.87 million).

ORAL

**NO. 1073 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TAXED UNDER SYSTEM**

Can Government state what was the final figure for the number of persons taxed under the Gross Income Based System for the tax year 2007/2008 and, of these, how many were placed on the GIBS by the Commissioner of Income Tax and provide a breakdown for residents and non-residents?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073 to 1081 to 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1074 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – TAX PAYABLE BY INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government provide the total amount of tax payable in respect of the tax year 2007/2008 by those tax payers that were placed under the Gross Income Based System by the Commissioner of Income Tax?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered to Question Nos. 1073 and 1075 to 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1075 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – NON-RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government provide the total number of tax payers who elected to be taxed under the Gross Income Based System who were not resident in Gibraltar in the tax year 2007/2008?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073, 1074 and 1076 to 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1076 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TAXED UNDER SYSTEM**

Can Government state what was the final figure for the number of persons taxed under the Gross Income Based System for the tax year 2008/2009 and of these how many were placed on the GIBS by the Commissioner of Income Tax and provide a breakdown for residents and non-residents?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073 to 1075 and 1077 to 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1077 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – TAX PAYABLE BY INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government provide the total amount of tax payable in respect of the tax year 2008/2009 by those taxpayers that were placed under the Gross Income Based System by the Commissioner of Income Tax?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073 to 1076 and 1078 to 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1078 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – NON-RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government provide the total number of tax payers who elected to be taxed under the Gross Income Based System who were not resident in Gibraltar in the tax year 2008/2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073 to 1077 and 1079 to 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1079 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TAXED UNDER SYSTEM**

Can Government state what was the final figure for the number of persons taxed under the Gross Income Based System for the tax year 2009/2010 and, of these, how many were placed on the GIBS by the Commissioner of Income Tax and provide a breakdown for residents and non-residents?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073 to 1078, 1080 and 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1080 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – TAX PAYABLE BY INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government provide the total amount of tax payable in respect of the tax year 2009/2010 by those tax payers that were placed under the Gross Income Based System by the Commissioner of Income Tax?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1073 to 1079 and 1081 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1081 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM – NON-RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS**

Can Government provide the total number of tax payers who elected to be taxed under the Gross Income Based System who were not resident in Gibraltar in the tax year 2009/2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 1081 of 2011**

**Answer to Question Nos. 1073 to 1081 of 2011**

Tax Year	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Total number of taxpayers taxed under the Gross Income Based System	4,987	6,628	10,147
Number of taxpayers placed in the Gross Income Based System by the Commissioner of Income Tax	2,163	2,183	2,797
Total number of resident taxpayers in the Gross Income Based System	3,407	4,073	6,155
Total number of non-resident taxpayers in the Gross Income Based System	1,580	2,555	3,992
Total tax payable by taxpayers placed by the Commissioner of Income Tax in the Gross Income Based System	£17.6M	£16.6M	£17.8M
Number of non-resident taxpayers who Elected to be taxed under the gross Income Based System	1,125	2,046	3,168

**NO. 1082 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE RECORDS**

Can Government state how many active social insurance records there were at the end of 2007 and how many of these were renewed in 2008, giving a breakdown of the contributors by sex and whether British or non-British?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1082 to 1085 of 2011.

**NO. 1083 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE RECORDS**

Can Government state how many active social insurance records there were at the end of 2008 and how many of these were renewed in 2009, giving a breakdown of the contributors by sex and whether British or non-British?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1082, 1084 and 1085 of 2011.

**NO. 1084 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE RECORDS**

Can Government state how many active social insurance records there were at the end of 2009 and how many of these were renewed in 2010, giving a breakdown of the contributors by sex and whether British or non-British?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1082, 1083 and 1085 of 2011.

**NO. 1085 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE RECORDS**

Can Government state how many active social insurance records there were at the end of 2010 and how many of these have been renewed to date giving a breakdown of the contributors by sex and whether British or non-British?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The statistical data requested by the hon Member cannot be provided in the format requested given that the collection and administration of Social Insurance Contributions merged with the PAYE tax system in 2007.

As presented in the table, which I am about to give him, the information is only available by tax years, from 2007/2008 up until 2009/2010, in other words, from the year of the merger. No statistical data can however be presently provided for the 2010/2011 tax year since this is the actual current year.

I thus hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information requested by tax years.

**Answer to Question No. 1085 of 2011**

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Male British	9,687	9,934	10,063
Female British	7,538	7,643	7,617
Male Non-British	6,666	7,310	6,654
Female Non-British	3,040	3,132	3,148

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1082 TO 1085 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the hon Member able to say whether the numbers that are given in each category would be people that would only be there once. That is to say, if people changed jobs during the tax year, would they tend to appear here more than once because part of the year has been with one employer and part of it with another or would ... I imagine that does not happen with the income tax but would it be happening with the social insurance or do they have the same systems so that when they move, as it were, their records move with them and not with the employer?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Given that the information relates to active social insurance records and not people, what he is now asking me in effect is whether these are people or records and whether a person produces a further record when they move job. The answer is that I do not know but if you tally the numbers for one year. For example, the year for 2009/2010, it exceeds the number of economically active people in the economy. So that would be seventeen, six, eighteen, twenty four, twenty ... in excess of twenty seven or twenty eight thousand. In 2009/2010 there were not, even allowing for pensioners who were still ... No, pensioners do not make contributions, so they would not have an active contribution record. I suppose there could be, I do not know whether Community Care Officers still have an active contribution record or not. So then the answer ... I would speculate that the answer is that if you change jobs you generate a new social insurance record because otherwise there are more jobs than there are in the economy. That is just my deduction from the numbers. I do not know that for a fact.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am asking because I think that is what it looks like but I think it would be useful to know whether, in fact, there are more people paying insurance than there are people working. That would be an interesting situation since there has always been a concern that not enough people that are working are paying. It would be an interesting situation where people who do not need to pay are paying.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will find out and I will tell him. I suppose the other explanation ... there is ... now, whilst I have been taking a note of that to find out for him ... I suppose there is another explanation which would explain why the total is more than the number of jobs at any one time in the economy. We know the number of jobs in the economy from the Employment Survey as at a given date. But, for example, if there are construction workers who come in during the year, work for four months on a building job and then go away and then another set of workers come in to work in another contract ... So you could generate, during the course of the year, more active social insurance records than there have been people in employment on any given day. That is the only other explanation that I can ... but I will get to the bottom of it.

ORAL

NO. 1086 OF 2011

THE HON J J BOSSANO

QUESTION WITHDRAWN

**NO. 1087 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LEASES**

Can Government state whether leases for residential property sales are considered sales of Crown land and, if so, who issues the lease on behalf of the Crown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I do not know whether this is what the hon Member meant to ask. We had some trouble deducing because the answer seems to be a little bit obvious. Therefore, I suspect it is not what the hon Member was getting at but was the only thing that we could deduce.

The sale of property vested in the Crown are sales of Crown lands and the lease is executed on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen by HE the Governor acting on the advice of the Chief Minister as stipulated in section 75(1) of the new Constitution.

Residential properties vested in Government owned companies ... residential or any other for that matter but the question asks about residential, are not Crown lands and the leases for their sale are executed by the directors of the company in which they are vested. But, of course, somebody would have had to vest the property in the company in the first place and that would have been by the Governor. It is really what we discussed this morning when we were discussing the property sale but once the head lease, so to speak, is in the company, sales, as he understands the term, then take place by the issue of underleases by the company to Joe Bloggs and Bill Smith and those underleases are executed under the common seals of the company by its directors and secretary.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1087 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there a different system if the head lease were to be sold? The head lease that the company owns. Would that then involve the Crown again?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. As the hon Member I am sure will remember from the land that he put in, for example, in the dockyard company, I cannot remember the name that ... Gibraltar

Ship Repair Limited, GSL. Once land is alienated by the Crown, it is alienated by the Crown and any onward sale of that, at whatever level, is ... the document is executed by the party in which it is vested.

**NO. 1088 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES**

Can Government now provide the value and number of all residential property sales in Gibraltar in the year 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There were 746 transactions with a total value of £157 million, giving an average of 62 transactions per month and an average transaction value of £210,000.

I would, however, caveat this answer by referring the hon Member to what I said in the House in answer to supplementaries arising from Question No. 377 to 382 of 2011, namely, that these figures include all registered property transactions, not just purchases and sales.

Do you remember we had a lengthy debate about this and I told the hon Member that LPS had a schedule which looks like this, if he wants to stare in this direction, which is just a list of all property transactions and their value but all property transactions ... So, for example, if it is a purchase or a sale it is here but it is also here if it is a mortgage or some other form of property transaction which does not amount to property sales which is what he is asking. Now, when I first gave the information from which all these subsequent questions have flowed which is a statement that I made in a budget session. I think it was in 2009 or 2008 or whatever. As indeed we established in these questions that I have just alluded to, it had the same caveat. The only problem is that at the time I did not know that it had that caveat. In other words, the information was given to me in the budget brief as if they were property sales. Subsequently, it transpired that it was not purely property sales and that it was all property transactions as opposed to just sales. So I am giving it to him in the same form as I gave it to him in the budget speech in question but with the same caveat as was always the case, even though I did not know it at the time and, therefore, I did not tell him at the time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1088 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, in fact, in terms of the reason for monitoring this that he gave at the time when he first mentioned it, is not really an indicator of anything?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it is an indicator because most of them are ... It is an indicator. What it is not is a scientific measure of the value of the property market in terms of sales which is was how I purported to use it at the time. It is not to say that it is useless as a statistic for the purpose that it was intended but it was not quite the scientific precise use to which I thought it could be put but if this figure is rising or falling, it is an indicator of the direction of the market. It is just not a precise measure of it. Of the quantum of it.

ORAL

**NO. 1089 OF 2011**

**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?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1090 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1090 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**LAND AND PROPERTY SALES**

Can Government state what property or land sales, if any, there have been in the last financial year resulting in receipts to the Improvement and Development Fund since the answer to Question No. 382 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 1090 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1089 of 2011**

**Residential Property Sales for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011**

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nil

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**Commercial Property Sales for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011**

Apr-11	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
May-11	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
May-11	Premium iro plot of land adjacent to 7/13 Smith Dorrien Avenue	£130,000.00
		<b><u>£131,964.00</u></b>

**Residential Property Sales for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Jan-11	Premium iro construction of swimming pool at 2A Windmill Hill Rd	£15,500
Jan-11	Deposit iro Sale of 2 Rosia Cottages	£22,000
Jan-11	Premium iro tender for Buena Vista	£1,020,000
Feb-11	Balance iro sale of No 4 Rosia Cottages	£252,900
Feb-11	Balance iro sale of No 1 Rosia Cottages	£204,300
Feb-11	Balance iro sale of No 3 Rosia Cottages	£225,000
Mar-11	Balance iro sale of No 2 Rosia Cottages	£198,000
Mar-11	Part payment of premium iro tender for Buena Vista	£6,480,000
		<b><u>£8,417,700</u></b>

**Commercial Property Sales for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Jan-11	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982
Jan-11	Premium iro additional land at North Mole	£303,325
Jan-11	Premium iro new 99 year lease for 10-18 Lancaster Road	£335,000
Feb-11	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982
Mar-11	Part Payment iro 51 Line Wall Road	£982
Mar-11	Surrender & Grant of new lease for CP1431B	£181,180
Mar-11	Surrender & Grant of new lease for CP1432	£423,180
Mar-11	Surrender & Grant of new lease for CP1433	£257,410
Mar-11	Surrender & Grant of new lease for CP1434	£66,700
Mar-11	50% Premium iro Sale of plot at 10 Cemetery Road	£172,000
Mar-11	Premium iro new lease for transit shed at North Mole Road	£252,000
		<b><u>£1,993,741</u></b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1089 AND 1090 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the commercial property sales, most of them are identified but there are four whether there is a reference to the number of the plot as Crown Property Nos. 1431, 1432, 1433 and 1434. Can the Government say what these are because it is impossible to know from just being given the number?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

These CP plot numbers ... When properties are identified in this way, they tend to be commercial plots in the Devil's Tower Road area. There have been a number of cases of lease holders of commercial areas in Devil's Tower Road where they have been coming to the end of the lease and they come to renegotiate and to offer a premium for an extension and that normally takes the form of a surrender of what you have got left and the issue a new one. But if the hon Member wants to know particularly, we will try and find out for you now.

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**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The CP numbers are all in Cemetery Road. Nos. 12, 14, 17 and 18 Cemetery Road and they are all lease extensions by their existing tenant which is Lewis Stagnetto Limited.

**NO. 1091 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RATES**

Can Government state in respect of the rates collected in the last financial year, how much was the amount collected on account of private non-residential property and how much was from Government owned and occupied non-residential property?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The hon Member cannot imagine how much time has been invested in trying to decipher the language that he has chosen to use in these questions. But in any case, I will answer with Question Nos. 1092 and 1093 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1092 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RATES**

Can Government state in respect of the rates collected in the last financial year, how much was the amount collected on account of private residential property rented from Government and how much was the amount collected from property rented from the private sector?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1091 and 1093 of 2011.

**NO. 1093 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RATES**

Can Government state in respect of the rates collected in the last financial year, how much was the amount collected on account of residential property by owner occupiers?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1091 of 2011**

We have not been able to form a clear view of what the hon Member means by “on account of private non-residential property”. I am assuming that he means commercial properties on which the rates are paid by someone other than the Government. Bear in mind that rates are a tax on occupation paid by the occupier. If that is what he means by ... He asked how much was the amount collected on account of private, non residential but which we understand commercial property. So, private commercial property. Private commercial property is property on which the rates are paid by somebody else and that figure is £9,196,383. Where the Government occupies privately owned property, because that is possible too. Private property could be privately owned but occupied by the Government. For example, the Government leases an office suite in Europort. Those properties have hitherto not paid rates on the basis that the occupier was the Government itself and the Government would have been liable to pay the rates but that is privately ... I just want him to understand that there is privately owned commercial property not included in that figure, because no rates are paid in respect of privately owned commercial property occupied by the Government. All of which is going to change as we have seen from this, yes. The figure given does however include rates paid by private tenants of Government owned commercial premises. So, for example, the cafeterias and restaurants in Casemates or any other Government owned commercial property where there is a private tenant. So, we are always talking about the liability to rates of the occupier as opposed to the owner of the building.

No rates were collected last financial year on commercial, non-residential property owned and occupied by the Government, because the Government has not hitherto paid rates.

**Answer to Question No. 1092 and 1093 of 2011**

The rating system does not differentiate between owner occupied and tenant occupied privately owned properties and therefore this breakdown that he has asked

for cannot be given. The total private sector domestic rates collection was £2,891,024, excluding MOD properties that pay under a different formula and also excluding Government owned. So, that is privately owned rented or owner occupied houses.

The rates paid on Government owned residential properties rented to tenants, mainly the Housing Ministry council flats, is £1,080,502.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1091 TO 1093 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That last figure is the amount collected through the rents on housing estates and so forth.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is actually more than the amount collected. It is the amount due from tenants because, again, a tit bit that I only discovered when I perused this answer to the question. The Government actually pays LPS the rates on these flats even if the tenant has not paid the Government the rent. So, in effect, we are paying in advance. So, all the cases where rent are in arrears and, therefore, the rates element has not been paid either to the Government, nevertheless the Government, at the end of the year when it settles up the rates bill with LPS, pays on the whole amount. So I was not aware that that was happening but, apparently, it has always happened. As It is going from one pocket into the other I do not suppose it matters very much.

**NO. 1094 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MOD GENERATING STATION – TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES**

Further to the answer to Question No. 386 of 2011, can Government say whether the area of employment of the MOD of the Generating Station has now been transferred to a Government company and, if so, can Government list the number and grades of employees so transferred?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The MOD Generating Station has not yet transferred to the Government and consequently most of the employees currently employed at that station remain in MOD employment. However, 21 employees previously employed by the MOD wanted to take advantage of the MOD's enhanced Early Exit Scheme. In order to accommodate that but also the fact that they remain needed to operate the plant, what has happened is that they have ..., as the MOD Generating Station and HV distribution system are due shortly to be transferred to Government and a full staff complement is and will continue to be needed to operate the said plant. In other words, both now when the MOD plant remains in the ownership and operation of the MOD but also when it transfers to the Government. When that plant transfers to the Government, which it will do soon, we need the whole manpower because the manning levels, we cannot spare twenty one, but by agreement with the unions, the MOD and the Government, we did not want these individuals to lose the opportunity. These individuals will not be needed when the new power station is ready. So that they would not lose the opportunity, what has happened is that these twenty one people have taken the MOD Early Exit Scheme, being employed on contract terms but at the same rate of pay by a Government owned company and that Government owned company has seconded them back to the MOD power station. So they continue to work, but not as MOD employees anymore, they have taken early exit, as seconded Government company employees. When the power station is handed over to the Government, the Government company will stop seconding them to the MOD but will keep them on contract to continue to operate the power station until the new power station is ready at which point they can stop working.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1094 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the new company will actually be operating the power station for the MOD or they will be operating ...?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. It is one of the transfer services that we are taking over. For the twenty four months, roughly speaking, between now and the new power station being ready. If the MOD were to transfer the power station to us today, for these two years we would be operating it for our account, not least because we take quite a lot of the consumption from that power station. The MOD's power requirement is actually quite reduced. A significant proportion of the output of that station is now being consumed by the Government.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This has not yet happened. So at present when they are seconded ...?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. It has.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

At the moment ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Twenty one people have left the MOD.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But have been seconded back?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does that mean then that the MOD pays the company their wages and then the company pays them? Is that it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Correct. He also asked, I do not know if in the context of that answer he is interested in the information any more, but he also asked the grades of these employees.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the hon Member has got the information ... or would want to have when the company is ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Five are 'D' Grades, 14 are Skill Zone 3 workers and the remaining two are Skill Zone 1 workers.

ORAL

**NO. 1095 OF 2011**

**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 the last financial year 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. 389 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1096 to 1099 to 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1096 OF 2011**

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**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1095 and 1097 to 1099 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1097 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RELOCATION COSTS GIBRALTAR BOAT SQUADRON**

Can Government state what further payments have been made in the last financial year in respect of the relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron since the answer to Question No. 390 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1095, 1096, 1098 and 1099 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1098 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RELOCATION COSTS GIBRALTAR BOAT SQUADRON**

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**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1095 to 1097 and 1099 of 2011.

**NO. 1099 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**WATERPORT DEVELOPMENT – PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS**

Can Government state what further payments, if any, have been made to the contractors or other parties in the last financial year in respect of the Waterport Development since the answer to Question No. 391 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1095 of 2011**

The amount paid to GJBS Limited in the last financial year since the answer to Question No. 389 of 2011 in respect of the Mid-Harbour Estate is £5,399,967 and €5,160,930, of which GJBS Limited has paid £9,211,386.96 to subcontractors. I should also add that there was an omission in my answer to Question No. 389 of 2011 which should have been £6,319,397.34 and €2,983,788.55. The amount paid in euros was omitted in error. So rather like now there is a pound and a euro fee, there was also a pound and a euro figure there and I only gave him, inadvertently I am told, the pound figure. So the euro figure that I did not give him last time in Question No. 389 of 2011 was €2,983,788.

**Answer to Question No. 1096 of 2011**

GJBS Limited has received in the current financial year in respect of the Mid-Harbour Estate £8,154,282 and €3,040,023, of which it has paid £3,073,338.05 to subcontractors.

**Answer to Question Nos. 1097 and 1098 of 2011**

I now hand to the hon Member a schedule showing payments made in the last financial year in respect of the relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron since the answer to Question No. 390 of 2011 and also in the current financial year.

**Answer to Question No. 1099 of 2011**

In that schedule the hon Member will also find the payments made to contractors and other parties in the last financial year in respect of Waterport Terraces since the answer to Question No. 391 of 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 1099 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1097 of 2011**

Payments made in the last financial year in respect of the relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron since the answer to Question No. 390 of 2011:

	£	
Building Contractor	245,305	
Consultants Costs	10,487	
Architect Fees	6,356	
	£	<u>262,148</u>

**Answer to Question No. 1098 of 2011**

Payments made in the current financial year in respect of the relocation of the Gibraltar Boat Squadron:

	£	
Building Contractor	192,298	
Consultants Costs	8,220	
Architect Fees	4,983	
	£	<u>205,501</u>

**Continued Answer to Question No. 1099 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1099 of 2011**

**Payments made to contractors and other parties in the last financial year in respect of Waterport Terraces since the answer to Question No. 391 of 2011:**

	£
GJBS	663,179
GEA	111,691
Denville Designs	5,361
ITEK	7,997
Abecasis Gonzalez	19,133
MF Balloqui	1,525
Gibralflores	2,553
Systech (SLS) Solicitors	435
Gabriel Moss – Counsel	1,600
Daniel Barton Surveyors Limited	12,050
JAMC	5,394
HTA	12,054
Richardsons	22,960
AMA	431
Total Paid since Question No. 391 of 2011.	£ <u>866,363</u>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1095 TO 1099 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I notice that in the current financial year there is no payment in euros. Is that correct, given that he originally omitted it the last time he answered the question? He has given me a payment in euros to GJBS Limited but not any payment in euros by GJBS Limited to any subcontractor.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

In the current financial year for Mid Harbour?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is right. In Question No. 1096 of 2011.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I gave him two sums £8,154,282 and €3,040,023.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right. Then he went on to say that £3,073,338 had been paid to subcontractors but it shows nothing out of the euro amount being paid to subcontractors. I am just wondering whether that is correct.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am just wondering why the hon Member is asking because is that not the same position as in the previous year in Question No. 1095 of 2011. The payments to GJBS Limited are in two currencies but in both years the payments by GJBS Limited to subcontractors are only in sterling. He may want to ask me why that is but it arises from both. Not as a difference between one year and the other.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I only noticed it in the second one.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh. I see. There is a note here which I do not mind sharing with him in my supplementary which may provide the answer to that. It says the contract with GJBS Limited and the Government was originally agreed in sterling. It was then established that subcontractors were being paid by GJBS Limited in euros and that they were buying these euros from a Bureau de Change. The contract was then amended so that the Treasury could arrange any euro requirement by GJBS Limited from either the Treasury's existing euro balances or through the purchase of the euros directly from the Bank at finer rates which would explain why, as far as the Government is concerned ... It still would not explain why all the amounts went to subcontractors in euros unless that is the sterling value of amounts which went to subcontractors in euros. It is clear, from the note that I have just read to him, that subcontractors were being paid in euros and, therefore, that is not consistent with the fact that the answer that I have given him suggests that payments to subcontractors ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Was in sterling.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I have not said they were made in pounds but they are described in pounds. So those must be the sterling values initially on the basis of euros bought by GJBS Limited, then subsequently by euros, either provided or bought by the Treasury, converted into sterling and those being the figures because the subcontractors were undoubtedly receiving euros.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The original answer is that there was a payment in sterling and a payment in euros to GJBS ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Then the hon Member pointed out that the last time he had omitted the payment in euros by an oversight.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Government gives to GJBS Limited payments in two currencies.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do we know what GJBS Limited pays the subcontractor?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

We know the sterling value of the payments to the subcontractors but we also know that, in fact, the payments were effected to the subcontractors in euros. We know that in the last financial year the value of payments by GJBS Limited to subcontractors was £9.2 million, roughly, £9,211,386 and the same figure for the current financial year. In other words, the amount paid by GJBS Limited to subcontractors is £3,073,338 but both of these figures are sterling figures, whereas, in fact, some of the subcontractors or all of them, for all I know, but certainly a large part of the subcontractors were being paid not in pounds but in euros. So this must be the sterling value of the payments made by GJBS Limited to subcontractors, even though some of those subcontractors were physically paid in euros. So I suppose a more accurate expression of the answer would be, of which GJBS Limited paid a sterling equivalent value of £9,211,386 to subcontractors, even though some of that was actually disbursed to the subcontractors in euros. That would be the more accurate articulation of the answer.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does it mean then that the €5 million, in the last financial year, have been included in the calculation of the £9 million? I suppose it must mean? What would GJBS Limited want to do with the €5 million euros if it is not to pay the subcontractor?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Absolutely. So when they had used the euros to pay the subcontractors, they converted it back into sterling for the purposes of the value. Certainly, what has not happened is that GJBS Limited is sitting on €5 million or, in addition to these sums, they have paid even more. They have not paid last year £9.2 million plus the euros that they have.

**NO. 1100 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**KING'S LINES BUNKERING FUEL STORAGE**

Further to the answer to Question No. 392 of 2011, can Government confirm that the MOD employees stationed at the King's Line facilities continue in post to oversee and conduct the decommissioning of the site and, if so, can Government state how many employees are involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As the hon Member himself recognises in his question, the King's Lines facility remains under MOD ownership and the 16 employees at that facility remain in MOD employment. I cannot tell him exactly what they do, or will do, but I can tell him that they are protected in their current employment by the Government's Global Agreement of 2007 with the MOD.

The responsibility for the decommissioning of this facility, as indeed we understand is the MOD's intention, is entirely a matter for the MOD, as is the methodology to be employed for so doing subject to complying with local laws. The MOD will nevertheless be keeping the Government informed of such matters.

In other words, I cannot tell him whether the sixteen are currently deployed on such activities or whether they have been redeployed within the MOD to other duties. I know that the staff members themselves are very keen to remain employed for as long as possible in fuel depot management and that they have asked the Government to bear them in mind and the Government have given them assurances in that respect if and when the Government makes alternative arrangements for ...

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1100 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

For this site?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

For depot, for onshore fuel storage which is now almost certainly not going to be, following reports we have received on that site.

**NO. 1101 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state the latest estimate for the gross domestic product of the financial year 2009/2010 and provide the breakdown by the income and expenditure methods of calculation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1102 to 1104 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1102 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the construction projects that contributed to the private sector gross domestic fixed capital formation of some £110 million in the GDP for 2008/2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1101, 1103 and 1104 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1103 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government confirm that the gross trading profits calculated for the GDP estimates for 2009/2010 will be as explained in answer to Question No. 461 of 2011 and, if so, can Government give the estimate for the figure for Gambling Sector (exempt companies) and Banking Sector (exempt companies) for 2009/2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1101, 1102 and 1104 of 2011.

**NO. 1104 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government confirm whether, in the new method of calculating the contribution of company profits to the estimate of GDP, the figure used is the total net profits after taking into account companies declaring a loss in the financial year in question?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1101 of 2011**

I shall announce the 2009/2010 GDP estimate in my forthcoming budget address to this House. I am happy, in the ante room, to advance this information privately and confidentially to the hon Member, if he wants to know it in advance of his speech. Although I am suppose the Leader of the Opposition will be making a speech on the economy.

**Answer to Question No. 1102 of 2011**

Private Sector Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation for the year 2008/2009 totalled £110.3 million. This is broken down as follows:

Private Sector expenditure:	£75.0 million
Unregistered Personal Sector Minor works (estimate):	£7.4 million
Imports of Machinery, Equipment etc.	£27.9 million

TOTAL	£110.3 million
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In a moment, I am going to hand to the hon Member a schedule showing the breakdown of the private sector expenditure totalling the £75 million which is what he has asked for. However, before doing so, I should point out a glowing error and explain it.

The hon Member will see in the schedule that it includes the air terminal to the value of £50 million. This is patently wrong both because the air terminal was not built in that year, and because, in any event, it would not be a private sector project. So it is wrong on both counts. The £110 million figure is thus itself clearly wrong. I am informed by the Statistics Office that the error is imported into the estimate by the Statistics Office from an erroneous figure provided to them by the Building Control Section. In other words, the figure private sector expenditure is provided in a letter to the Head Statistician by the Building Control Officer that says so many millions were

spent. In doing that total, that addition, that resulted in the figure that he informed, the Building Control Department included, as he will see in a moment, amongst three or four pages of other projects, this one which is clearly wrong and which the Statistics Office did not see. In fact, because the figure of £75 million was not incompatible with the two previous years, in fact, it was lower than in previous years, the Statistics Office did not suspect or did not have any reason to suspect that the figure of £75 million was accurate. They have now noticed it, when examining the answer to the question that the hon Member has now asked, namely, the projects that contribute to that £75 million.

#### **Continued Answer to Question No. 1102 of 2011**

Happily, however, Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation forms part of the Expenditure Method of GDP calculation and consequently this error does not affect the published GDP estimate which is determined via the Income Method. The effect of the error is thus to alter the “remedial error figure” by which the two methods are reconciled to produce the same figure.

All that said, he can now examine the list for himself. I do not think he can spot any other errors but that is a glaring one.

#### **Answer to Question No. 1103 of 2011**

The Government can confirm that the Gross Trading Profits of Companies included in the 2009/2010 GDP estimate is calculated or, ... well it is calculated already and will be announced on the basis of a calculation as explained in answer to Question No. 461 of 2011.

#### **Answer to Question No. 1104 of 2011**

The Government can confirm that calculations of Gross Trading Profits of Companies in the GDP estimate for both 2008/2009 and 2009/2010, that is, the two that have been done under the new system, has deducted from profits the losses made by companies. This has been done to err on the side of caution, but the Statistics Office, at my request, is investigating the correctness of this practice, given that, necessarily, losses were not deducted from the figure as calculated under the old system.

**Answer to Question No. 1104 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1102 of 2011**

	<u>£000's</u>
4 Woodford Cottage	5
9a Flat 1 Europa Flats	30
2D Castle Road	150
10-16 Ocean Village Promenade	20
Uppermost Building Lopez's Ramp	1,500
S.O.R.T. Sullage Plant, North Mole Road	10
29/37 Engineer Lane	350
51 Irish Town	700
Europa View Terrace, Europa Road	100
7/1 Tam House, Gardiner's Road	11
31 Waverly House, Cumberland Road	10
39/41 Jyske House, Irish Town	50
3B Piccadilly Garden Bar, Rosia Road	85
1 and 3 New Passage	125
14 Gardiner's Road	60
20 Lancaster Road	56
32 Parliament Lane	250
16 Admiral's Place	10
16/20 Engineer Lane	65
1/3A Bedlam Court	15
47 Line Wall Road	5,000
4A Engineer Road, Maida Vale	40
7/9 Cornwall's Lane	75
Post Office Sort Depot	60
Cable Car Top Station	95
4 Waterport Place	100
277 Main Street, The Law Courts	6,700
Airport Terminal	50,000
British Lines Road	150
4 Lower Bruce's Farm	50
2 Electra Flats, Scud Hill	4
122/2 Irish Town	1
22 Main Street	100
260-262 Main Street	20
6 Transport Lane	10
202-204 Main Street	2,000
Cloister Building, Irish Town	145
3/501 Harbour Views Road	5
Watergardens 22	15
17 Town Range	15

**Cont ...**

	<u>£000's</u>
26 Rosia Road, Trafalgar House	5
Squash Club, South Pavilion	15
1 Highbury Terrace, Europa Road	2
Eastern Beach Road	150
303 Endeavour, Sir Herbert Miles Road	2
11 Barley Hill House	1
304B Main Street	14
3 Evening Primrose House, Waterport Terraces	1
10 Sea Lavender House, Waterport Terraces	1
Europa Business Centre, G19	25
8 Rodger's Road	60
15 Jasmine House, North Mole Road	1
Boardwalk, Ocean Village	2
4 Jasmine House, North Mole Road	1
Leisure Island Business Centre	5
Leisure Island Building, Ocean Village 3	40
31/4 Scud Hill	3
Administration Building, Queensway Quay	10
2 Evening Primrose House, North Mole Road	1
2 Booth's Passage	1
10/12 Rodger's Road	900
Leisure Island Building	3
47 Cumberland Road	4
15 Aloe House, North Mole Road	1
13 Honeysuckle House, Waterport Terraces	1
8 Freesia House, Waterport Terraces	1
1 Iris House, Waterport Terraces	1
Sir Herbert Miles Road, Catalan Bay Village	25
Ocean Village Promenade	6
Wellington Court, Devil's Tower Road	200
22 Tilbury Court, Harbour Views	1
254 Main Street	3
16 Lavender House, Waterport Terraces	1
Mount Pleasant, South Barrack Road S	20
The Boardwalk, Trade Winds 3	100
12 Freesia House, Watergardens	1
45 Main Street	20
36 Crown Daisy House, Watergardens	1
Block 1, Europlaza, Harbour Views Road	15
Europort Building	200
10 Poppy House, North Mole Road	1
Hambros House, Line Wall Road	650
Mount Pleasant, South Barrack Road F	5
234 Main Street	25

	<u>£000's</u>
2 Jasmine House, North Mole Road	1
207 Main Street	3
6A Chicardo's Passage	2
Mount Pleasant, Ground Floor	3
21 Edinburgh House	1
29A/1 Hospital Ramp	4
23 Leisure Island Building	550
5.7.04 Apricot Court, William Jackson Grove	5
23 Castle Road	2
Eurolife Building, Corral Rod	330
Ocean Village Promenade	65
1201 Block 4 Europlaza	25
7 Benoliel's Passage	10
Unit 14, On the Quay, Queensway Quay	150
23 Leisure Island Building	410
12A Renown House, Laguna Estate	3
11 Catalan Gardens, Sir Herbert Miles Road	20
17 The Sails, Ocean Village Promenade	120
Hindu Temple, Engineer Lane	8
94/96 Irish Town	15
12 Town Range	8
Block 1 Queensway Quay, Flat 24	2
72 Main Street	40
1/5 Governor's Street	10
41 Main Street	5
42 Crutchett's Ramp	25
11 Governor's Street	25
Devil's Gap, Upper Rock Unit 13	4
4 Admiral's Walk, Marina Bay	1
18 Naval Hospital Road	5
1303 Block 6 Europlaza	1
Car Wash Waterport	5
7 Laburnum Lodge, Montagu Gardens	1
18 Ocean Village Promenade	50
345 Watergardens	2
The Sails, Queensway Quay	20
5/6 Rosia Dale	4
Suite 611, Europort Road	150
13 Main Street	29
5 Lord Napier Mews	5
2 Naval Hospital Hill	26
17 The Island, Queensway Quay	2
44 Royal Ocean Plaza	15
Waterport Place Europort Avenue	16

	<u>£000's</u>
North Mole Road Industrial Estate Unit 8	5
7-9 John Mackintosh Square	50
22A Main Street	50
Barclays Wealth, Tuckey's Lane	20
75 Irish Town	20
4a Eurolife Building, Corral Road	3
290A Main Street	25
10 King Street	15
3 Pride of Gibraltar Lodge	150
La Morna, Sunnyside Steps	15
25 Leisure Island, Queensway Quay	60
17 Naval Hospital Hill	1
32 Admiral's Place	1
11 Blackwood Tower, Brympton	1
35 City Mill Lane	2
1 Mediterranean Terrace	5
110/112 Main Street	5
Trade Winds Unit R2	100
81 Main Street	50
Ocean Heights	6
11 Windmill Hill Road	3
225/226 Both Worlds	20
Governor's Cottage, Europa Advance Road	100
Sunrise Court, Catalan Bay Village	6
White Rose Cottage, KGV Ramp	25
81 Cloister Building, Irish Town	4
35 John Snow House, Europa Road	1
5/1 Naval Hospital Hill	12
Leisure Island Building, Ocean Village S	65
6/8 Crutchett's Ramp	12
751 Europort	150
24/1 Scud Hill	2
19 The Sails, Ocean Village Promenade	24
Garages Red Sands Road	18
83/84 Rosia Dale	25
37 Lancashire House, Europa Road	12
18 Britannia House	20
34 Line Wall Road	1
505 Neptune House, Marina Bay	10
721 Europort Building	4
23/4 Cumberland Road	20
Unit 2 West Place of Arms	10
284 Main Street	3
17 Blackwood Tower, Bympton	1

	<u>£000's</u>
18 Blackwood Tower, Brympton	1
Leisure Island Building	3
503 Neptune House	1
15 Main Street	15
159 Main Street	6
Waterport Place 2B	70
60 Main Street	25
Ocean Village Promenade	25
7 Orchid House, Europa Road	4
73A Irish Town	2
Flat 125 Ocean Heights	6
1 Glacis Kiosk, Glacis Road	30
8 Honeysuckle House, Waterport Terrace	1
4 Honeysuckle House, Waterport Terrace	1
319A Main Street	2
31 Waverley House, Cumberland Road	8
1 Jasmine House, Waterport Terraces	1
3 Jasmine House, Waterport Terraces	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74,224</b>
<b>Rounded off to:</b>	<b>75,000</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1101 TO 1104 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not agree but ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They were not deducted from the old system. That has been confirmed to me. He can rise to challenge that in a moment if he likes. The old system was the old grossing up on the basis of yield. Obviously, tax is only paid by profitable companies. So the figure includes only profitable companies but that does not amount to a deduction from the tax payable. That does not provide for any subtraction of the losses made by loss making companies which is now being done under the new system. So, it is true that under the old system it reflected profitable companies because only profitable companies paid tax and the figure was deducted or calculated by grossing up the tax yield to which only profitable companies necessarily contribute. Having arrived at the figure, there is no deduction from the figure made to reflect the companies that are not reflected there at all because they paid nothing in tax because they made trading losses. So now we are reducing the trading profits of profitable companies and the losses made are being netted or ... by an examination of accounts, the accounts of the profitable making and the loss making, they can work out and they arrive at a net figure. There was no such netting going on before. In the last year's budget speech, the 2009/2010 GDP estimate was stated as £914 million. The latest GDP estimate includes insurance and other exempt companies which had not formed part of the 2008/2009 GDP estimate which only included the banking and gambling sectors ... Sorry, I am reading from supplementary information ... which I was about to read the figure that I am going to give him privately in the ante room. I have got to stop reading now. I have read a little bit too far. So he has got three lines worth of information that I was not going to give him.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If I might just take a point on what the hon Gentleman has said. He told us that the air terminal should not be on the schedule to the answer to Question No. 1102 of 2011 because it was not a private development, obviously, and it was also not in the year in respect of which the question was seeking information. He said he thought there might not be any other problems with the information provided but I see also that the Law Courts are on the schedule, just above the airport. I would have thought those also are not a private development unless they are going through a Government company and for that reason may be there, but I would have thought that they also need to be taken out?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

True. If the Law Courts were not ... I cannot remember when the law ... This is for 2008/2009.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am speaking to the principle that the hon Gentleman told us, rightly, that that related to public [*inaudible*].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am just stopping to think whether the Law Courts project had started in that year.

**HON FR PICARDO:**

But it is a public project anyway, is it not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

But in any case it would be a public project and would not be there. So it is wrong for one reason and it might be wrong for two reasons as well but it is certainly wrong for one. Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful to the hon Member.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of Question No. 1103 of 2011 where I asked the Government to confirm the inclusion of the exempt companies and he has gone on to tell me that the insurance is not going to be ... when he gives me the information on the GDP, is he going to give me the information on those two?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

For what year?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The question is for 2009/2010 which he is going to announce in the Budget but which he has offered to let us see before and, obviously, I imagine that he is not giving me the information I am asking in respect of Question No. 1103 of 2011 because he is not giving me the GDP.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, but I can give him the usual breakdown, the build up ... the GDP [*inaudible*] but it does not provide specifically the information on exempt companies. In other words, it is the usual schedule that I give him eventually around November of each year after

the event. It does not however contain specifically the information as he knows. It is not broken down to that [*inaudible*] detail.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think in ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not have that information. What I can give him is the figure of the GDP and I can give him the breakdown of that figure.

**NO. 1105 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state whether the contribution made to the Gibraltar Savings Bank from the Consolidated Fund, for the first time, in the last financial year, will be netted out when calculating the profits of the Bank for the purpose of calculating the gross trading profits of Government enterprises in the GDP calculation for 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes. I am advised by the Chief Statistician that it will be so netted out.

ORAL

**NO. 1106 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VALUE OF IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

Can Government provide the figure for the total value, excluding petroleum products, for the months of October, November and December 2010 and provide a breakdown by the main country of origin?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1107 of 2011.

**NO. 1107 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VALUE OF IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

Can Government provide the value of petroleum product imports for the year 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1106 of 2011**

The information requested by the hon Member in respect of the period October 2010 to December 2010 is shown in the schedule that I now pass to him.

**Answer to Question No. 1107 of 2011**

The value of petroleum product imports for the year 2010 was £1,393.4 million.

**Answer to Question No. 1107 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1106 of 2011**

**Imports by Main Country of Origin (excluding petroleum products)**  
**October 2010 to December 2010.**

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>£000'S (C.I.F.)</u>
United Kingdom	35,998
Spain	29,432
Netherlands	8,530
Germany	1,692
France	1,194
United States	860
Singapore	804
Japan	534
Denmark	524
Switzerland	305
Portugal	216
Norway	140
Hong Kong	137
Belgium	135
Italy	106
China	80
Israel	68
Austria	46
Other Countries & Ex-Bond	73,058

ORAL

**NO. 1108 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSION SCHEME**

Can Government state the total number of civil servants covered by the Civil Service pension scheme and eligible for a final salary pension on retirement, including those transferred out of the Civil Service but retaining entitlement to pensions, as at the close of the financial year 2008/2009?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1109 to 1111 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1109 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSION SCHEME**

Can Government state the total number of civil servants covered by the Civil Service pension scheme and eligible for a final salary pension on retirement, including those transferred out of the Civil Service but retaining entitlement to pensions, as at the close of the financial year 2009/2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1108, 1110 and 1111 of 2011.

**NO. 1110 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSION SCHEME**

Can Government state the total number of civil servants covered by the Civil Service pension scheme and eligible for a final salary pension on retirement, including those transferred out of the Civil Service but retaining entitlement to pensions, as at the close of the financial year 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Questions Nos. 1108, 1109 and 1111 of 2011.

**NO. 1111 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSION SCHEME**

Can Government state when was the most recent entrant into the Civil Service recruited with a right to a final salary Civil Service pension and state the grade of the employee concerned?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 1108, 1109 and 1110 of 2011**

The total number of civil servants on permanent and pensionable terms, eligible to a final salary pension under the Pensions Act, as at the close of the financial years 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 is as follows:

Financial year 2008/2009 – 2844  
Financial year 2009/2010 – 2825  
Financial year 2010/2011 – 2714

**Answer to Question Nos. 1111 of 2011**

The most recent officer to be appointed on permanent and pensionable terms, with a right to a final salary pension under the Pensions Act, was a Law Draftsman on 20 June 2011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1108 TO 1111 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are there civil servants who are not currently on permanent and pensionable terms but are working in the Government who if they became permanent and pensionable would come into the system because I remember the hon Member telling me at one stage that, even when an agreement was reached, the cut off date would be the date of that agreement?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

An agreement was indeed reached except that some of the unions have not had the ability to persuade the members of the wisdom of what they have negotiated and agreed to on their behalf, although you would not think that from some of the public statements that they make afterwards. Anybody would think that they are forced at gun point to agree to it. Anyway, be that as it may, there are a number of people who pending a change by the Government to the pension situation who were employed on contract terms ... There are a number of people who were employed on contract terms, in any way, for other reasons. This is one of the issues that the Government need to make a decision about following the fact that, in fact, the agreement is, to use language that they apply to other agreements, dead and buried. This agreement is not going to see the light of the day. It is not going to be implemented. It is a non-agreement. It was always subject to approval by the members. The members of one of the unions have rejected it in a ballot and therefore the agreement is a non-event. It is a non-agreement. That is where we are. There is no renegotiation. The Government now have to decide on a number of issues. The Government are not going to impose an agreement, lock stock and barrel, that staff have rejected but there are a number of issues which the Government still, nevertheless, needs to make a decision on. Some of them are manifesto commitments and we need to make a decision and that is currently under active consideration and it will be announced as a matter of Government decision when the Government have made the decision which is not yet. So it is not that I am not telling him, it is just that genuinely there has not been a decision made. Amongst those questions is precisely the one that he has asked.

ORAL

**NO. 1112 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS**

Can Government state the total number of Civil Service pensioners in receipt of a pension as at the close of the financial year 2008/2009 and what was the total value of such pensions, excluding widows' pensions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1113 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1113 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS**

Can Government state the total number of Civil Service pensioners in receipt of a pension as at the close of the financial year 2009/2010 and what was the total value of such pensions, excluding widows' pensions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112 and 1114 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1114 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS**

Can Government state the number of Civil Service pensioners in receipt of a pension at the close of the last financial year and the total value of such pensions, excluding widows' pensions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112, 1113 and 1115 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1115 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPOUSES OF CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS RECEIVING WIDOWS' PENSIONS**

Can Government state the number of spouses of Civil Service pensioners receiving a widows' pension at the close of the last financial year and the total value of such pensions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112 to 1114 and 1116 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1116 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPOUSES OF CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS RECEIVING WIDOWS' PENSIONS**

Can Government state the total number of spouses of Civil Service pensioners in receipt of a widows' pension as at the close of the financial year 2008/2009 and what was the total value of such pensions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112 to 1115 and 1117 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1117 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPOUSES OF CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS RECEIVING WIDOWS' PENSIONS**

Can Government state the total number of spouses of Civil Service pensioners in receipt of a widows' pension as at the close of the financial year 2009/2010 and what was the total value of such pensions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112 to 1116 and 1118 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1118 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS**

Can Government state the total number of civil servants who became entitled to a Civil Service pension on retirement from the service during the last financial year and what was the average monthly pension?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112 to 1117, 1119 to 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1119 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SPOUSES OF CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS RECEIVING WIDOWS' PENSIONS**

Can Government state the total number of spouses who became entitled to a widows' pension during the last financial year and what was the average monthly pension?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1112 to 1118 and 1120 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1120 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVANTS ENTITLED TO CIVIL SERVICE PENSION ALSO COVERED UNDER WOPS**

Can Government state how many of the civil servants who were entitled to a final salary Civil Service pension as at the close of the last financial year were also covered under WOPS?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information that the hon Member has requested is on the schedule that is just being handed to him.

**Answer to Question No. 1120 of 2011**

<b>FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL NO. PENSIONERS</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE OF PENSIONS</b>
2008/2009	1902	£17.1M
2009/2010	1931	£18.2M
2010/2011	1974	£19.6M

<b>FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>NO. OF SPOUSES RECEIVING WIDOW'S PENSION</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE OF WOPS PENSIONS</b>
2008/2009	64	£221.7K
2009/2010	62	£224.1K
2010/2011	59	£221.5K

During the last financial year, a total of 125 civil servants became entitled to a Civil Service pension. The average monthly pension is £1,209.50.

Only one spouse became entitled to a widow's pension during the last financial year and her average monthly pension is £306.34.

As at the end of the last financial year no civil servants who were entitled to a final salary civil service pension were covered under WOPS.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1112 TO 1120 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In answer to the final question that I have just asked, Question No. 1120 of 2011, the hon Member says there are no civil servants left that are covered for WOPS.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No active civil servants. No current civil servants who are covered by the WOPS scheme.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So that means, in fact, that the option that has been available where we put a token amount in the Estimates for anybody that decides to drop out is no longer relevant because there is nobody left to drop out then?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Apparently, there is a civil servant in this House that wants to challenge the answer. I will have to refer the matter. That is the answer that has been produced to me by the Chief Secretary's Office and the Human Resources. Perhaps, he has been in this building so long that they have forgotten about him from the rest of the Civil

Service. I knew one who retired recently. So if this answer were right, he would have been the last one but, apparently, he is not. So, if the hon Member will give me the opportunity, I will just have that aspect of it checked again.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In fact, I would have thought ... I am surprised that the answer is that there are none left because I think the people who decided that they wanted to keep it were very clear that they wanted to keep it and there are still a fair number of them.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

[*Inaudible*] and a lot of those people have retired.

ORAL

**NO. 1121 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 1-B TRAINING – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £401,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 1(B) – Training, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1122 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1122 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 3-A HOUSING ADMINISTRATION – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £544,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 3(A) – Housing Administration, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 and 1123 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1123 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 4-A ENVIRONMENT – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £120,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 4(A) – Environment, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1122 and 1124 to 1134 of 2011.

**ORAL**

**NO. 1124 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 4-C TOURISM – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £2,034,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 4(C) – Tourism, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1123 and 1125 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1125 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 5-A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £116,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 5(A) – Family and Community Affairs, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1124 and 1126 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1126 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 6-A ENTERPRISE – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £67,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 6(A) – Enterprise, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1125 and 1127 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1127 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 6-B TRANSPORT - PORT AND SHIPPING – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £291,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 6(B) – Transport, Port and Shipping, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1126 and 1128 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1128 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 6-D TRANSPORT - VEHICLE, TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £672,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 6(D) – Transport, Vehicle, Traffic and Public Transport, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1127 and 1129 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1129 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 7-B CIVIL CONTINGENCY – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £46,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 7(B) – Civil Contingency, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1128 and 1130 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1130 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 8-A No. 6 CONVENT PLACE – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £359,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 8(A) – No.6 Convent Place, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1129 and 1131 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1131 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 9-D INCOME TAX – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £26,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 9(D) – Income Tax, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1130 and 1132 to 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1132 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 9-E FINANCE CENTRE – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £267,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 9(E) – Finance Centre, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1131, 1133 and 1134 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1133 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 10 EMPLOYMENT – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £554,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 10 – Employment, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1121 to 1132 and 1134 of 2011.

**NO. 1134 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 11-A JUSTICE MINISTRY – GDC EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of GDC employees in respect of whose services a contribution from Government departments of £16,000 was included in the 2010/2011 approved estimates of expenditure under Head 11(A) – Justice Ministry, giving a breakdown by grade of employee?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information requested.

Yes, could I just clarify that there is a column there which in any case has not been requested but which should actually read 'salary' not 'contribution'. That is a contribution. That is not a contribution in the pensions term. That is a contribution in the vote from the Consolidated Fund to the GDC term. As we are talking about pensions and contributions, I did not want him to think it was ...

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 1134**

Question	Head	Contribution	Grade	Number of Employees in Grade
1118/2011	1B Training	£401,000	1	1
			2 *	4
			4	7
			5A	1
				13
			* Two employees in one post (job sharing)	
1119/2011	3A Housing	£544,000	2	5
			3	1
				6
1120/2011	4A Environment	£120,000	1	2
			4	1
			5A	1
				4
1121/2011	4C Tourism	£2,034,000	Industrials	7
			1	14
			2	30
			3	3
			4	6
			5A	1
			Senior Executive Officer	1
			Chief Executive, GTB	1
				63
			Temporary Staff - Visitor Information Patrols (Not part of approved complement)	13
1122/2011	5A Family and Community Affairs	£116,000	1	1
			2	1
			3	1
			4	1
				4
1123/2011	6A Enterprise	£67,000	1	1
			2	1
			3	2
				4
1124/2011	6B - Transport, Port and Shipping	£248,000	<u>Terminals</u>	
			1	2
			2	3
			3	2
			4	1
		£43,000	<u>Shipping</u>	
			2	1
			3	1
		£291,000		10

Question	Head	Contribution	Grade	Number of Employees in Grade
1125/2011	6D - Transport - Vehicle, Traffic and Public Transport	£672,000	1 2 3 Crossing Patrol Officer Tow Truck Driver Traffic Warden Manager, Traffic Management	2 1 1 9 4 9 1 27
1126/2011	7B Civil Contingency	£46,000	2 3	1 1 2
1127/2011	8A No.6 Convent Place	£359,000	2 3 4 5A 5T	3 3 2 1 1 10
1128/2011	9D Income Tax	£26,000	1	1
1129/2011	9E Finance Centre	£267,000	2 4 Finance Centre Director	1 2 1 4
1130/2011	10 Employment	£554,000	1 * 2 * 3 4 5A Manager, Employment Service  * Two employees in one post (job sharing) (i.e. Four job sharing officers)	5 7 5 3 1 1 22 1
1131/2011	11A Justice Ministry	£16,000	Legislation Officer	1
TOTAL				171

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1121 to 1134 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of the staff covered by the payment from the Tourist Ministry, I take it that the grades are the grades that are in the GDC which ... I know that a Grade 1 is an AA and so on but there is a Senior Executive Officer shown which is not a GDC grade, normally. That would be a Civil Service grade. [*inaudible*]. The pay grades that are shown here in all the other cases are the grades that we know apply in the GDC. [*Inaudible*].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

We are just trying to work out, without great success, whether that is a reference to the Civil Service grade. In other words, that there is a civil servant SEO attached to the GDC on Tourism or whether it is not. It is just a coincidence and it is just an officer that is referred to as a senior executive without being an SEO grade qua Civil Service but we cannot work it out right now. We are just going to check on the telephone but we think it is a civil servant, Senior Executive Officer deployed in the tourism ... Well, otherwise you cannot list by activity. So, for example, I know we are not supposed to be referring to it publicly but if he looks on page 154 of his Budget Book that he has not got, when he looks at it he will see that in the Gibraltar Development Corporation there is one SEO there. There is one Senior Executive Officer. We think we know the lady who may be a civil servant but we are just checking it out.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of the Visitor Information Patrols – Temporary Staff. Is it that they are employed for a specific period, the summer or whatever it is. Is that the position?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

These are casual employees temporary during the summer months.

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**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

We have now identified the Senior Executive Officer in question. It is a lady who works there in tourism. I am told she is not an SEO civil servant. It just happens that her position in the department happens to be described as Senior Executive Officer as nomenclature of the job rather than as a description of a grade. It is just a coincidence of nomenclature which is ... and it is a lady there that does the Senior Executive Officer job. In fact, I know that she is deployed elsewhere. At the moment, she is deployed temporarily to cover the heritage but she is aimed for tourism.

ORAL

**NO. 1135 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES – NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of employees in Government owned companies with a breakdown by company as at the end of March 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1136 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1136 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES – NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

Can Government provide the total number of employees in Government owned companies with a breakdown by company as at the end of the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out that information.

Having looked at the list again, I think that there is a company missing there. The two community projects companies and indeed GJBS Limited. I cannot understand why they have not been included.

**Answer to Question No. 1136 of 2011**

**Answer to Question Nos. 1135 and 1136 of 2011**

	<b>Employees as at March 2010</b>	<b>Employees as at March 2011</b>
Gibraltar Residential Properties Ltd	7	7
Gibraltar Bus Co Ltd	48	47
Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd	9	17
Gibraltar General Construction Co Ltd	160	125
Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Co Ltd	4	1
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	1	1
GM&E Services Ltd	0	3
Gibraltar Defence Estates and General Services Ltd	80	74
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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1135 AND 1136 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Gibraltar Defence Estates and General Services Ltd, is that where the people that he mentioned previously in respect of the MOD Generating Station are? Is Gibraltar Defence Estates and General Services Ltd the Government company, to which he referred earlier, that has taken the MOD Generating Station people and seconded them back?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. This list is, in any case, incomplete and I would like the hon Member to give me the opportunity to resubmit it to him. I can think of at least three companies with employees in it that are not on this list, GJBS Limited and the two companies that used to be community projects.

ORAL

**NO. 1137 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Development Corporation which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1138 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1138 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 and 1139 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1139 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ECA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Elderly Care Agency which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137, 1138 and 1140 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1140 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS  
NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Social Services Agency which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1139 and 1141 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1141 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Electricity Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1140 and 1142 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1142 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Regulatory Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1141 and 1143 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1143 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Health Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2008/2009, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1142 and 1144 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1144 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Development Corporation which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1143 and 1145 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1145 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1144 and 1146 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1146 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CARE AGENCY – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED  
IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Care Agency which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1145 and 1147 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1147 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GEA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Electricity Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1146 and 1148 to 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1148 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GRA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Regulatory Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1147, 1149 and 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1149 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Health Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1137 to 1148 and 1150 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1150 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY – GRADES AND SALARY SCALES OF POSTS  
NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDIX O OF THE ESTIMATES**

Can Government now provide the grades and salary scales in respect of those posts in the establishment of the Gibraltar Port Authority which were not Civil Service grades and the salary scales of which were not included in Appendix O of the Estimates for the financial year 2009/2010, in whatever format may be appropriate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**Answer to Question 1137**

**GIBALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**2008/2009**

GRADE 1	£11,945	£12,689	£13,436	£14,183	£14,931	£15,678	£16,425	£17,171	£17,600	£18,040	£18,492	£18,954
GRADE 2	£14,899	£15,769	£16,634	£17,495	£18,370	£19,234	£20,101	£20,968	£21,491	£22,029	£22,580	£23,143
GRADE 3	£17,918	£18,905	£19,889	£20,876	£21,858	£22,841	£23,833	£24,823	£25,896			
GRADE 4	£23,144	£24,264	£25,382	£26,505	£27,627	£28,744	£29,868	£31,542				
GRADE 5A	£35,393	£36,840	£38,286	£40,430								
GRADE 5T	£36,840	£38,286	£39,727	£41,173	£43,374							
GRADE TRAFFIC WARDEN	£13,767	£14,598	£15,436	£16,267	£17,104	£17,934	£19,597	£21,266	£21,797	£22,342	£22,901	£23,474
GRADE TRAFFIC DRIVER	£14,515	£15,346	£16,180	£17,032	£17,896	£18,885	£19,899	£20,924	£21,448	£21,983	£22,535	£23,098
GRADE TRAFFIC WARDEN PTH	£26,181											
GENERAL MANAGER	£35,338											
LEGISLATION OFFICER	£13,687											
EMPLOYMENT MANAGER	£43,971											
BUNKERING SUPERINTENDENT	£33,055											
WORKERS HOSTELS MANAGER	£32,479											
GTB CEO	£49,915	£60,000										
FINANCE DIRECTOR	£110,812											
SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL	£11,178											
CLEANER PTH	£15,536											

**Answer to Question 1138**

**GIBALTAR SPORTS & LEISURE AUTHORITY**

**2008/2009**

GRADE 1- CEO (PTH)	£76,890												
GRADE 2- DEPUTY CEO	£40,402	£41,926	£44,492	£46,286	£47,211	£48,160	£49,125	£50,954					
GRADE 3- FACILITIES/ FINANCE/ DEVELOPMENT/ RESOURCES	£31,715	£32,233	£33,531	£36,288	£37,758	£38,512	£39,285	£40,071	£41,562				
GRADE 4- OFFICE MGR/ ASST SDTO/ ASST FACILITIES MGR	£25,394	£26,286	£29,017	£30,185	£30,794	£31,410	£32,041	£32,670	£34,046				
GRADE 5- CENTRE MANAGERS	£27,453	£28,417	£28,982	£29,562	£30,150	£30,740	£31,488	£32,252	£33,039	£33,844			
GRADE 5- TECHNICAL OFFICER	£25,394	£26,286	£26,808	£27,345	£27,889	£28,434	£29,126	£29,833	£30,561	£31,306			
GRADE 6- ADMINISTRATION AND CLERICAL OFFICER	£19,334	£20,156	£21,523	£22,247	£22,991	£23,762	£24,749	£25,353	£25,970	£26,605	£27,256		
GRADE 7- SUPERVISORY GROUNDSMAN (PTH)	£36,820												
GRADE 7- SUPERVISORY GROUNDSMAN	£31,253	£33,597	£35,941										
GRADE 8- SPORTS & LEISURE OFFICERS	£18,351	£19,728	£21,104										
GRADE 9- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TYPIST	£16,935	£17,590	£18,177										
GRADE 10- GROUNDSMAN / GRADE 11- SUPPORT STAFF	£16,002	£17,202	£18,402	£18,785	£19,413	£20,063	£20,820	£21,330	£21,848	£22,384	£22,931		
GRADE 12- TEMPORARY AND SUPPLY WORKERS P/HR	£8	£12	£17										

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**Answer to Question 1139****ELDERLY CARE AGENCY**

ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR	£14,721	£14,765	£15,796	£16,901	£17,484	£18,085	£18,708	£19,505	£19,992	£20,491	£21,004	£21,529
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	£14,721	£14,765	£15,796	£16,901	£17,484	£18,085	£18,708	£19,505	£19,992	£20,491	£21,004	£21,529
CATERING MANAGER	£24,725	£25,241	£26,288	£28,515	£29,701	£30,311						
COMMUNITY ELDERLY NEEDS CO-ORDINATOR	£17,947	£18,551	£19,177	£19,808	£20,513	£21,271	£22,207	£23,160	£24,126			
DEPUTY NURSING CO-ORDINATOR	£25,089	£26,072	£27,047	£28,036	£29,024	£30,034	£30,544					
DOMICILIARY CARE CO-ORDINATOR	£19,315	£20,593	£22,799	£23,743	£24,234	£24,731	£25,241	£25,749	£26,859			
ELDERLY CARE MANAGER	£39,527	£43,032	£46,995	£51,320	£53,419							
ENROLLED NURSE	£14,623	£15,117	£15,648	£16,206	£16,774	£17,352	£17,947	£18,551	£19,177	£19,808		
FACILITIES OFFICER	£24,725	£25,241	£26,288	£28,515	£29,701	£30,311	£30,935	£31,569	£32,774			
FINANCE OFFICER	£19,315	£20,593	£22,799	£23,743	£24,234	£24,731	£25,241	£25,749	£26,859			
NURSING ASSISTANT	£12,066	£12,450	£12,845	£13,272	£13,701	£14,154	£14,623	£15,353				
NURSING AUXILIARY	£12,066	£12,450	£12,845	£13,272	£13,701	£14,154	£14,623	£15,353				
NURSING CO-ORDINATOR	£28,036	£29,024	£30,035	£31,049	£32,065	£33,100	£33,621					
OFFICE HELPER	£14,721	£15,272	£16,340	£17,484	£18,085	£18,708	£19,350	£19,994	£20,491	£21,004	£21,529	£22,067
PERSONAL SECRETARY	£14,721	£15,272	£16,340	£17,484	£18,085	£18,708	£19,350	£19,994	£20,491	£21,004	£21,529	£22,067
PERSONNEL OFFICER	£24,725	£25,241	£26,288	£28,515	£29,701	£30,311	£30,935	£31,569	£32,774			
PHYSIOTHERAPIST	£20,808	£21,477	£22,475	£23,476	£24,474	£25,648	£26,236					
REGISTERED GENERAL NURSE	£17,947	£18,551	£19,177	£19,808	£20,513	£21,271	£22,207	£23,160	£24,126			
SALARIES OFFICER	£19,315	£20,593	£22,799	£23,743	£24,234	£24,731	£25,241	£25,749	£26,859			
SENIOR ENROLLED NURSE	£16,774	£17,352	£17,947	£18,551	£19,177	£19,808	£20,513	£21,271	£22,207	£23,160		

**Contd Answer to Question 1150****2008/2009**

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**Answer to Question 1140**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

**Contd Answer to Question 1150**

	2008/2009									
ASST DRUGS STRATEGY CO-ORDINATOR 20 HR / ADMIN OFF	£13,504	£14,292	£15,076	£15,857	£16,649	£17,432	£18,218	£19,004	£19,478	£19,967
CAREWORKER (37.5 HRS PER WEEK)	£12,200	£12,519	£12,996	£13,399	£13,845	£14,296	£14,800			£20,465
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	£42,000									
CLASSROOM AIDE (SPECIAL NEEDS)	£15,006									
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER / FINANCE OFFICER	£21,673	£22,571	£23,035	£23,507	£23,992	£24,477				
COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST	£28,051	£28,836	£29,680	£30,658						
COUNSELLOR	£19,555	£20,641	£21,727	£22,814	£23,900					
DAY CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR	£15,255	£15,653	£16,250	£16,754	£17,311	£17,874	£18,504			
DEPUTY MANAGER (DR GIRALDI HOME)	£22,783									
DEPUTY MANAGER (ST BERNADETTE'S O/T)	£18,340	£18,879	£19,496	£20,114						
DOMESTIC WORKER 22.5 HOURS PER WEEK	£7,079	£7,264	£7,541	£7,774	£8,033	£8,295	£8,588			
DOMESTIC WORKER 20 HOURS PER WEEK	£6,293	£6,458	£6,704	£6,912	£7,141	£7,374	£7,634			
DOMESTIC WORKER 15 HOURS PER WEEK	£4,720	£4,843	£5,028	£5,184	£5,355	£5,530	£5,726			
ENROLLED NURSE	£14,623	£15,117	£15,648	£16,206	£16,774	£17,352	£17,947	£18,551	£19,177	£19,808
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£19,315	£20,593	£22,799	£23,743	£24,234	£24,731	£25,241	£25,749	£26,859	
MANAGER (DR GIRALDI HOME)	£29,971									
HANDYMAN / DRIVER	£11,641	£11,945	£12,400	£12,785	£13,210	£13,640	£14,121			
HIGHER EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£24,725	£25,241	£26,288	£28,515	£29,701	£30,311	£30,935	£31,569	£32,774	
MANAGER (ST BERNADETTE'S O/T)	£25,285	£26,030	£26,766							
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	£29,006	£29,818	£30,237	£31,494	£32,555					
PERSONAL ASSISTANT	£13,504	£14,292	£15,076	£15,857	£16,649	£17,432	£18,218	£19,004	£19,478	£19,967
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER	£28,051	£28,836	£29,680	£30,658						£20,465
SHOP MOBILITY ATTENDANT	£11,000									
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (40 HR)	£13,014	£13,354	£13,863	£14,292	£14,768	£15,248	£15,786			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (QUALIFIED - 40HR)	£13,868	£14,230	£14,772	£15,230	£15,736	£16,249	£16,822			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER ( 40 HOUR PTH )	£15,125	£15,520	£16,112	£16,612	£17,164	£17,723	£18,347			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER ( 39 HOUR PTH)	£14,594	£14,975	£15,545	£16,028	£16,561	£17,100	£17,703			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (37.5 HR)	£12,200	£12,519	£12,996	£13,399	£13,845	£14,296	£14,800			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (QUALIFIED - 37.5HR)	£13,001	£13,340	£13,849	£14,279	£14,753	£15,233	£15,771			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (31 HR)	£10,086	£10,349	£10,744	£11,077	£11,445	£11,817	£12,234			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (30 HR)	£9,760	£10,015	£10,397	£10,791	£11,076	£11,437	£11,840			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (22.5 HR)	£7,079	£7,264	£7,541	£7,774	£8,033	£8,295	£8,588			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (20 HR)	£6,506	£6,676	£6,931	£7,146	£7,384	£7,625	£7,893			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (QUALIFIED - 20 HR)	£6,934	£7,114	£7,386	£7,615	£7,868	£8,124	£8,411			
SOCIAL CARE WORKER (15 HR)	£4,720	£4,843	£5,028	£5,184	£5,355	£5,530	£5,726			
SOCIAL WORKER (OUT OF HOURS)	£16,974									
SOCIAL WORKER (QUALIFIED)	£20,770	£21,458	£22,160	£23,037	£23,809	£24,560	£25,285	£26,030	£26,766	£27,327
SOCIAL WORKER (UNQUALIFIED)	£23,809									
TEAM LEADER	£33,116	£33,941	£34,776	£35,557	£36,417					

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Answer to Question 1142

GIBALTAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTANT	2008/2009
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	£34,160
ASSISTANT GAMBLING SUPERVISOR	£18,285
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£27,538
CO-ORDINATION ADMINISTRATOR	£64,457
DATA PROTECTION COMPLIANCE MANAGER	£20,247
DATA PROTECTION OFFICER	£29,569
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	£25,508
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY MANAGER	£23,500
GAMBLING ICT INSPECTOR	£33,226
HEAD OF GAMBLING REGULATION	£24,063
HEAD OF REGULATION	£124,584
HEAD OF SATELLITE SERVICES	£37,980
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR / PA	£48,120
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS & IT ADMINISTRATOR	£20,250
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS & IT MANAGER	£25,508
	£32,788

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Answer to Question 1143		2008-2009									
GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY											
SALARIES											
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	£15,847	£16,898	£18,045	£18,651	£19,275	£19,922	£20,749	£21,255	£21,773	£22,305	£22,851
ADVANCED AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT	£17,204										
ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER	£35,081										
AMBULANCE CALL TAKER / DISPATCHER	£17,883	£18,317	£18,766	£19,225							
AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT	£15,143										
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING - Mental Health	£37,744										
ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN	£20,295	£20,746	£22,676	£23,117	£24,603	£27,168	£28,265	£28,836	£29,414	£30,008	£31,890
ASSOCIATE SPECIALIST	£83,187	£91,363	£97,003	£102,642							
BASIC GRADE PHARMACIST	£23,524	£24,836	£26,148								
BLOOD BANK MANAGER	£43,100	£44,825	£46,618	£48,483	£50,424						
BREAST NURSE SPECIALIST	£25,789	£26,789	£27,791	£28,807	£29,822	£30,860	£31,384				
CARDIAC REHAB NURSE SPECIALIST	£21,856	£22,818	£23,797	£24,789	£25,789	£26,789	£27,293				
CATERING DIRECTOR	£27,457	£28,550	£29,693	£30,887	£32,119						
CHARGE NURSE / NURSING SISTER	£25,789	£26,789	£27,791	£28,807	£29,822	£30,860	£31,384				
CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER	£37,415										
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	£131,521										
CHIEF SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST	£41,442	£43,100	£44,827								
CLERK / WORD PROCESSOR	£13,881	£14,747	£15,239	£15,749	£16,276	£16,820	£17,455	£17,883	£18,317	£18,766	£19,225
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£28,807	£29,822	£30,861	£31,903	£32,947	£34,010	£34,546				
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	£41,442	£43,100	£44,825	£46,618	£48,483	£50,424					
CONSULTANT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	£63,804										
CONSULTANT	£83,189	£91,365	£97,005	£102,645							
COUNSELLOR	£28,218										

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JUNIOR MISO A (Junior Biomedical Scientist)	£15,103	£15,418	£16,163	£16,481	£17,097	£17,722	£18,369	£18,844	£19,398	£20,032
LABORATORY CLERK	£15,847	£16,898	£18,045	£18,651	£19,275	£19,922	£20,749	£21,255	£21,773	£22,305
MEDICAL LIBRARIAN	£27,457	£28,550	£29,620	£30,867						£22,851
MEDICAL SECRETARY	£14,721	£15,272	£16,340	£17,484	£18,085	£18,708	£19,350	£19,994	£20,491	£21,004
MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER	£25,789	£26,789	£27,791	£28,807	£29,822	£30,860				£22,067
MISO (Biomedical Scientist)	£18,189	£18,915	£19,669	£20,456	£21,276	£22,130				
NON CONSULTANT HOSPITAL DOCTOR	£52,606	£56,044	£59,486	£62,926	£66,366	£69,806	£73,244			
NURSE PRACTITIONER	£28,807	£29,822	£30,861	£31,903	£32,947	£33,481				
NURSING ASSISTANT	£12,398	£12,792	£13,198	£13,637	£14,078	£14,543	£15,025			
NURSING AUXILIARY	£12,398	£12,792	£13,198	£13,637	£14,078	£14,543	£15,025	£15,775		
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST - SENIOR I	£25,147	£26,353	£27,568	£28,796	£29,601	£30,017				
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST - SENIOR II	£21,175	£22,068	£23,093	£24,122	£25,147	£26,353	£26,957			
OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONER	£16,813	£17,489	£18,189	£18,915	£19,669	£20,456	£21,276			
OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	£44,061									
ORTHOPTIST - SENIOR I	£25,147	£26,353	£27,568	£28,796	£29,601	£30,017				
PALLIATIVE CARE NURSE SPECIALIST	£25,789	£26,789	£27,791	£28,807	£29,822	£30,860	£31,384			
PATHOLOGY PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	£16,813	£17,489	£18,189	£18,915	£19,669	£20,456	£21,276			
PATHOLOGY SERVICES MANAGER	£44,432	£47,334	£51,572	£56,196	£58,441					
PATIENT COMPLAINTS CO-ORDINATOR	£33,872	£35,149	£37,301	£38,805	£39,581	£40,376				
PERSONAL SECRETARY	£15,847	£16,354	£17,463	£18,651	£19,275	£19,922	£20,588	£21,257	£21,773	£22,305
P & GS 'C'	£20,721	£21,677	£22,629	£23,587	£24,541	£25,520	£26,539	£27,064	£27,603	£28,635
PHYSIOTHERAPIST - SENIOR I	£25,147	£26,353	£27,568	£28,796	£29,601	£30,017				

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**Answer to Question 1144**

**GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**2009/2010**

GRADE 1	£12,388	£13,160	£13,934	£14,709	£15,484	£16,260	£17,034	£17,808	£18,253	£18,709	£19,178	£19,657
GRADE 2	£15,452	£16,354	£17,251	£18,144	£19,051	£19,948	£20,847	£21,746	£22,288	£22,846	£23,418	£24,002
GRADE 3	£18,583	£19,606	£20,627	£21,650	£22,669	£23,689	£24,717	£25,744	£26,857			
GRADE 4	£24,003	£25,164	£26,324	£27,488	£28,652	£29,810	£30,976	£32,142				
GRADE 5A	£36,706	£38,207	£39,706	£41,930								
GRADE 5T	£38,207	£39,706	£41,201	£42,701	£44,983							
GRADE TRAFFIC WARDEN	£14,278	£15,140	£16,009	£16,871	£17,739	£18,599	£20,324	£22,055	£22,606	£23,171	£23,751	£24,345
GRADE TRAFFIC DRIVER	£15,054	£15,915	£16,780	£17,664	£18,560	£19,586	£20,637	£21,700	£22,244	£22,799	£23,371	£23,955
GRADE TRAFFIC WARDEN PTH	£27,152											
GENERAL MANAGER	£36,649											
LEGISLATION OFFICER	£14,195											
EMPLOYMENT MANAGER	£45,602											
BUNKERING SUPERINTENDENT	£34,281											
WORKERS HOSTELS MANAGER	£34,292											
GTB CEO	£62,226											
FINANCE DIRECTOR	£119,037											
SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL	£11,602											
CLEANER PTH	£16,002											

**Answer to Question 1145**

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS & LEISURE AUTHORITY**

**2009/ 2010**

GRADE 1- CEO (PTH)	£79,743	£43,481	£46,143	£48,003	£48,962	£49,947	£50,947	£52,845				
GRADE 2- DEPUTY CEO	£41,900	£34,775	£37,635	£39,159	£39,941	£40,742	£41,568	£43,104				
GRADE 3- FACILITIES/ FINANCE/ DEVELOPMENT/ RESOURCES	£33,647	£27,261	£30,093	£31,305	£31,935	£32,575	£33,230	£33,882	£35,308			
GRADE 4- OFFICE MGR/ ASST SDTO/ ASST FACILITIES MGR	£26,941	£29,471	£30,058	£30,658	£31,269	£31,860	£32,656	£33,448	£34,265	£35,099		
GRADE 5- CENTRE MANAGERS	£29,125	£26,941	£27,804	£28,359	£28,924	£29,489	£30,207	£30,939	£31,695	£32,467	£27,592	£28,267
GRADE 5- TECHNICAL OFFICER	£26,941	£27,261	£27,804	£28,359	£28,924	£29,489	£30,207	£30,939	£31,695	£32,467	£27,592	£28,267
GRADE 6- ADMINISTRATION AND CLERICAL OFFICER	£20,510	£20,904	£22,321	£23,072	£23,844	£24,644	£25,667	£26,294	£26,934			
GRADE 7- SUPERVISORY GROUNDSMAN	£32,977	£35,451	£37,924									
GRADE 8- SPORTS & LEISURE OFFICERS	£18,904	£20,322	£21,739	£19,482	£20,133	£20,807	£21,592	£22,121	£22,658	£23,214	£23,782	
GRADE 9- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TYPIST	£17,443	£18,242	£18,850	£19,482	£20,133	£20,807	£21,592	£22,121	£22,658	£23,214	£23,782	
GRADE 10- GROUNDSMAN / GRADE 11- SUPPORT STAFF	£16,482	£17,718	£18,954	£9	£13	£17						
GRADE 12- TEMPORARY AND SUPPLY WORKERS P/HR												

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**Answer to Question 1146**  
**CARE AGENCY**

**2009/2010**

ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR	£16,812	£17,527	£18,716	£19,345	£19,992	£20,663	£21,521	£22,046	£22,583	£23,135	£23,701
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Elderly Care Services	£16,812	£17,527	£18,716	£19,345	£19,992	£20,663	£21,521	£22,046	£22,583	£23,135	£23,701
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Social Services	£14,899	£15,769	£16,634	£17,495	£18,370	£19,234	£20,101	£20,968	£21,491	£22,029	£22,580
ADMINISTRATOR (Bruce's Farm)	£32,432										
ASSISTANT TO DRUGS STRATEGY CO-ORDINATOR											
20 HOUR (PRO-RATA)	£14,899	£15,769	£16,634	£17,495	£18,370	£19,234	£20,101	£20,968	£21,491	£22,029	£22,580
CAREWORKER (37.5 HRS PER WEEK)	£13,138	£13,482	£13,996	£14,430	£14,910	£15,396	£15,939				
CATERING MANAGER	£27,578	£28,029	£29,157	£31,555	£32,833	£33,489	£34,161	£34,844	£36,141		
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	£70,500										
CLASSROOM AIDE (SPECIAL NEEDS)	£15,572										
CLINICAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR	£46,080										
COMMUNITY ELDERLY NEEDS CO-ORDINATOR	£18,884	£19,518	£20,177	£20,841	£21,583	£22,381	£23,366	£24,368	£25,384		
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER	£23,340	£24,307	£24,807	£25,315	£25,838	£26,359					
COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST	£29,111	£29,925	£30,801	£31,816							
COUNSELLOR	£21,059	£22,229	£23,398	£24,569	£25,738						
DAY CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR	£16,428	£16,858	£17,500	£18,043	£18,643	£19,249	£19,928				
DEPUTY MANAGER (DR GIRALDI HOME)	£24,536										
DEPUTY MANAGER (ST BERNADETTE'S OT)	£18,844	£19,398	£20,032	£20,667							
DEPUTY NURSING CO-ORDINATOR	£26,408	£27,432	£28,458	£29,498	£30,538	£31,601	£32,137				
DOMESTIC WORKER 22.5 HOURS PER WEEK	£7,623	£7,823	£8,121	£8,372	£8,651	£8,933	£9,249				
DOMESTIC WORKER 20 HOURS PER WEEK	£6,777	£6,954	£7,220	£7,444	£7,691	£7,941	£8,221				
DOMESTIC WORKER 15 HOURS PER WEEK	£5,083	£5,215	£5,415	£5,583	£5,767	£5,956	£6,166				
DOMICILIARY CARE CO-ORDINATOR	£22,082	£22,857	£25,232	£26,248	£26,777	£27,313	£27,862	£28,409	£29,605		
ENROLLED NURSE	£15,386	£15,906	£16,464	£17,052	£17,649	£18,257	£18,884	£19,518	£20,177	£20,841	
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£22,082	£22,857	£25,232	£26,248	£26,777	£27,313	£27,862	£28,409	£29,605		
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS MANAGER	£35,132	£36,457	£38,689	£40,249	£41,053	£41,878	£42,717	£44,308			
FINANCE OFFICER - Elderly Care Services	£22,082	£22,857	£25,232	£26,248	£26,777	£27,313	£27,862	£28,409	£29,605		
FINANCE OFFICER - Social Services	£23,427	£23,705	£26,168	£27,222	£27,770	£28,326	£28,896	£29,463	£30,703		
GENERAL MANAGER (DR GIRALDI HOME)	£32,277										
HANDYMAN / DRIVER	£12,537	£12,863	£13,354	£13,769	£14,226	£14,689	£15,207				
HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	£27,578	£28,029	£29,157	£31,555	£32,833	£33,489	£34,161	£34,844	£36,141		
HIGHER EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£27,578	£28,029	£29,157	£31,555	£32,833	£33,489	£34,161	£34,844	£36,141		
HOUSE MANAGER (Bruce's Farm)	£21,316										

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### Answer to Question 1147

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY**  
**AUTHORITY**

<b>AUTHORITY</b>			<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
JOB TITLE	Grade			
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	D1	£77,576	£55,671	£57,829
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	D2	£53,596	£49,284	£51,202
SENIOR ENGINEER	D3	£47,440	£41,186	£42,791
ENGINEER	D4	£39,644	£34,630	£35,979
D5 OFFICER	D5	£33,332	£31,342	£32,562
INSTALLATION INSPECTOR	D6A	£30,168	£28,346	£29,453
SUPERVISOR	D6	£27,281	£24,186	£25,130
TECHNICAL GRADE	D7	£23,281	£22,540	£23,418
SKILLED GRADE	D8	£21,697	£21,186	£22,791
SYSTEMS ENGINEER	S1	£39,644	£24,186	£25,130
OPERATOR/MAINTENANCE WORKER	S2	£23,281	£22,540	£23,418
FINANCE AND MAINTENANCE WORKER	S3	£21,697	£47,615	£48,570
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR	F1	£46,684	£32,524	£33,829
FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER	A1	£31,881	£26,520	£29,269
ASSISTANT FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER	A2	£24,928	£20,335	£21,712
FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	A3	£19,051		
<b>Answer to Question 1148</b>				
<b>GIBRALTAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY</b>				
ACCOUNTANT				2009/2010
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER				£35,431
ASSISTANT GAMBLING SUPERVISOR				£18,967
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER				£28,565
CO-ORDINATION ADMINISTRATOR				£66,861
DATA PROTECTION COMPLIANCE MANAGER				£21,000
DATA PROTECTION OFFICER				£30,672
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER				£28,460
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY MANAGER				£24,376
GAMBLING ADMINISTRATOR & WEB MONITOR				£34,463
GAMBLING ICT INSPECTOR				£23,693
HEAD OF GAMBLING REGULATION				£24,960
HEAD OF REGULATION				£129,231
HEAD OF SATELLITE SERVICES				£39,397
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR / PA				£49,915
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS & IT ADMINISTRATOR				£21,005
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS & IT MANAGER				£26,460
				£34,011

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**Answer to Question 1149**

**GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY  
SALARIES**

**2009-2010**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	£16,812	£17,527	£18,716	£19,345	£19,992	£20,663	£21,521	£22,046	£22,583	£23,135	£23,701
ADVANCED AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT	£17,586										
AMBULANCE CALL TAKER / DISPATCHER	£20,990	£21,644	£22,299	£22,953							
AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT	£17,586										
ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN	£24,732	£25,600	£28,260	£29,398	£29,990	£30,591	£31,205	£31,818	£33,158		
ASSOCIATE SPECIALIST	£86,282	£94,762	£100,612	£106,460							
BASIC GRADE PHARMACIST	£27,810	£28,898	£29,980	£31,027							
BLOOD BANK MANAGER	£49,093	£51,579	£54,460	£57,340	£58,911						
BREAST NURSE SPECIALIST	£29,841	£30,998	£32,158	£33,333	£34,508	£35,709	£36,315				
	£29,980	£31,027	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050				
CARDIAC REHAB NURSE SPECIALIST	£29,980	£31,027	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050				
CATERING DIRECTOR	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050	£38,227					
CHARGE NURSE / NURSING SISTER	£29,841	£30,998	£32,158	£33,333	£34,508	£35,709	£36,315				
	£29,980	£31,027	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050				
CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER	£43,986										
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	£136,414										
CHIEF SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST	£47,652	£49,093	£51,579	£54,460	£57,340						
CLERK / WORD PROCESSOR	£14,726	£15,296	£15,806	£16,335	£16,881	£17,446	£18,104	£18,548	£18,998	£19,464	£19,940
CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER	£33,333	£34,508	£35,710	£36,916	£38,124	£39,353	£39,974				
	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050	£38,227	£39,535	£40,910				
CLINICAL PHARMACIST	£31,027	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050	£38,227				
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	£47,954	£49,871	£51,868	£53,943	£56,101	£58,346					
	£47,652	£49,093	£51,579	£54,460	£57,340	£58,911					
CONSULTANT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	£77,238										
CONSULTANT	£86,284	£94,764	£100,614	£106,463							
COUNSELLOR	£33,121										

**Contd Answer to Question 1150**

**Contd Answer to Question 1149**

CYTOLOGY SCREENER	£19,549	£20,270	£20,990	£21,644	£22,299	£22,953	£23,851	£24,784
DENTAL NURSE	£15,460	£15,907	£16,355	£16,931	£17,586	£17,979	£18,501	
DENTAL OFFICER	£36,224	£40,249	£46,286	£49,305	£52,324	£54,336	£56,348	
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	£102,311							
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES	£49,093							
DIABETES NURSE PRACTITIONER	£33,333	£34,508	£35,710	£36,916	£38,124	£38,742		
	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050	£38,227	£39,535		
DIABETES NURSE SPECIALIST	£29,841	£30,998	£32,158	£33,333	£34,508	£35,709	£36,315	
	£29,980	£31,027	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001	£37,050	
DIETITIAN - SENIOR I	£29,009	£30,493	£31,900	£33,320	£34,251	£34,733		
	£29,980	£31,027	£32,073	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001		
DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES	£83,410							
EHT OFFICER	£30,887	£31,392	£32,656	£35,342	£36,773	£37,508	£38,260	£39,025
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	£24,784							£40,478
ENROLLED NURSE	£17,386	£17,974	£18,604	£19,269	£19,943	£20,630	£21,339	£22,055
	£17,586	£17,979	£18,501	£19,092	£19,549	£20,270	£20,990	£21,644
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£22,082	£22,857	£25,232	£26,248	£26,777	£27,313	£27,862	£28,409
GENERAL PRACTITIONER	£77,863	£80,081	£82,300	£84,518	£86,737	£88,954	£93,392	
GHA CLERK	£16,812	£17,527	£18,716	£19,345	£19,992	£20,663	£21,521	£22,046
GHA JUNIOR CLERK	£14,726	£15,296	£15,806	£16,335	£16,881	£17,446	£18,104	£18,548
HEAD OF OPTOMETRY	£49,093	£51,579	£54,460					£18,998
HEAD ORTHOPTIST	£37,396	£38,671	£39,974	£41,280				£19,464
HEAD PHARMACIST	£68,729							
HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER	£28,116	£29,235	£30,406	£31,628	£32,890			
HIGHER EXECUTIVE OFFICER	£27,578	£28,029	£29,157	£31,555	£32,833	£33,489	£34,161	£34,844
HOSPITAL ATTENDANT	£18,828	£19,737	£20,891	£21,286	£21,695	£22,113	£22,754	£23,396
HOSPITAL OPTOMETRIST	£33,121	£34,299	£36,001					£24,554
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR	£75,913							£25,154
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**NO. 1151 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT AGENCIES / AUTHORITIES – CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES**

Can Government clarify whether, following the decision to reflect the revenue and expenditure of Government agencies and authorities in the Consolidated Fund, the employees of these entities are now considered civil servants by the Government or whether the previous distinction between civil servants and public servants still applies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The decision to reflect the revenue and expenditure of Government agencies and authorities in the Consolidated Fund, thus improving the financial control of this House over Government expenditure, has no effect on the employment status of their employees.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1151 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the answer is then that the previous distinction still applies. Is that it? The answer then is ... The last bit of the question was, or does the previous distinction have by that ... means that, in terms of knowing what we are talking about, when we are talking about civil servants, we are talking about people who are in Government departments and when we are talking about public servants, we are talking about ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Civil servants are persons whose employer is the Crown. The Government's definition of public servants is wider and the public sector ... For the Government, the Civil Service is just one part of the public sector. We consider Government owned companies, agencies, authorities, all to be public sector but they are not the Civil Service. He is right in his own terms. The Civil Service refers to people who are ... Well, he is not right because you could have a GDC employee, for example, deployed in a Government department and that would not make him a civil servant. So, I think it is best to do it by reference to the legally relevant criteria which is that you are a civil servant if you are an employee of the Crown directly, subject to the

PSC procedures and appointments and the General Orders and the Governor and all of that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is just that on some occasions the hon Member has made this distinction and attached importance to it and on other occasions he has added that there is no difference. I take it that we are now back in the situation where, sort of, we all know what we are talking about when we are talking about civil servants, we are talking of the people who are in the departments and if there is ... For example, people who are now in the latest agency that has been created, they have stopped being civil servants and they are public servants, right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Every civil servant that transferred into an agency, the people who went from the Sports Department to the Sports and Leisure Authority, from the Electricity Department to the Electricity Authority, from the Port Department to the Port Authority, all these people received letters saying that their status as civil servants had ended and that they were now employees of the Authority in question. The Government still regards them as public servants but not as civil servants.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So those people only ... The only link they have is that they retain their right to a Civil Service pension which new entrants in the Authorities would not have?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The transferring ones but not the new intake.

ORAL

**NO. 1152 OF 2011**

**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. 403 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 1152 of 2011**

The funding provided to Community Care in each month since December 2010 is as follows:

	<b>Funding to Gibraltar Community Care</b>
<b>January 2011</b>	£340,000.00
<b>February 2011</b>	£340,000.00
<b>March 2011</b>	£3,070,000.00
<b>April 2011</b>	£340,000.00
<b>May 2011</b>	£340,000.00

ORAL

**NO. 1153 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 2 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how many employers contributed to the Gibraltar Provident Trust Fund No.2 Pension Fund in the financial year 2010/2011 and in respect of how many employees in the case of each employer?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1154 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1154 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 2 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how much was received by way of pension contributions by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 2 Pension Fund in the financial year 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 and 1155 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1155 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 2 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state the value of investments of the Gibraltar Provident Trust No.2 Pension Fund as at end of March 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153, 1154 and 1156 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1156 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 2 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how much was received by way of interest by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 2 Pension Fund in the financial year 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 to 1155 and 1157 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1157 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state whether any additional public sector entities have joined the No. 3 Provident Fund Trust in the last financial year since the answer to Question No. 405 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 to 1156 and 1158 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1158 OF 2011**

**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 in the last financial year since the answer to Question No. 406 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 to 1157 and 1159 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1159 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how many employers contributed to the Gibraltar Provident Trust Fund No. 3 Pension Fund in the financial year 2010/2011 and in respect of how many employees in the case of each employer?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 to 1158 and 1160 to 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1160 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how much was received by way of pension contributions by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Fund in the financial year 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 to 1159, 1161 and 1162 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1161 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state how much was received by way of interest by the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Fund in the financial year 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 to 1160 and 1162 of 2011.

**NO. 1162 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST NO. 3 PENSION FUND**

Can Government state the value of investments of the Gibraltar Provident Trust No. 3 Pension Fund as at end March 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1153 of 2011**

I hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested in Question No. 1153 of 2011.

**Answer to Question No. 1154 of 2011**

The amount of pension contributions received by the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 2) Pension Scheme during the financial year 2010/2011 was £3,795,685.34. Breakdown is as follows:

<b>Employee Contributions</b>	<b>Employer Contributions</b>	<b>Total</b>
£1,521,317.83	£2,274,367.51	£3,795,685.34

**Answer to Question No. 1155 of 2011**

The value of investments held under the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 2) Pension Scheme as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 amounted to **£22,049,897.37**.

**Answer to Question No. 1156 of 2011**

The amount of interest received by the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 2) Pension Scheme for the financial year 2010/2011 was **£406,625.75**.

**Continued Answer to Question No. 1162 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1157 of 2011**

I believe the hon Member refers to the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 2) Pension Scheme.

Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 2) Pension Scheme additional public sector entities for the period January 2011 to March 2011.

<b>Public Entity</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>
Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd	1

**Answer to Question No. 1158 of 2011**

January 2011 to March 2011

<b>Private Entity</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>
Aquagib	3
Lemma Europe	1
Gibraltar Chronicle Newspaper Ltd	12
Gibraltar Chronicle Printing Ltd	21
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**Continued Answer to Question No. 1162 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1159 of 2011**

**Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 3) Pension Scheme**  
**List of employers and number of employees as at March 2011**

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>
Baker Tilly (Gib) Ltd	17
Collingwood Insurance	0
Companies House	11
Fidux Trust Co Ltd	1
Financial Services Commission	33
Gedime Motors Ltd	2
GGCA	2
Gibraltar Chronicle Printing Ltd	20
Gibraltar Chronicle Newspaper	12
Gibraltar Duty Free Shop	1
Grant Thornton	7
Grant Thornton Business	2
Grant Thornton Fund Administration	4
GT Fiduciary Services	1
Helvetic Trust Co Ltd	1
James Molinary Ltd	2
Ladbroke's In Ltd	17
Lemma Europe Insurance	1
Lewis Stagnetto Ltd	31
Marine Industrial	1
Marr Co. Ltd T/A The Paint Shop	5
Master Service (Gib) Ltd	22
Newcastle	5
Saccone & Speed (Gibraltar) Ltd	14
Serco Ltd	102
TCMS Ltd	3
Turner Group	15
Willis Management (Gibraltar) Ltd	9
Xanthos Asset Management	1
HFFT Limited	2
York Ltd	10
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**Answer to Question No. 1160 of 2011**

The amount of pension contributions received by the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No.3) Pension Scheme during the financial year 2010/2011 was £1,046,297.98. Breakdown is as follows:

<b>Employee Contributions</b>	<b>Employer Contributions</b>	<b>Total</b>
£289,923.97	£756,374.01	£1,046,297.98

**Continued Answer to Question No. 1162 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1161 of 2011**

The amount of interest received by the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No.3) Pension Scheme for the financial year 2010/2011 was **£70,433.50**.

**Answer to Question No. 1162 of 2011**

The value of investments held under the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No.3) Pension Scheme as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 amounted to **£3,843,511.76**.

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**Continued Answer to Question No. 1162 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1153 of 2011**

**Gibraltar Provident Trust (No.2) Pension Scheme**  
**List of employers and number of employees as at March 2011**

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>
Citizens Advice Bureau	4
Europa Incinerator	4
Gibraltar Defence Estates & General Services Ltd	1
Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation	14
Gibraltar Bus Company	40
Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd	1
Gibraltar Community Projects	4
Gibraltar Cleansing Services	28
General Support Services	42
Gibraltar Development Corporation	122
GDC Workers Hostels	13
Gibraltar Electricity Authority	83
Gibraltar Health Authority	141
Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners	12
Gibraltar Joinery & Building Services	102
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	1
Gibraltar Port Authority	3
Gibraltar Regulatory Authority	17
GRP Investments	5
King's Bastion	1
Land Property Services	10
Ombudsman	4
The Care Agency	276
Sports & Leisure	34
Wildlife (Gibraltar) Ltd	26
Women in Need	2
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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1153 TO 1162 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the list of the No. 2 Provident Fund, I note that it has King's Bastion 1 and Sports and Leisure 34. Is this the Sports and Leisure Authority because all the others are the Gibraltar Electricity Authority, the Gibraltar Health Authority. They all have a, sort of, full name of the entity but here we have got King's Bastion in one as a separate entity and Sports and Leisure without saying Authority or Agency or anything else as another.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. That is just bad typing work. It is the Sports and Leisure Authority and it is King's Bastion Limited.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Part of it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. Well, the King's Bastion. The company has one employee. That is, an employee ... Along with the ones that were transferred to the Sports and Leisure Authority, they must obviously have one employee that is still employed by King's Bastion Limited. I thought most of them ... Well, in fact, most of them have transferred to the Sports and Leisure Authority but obviously there is one left. Possibly, Mrs Bula, I think chose ... One of the staff chose not to go to the Authority or is the administrator of the company or looks after the property side and that is the person in question. All the others are subsumed now in the Sports and Leisure Authority. He is quite right the word Authority is missing there. Yes, from this list you can see the number of companies ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The list seems to be much bigger than the last time. I would have thought that the entities that I have identified as coming in since January ... I am surprised because the list that includes those entities seem to be longer than the ... There seem to be a lot of new ones there, this year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This particular question does not relate to additional members. This is Question No. 1153 of 2011 which is the whole list.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am aware of that. What I am saying to the hon Member is that the additional members given in answer to No. 1158 of 2011 which is AquaGib, Lemma, which is, in fact, additional employees.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But the list including all of them seems to be longer and seems to have more people than I thought was the case the last time he gave me the list. Is it that there has been an influx recently? That is the point that I am making.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Of employers. Well, just looking down that list, I do not know when I gave him this list last time. I do not know, for example, whether the Gibraltar Defence Estates and General Services Ltd used to be there.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. I am now talking about the private one. The No. 3 Pension Fund which is Question No. 1159 of 2011.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, the No. 3.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It seems to be a longer list of private sector employers than ... It seems to be finally working and more people are ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I do not know what was on the last list. The intake he can see is not that many of employees. I do not know if it is longer or shorter. If it is longer I am glad. It means that there are more private sector employers providing occupational pensions in circumstances where they would not be. We should all be wanting that list to get as long, longer and longer because the extent to which this list lengthens is the extent to which we are making inroads in the private sector providing occupational pension schemes where it has been reluctant to do so in the past.

ORAL

**NO. 1163 OF 2011**

**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. 410 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1164 and 1165 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1164 OF 2011**

**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. 411 of 2011 from Stamp Duty on share Issues?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1163 and 1165 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1165 OF 2011**

**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. 412 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will now hand the hon Member a statement giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 1165 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1163 of 2011**

Stamp Duty collected in each month since December 2010 is as follows:

January 2011	£938,155.06
February 2011	£539,854.68
March 2011	£391,593.06
April 2011	£210,969.18
May 2011	£883,317.85

**Answer to Question No. 1164 of 2011**

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues in each month since December 2010 is as follows:

January 2011	£1,750.00
February 2011	£1,630.00
March 2011	£1,920.00
April 2011	£1,200.00
May 2011	£1,470.00

**Answer to Question No. 1165 of 2011**

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on sales since December 2010 is as follows:

January 2011	38
February 2011	30
March 2011	79
April 2011	49
May 2011	60

**NO. 1166 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS**

Can Government confirm on what date the 2009/2010 accounts were closed by the Accountant General and sent to the Principal Auditor?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The 2009/2010 accounts were signed off and submitted to the Principal Auditor on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1166 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I remind the hon Member that when he brought to the House the Bill that altered the information in the Estimates of Expenditure backdated 2009, I pointed out to him that I did not see how we could be legislating in February for the accounts to be saying something when the accounts were already being closed by December. He was not very sure whether, in fact, that was the case and, of course, he has now confirmed what the accounts show, that they were closed in December. So how come they were closed in December. We passed the law in February and then the accounts show that what had been closed in December was reopened and altered in order to do something that was not there when the accounts were closed.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The restatement of accounts *ex post facto* to reflect something that arises later is pretty common practice and in this case it has been done by legislation. In other words, the legislation said that that should happen and that is what has happened. The question refers to the date. As he knows, the Accountant General has to send the accounts to the Principal Auditor within nine months, hence the relevance of the December date and the accounts are re-struck, but look, there is nothing to stop the hon Member seeing the accounts also in the other form. The re-striking is for convenience so that they are comparable from one year to the other. We had this discussion at the time that we debated the Bill.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is just the result of what the Bill provides and which is what we discussed at the time.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am well aware but at the time ... He seems to remember that we discussed those and he seems to have forgotten that when we discussed it I told him precisely what he is telling me now which is that there was a target date by which they had to be closed and he said he did not think it was so and that we were still in time. He did not tell me, look we are now changing by law the target date and allowing the accounts to be reopened and redone. That is not what he told me then. If he goes back [*inaudible*].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not a target date.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is a statutory requirement.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Very well. Then the statutory requirement he did not know existed at the time we were debating. When I suggested to him that there was a requirement to do it by December, he said, I do not think so and I think we are still in time and we were in February.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, then neither of us knew then.

ORAL

**NO. 1167 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**AMOUNTS ADVANCED TO GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES**

Can Government provide the amounts advanced to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund at the end of each month since the answer to Question No. 431 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1168 of 2011.

**NO. 1168 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GCP INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

Can Government now provide the full name of the company GCP Investments, listed in answer to Question No. 431 of 2011, which held approximately £19.8 million as at the end of December 2010?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1167 of 2011**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 1168 of 2011**

The company is incorporated as GCP Investments Ltd.

The balance of £19.8 million reflects the proceeds of a facility agreement with Barclays Bank that we discussed earlier in the day.

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 1168 OF 2011**

### **Answer to Question 1167**

#### **Amounts Advanced to Government-Owned Companies from the Consolidated Fund by Month (a)**

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11
	Net (Advances) / Deposits	Net (Advances) / Deposits	Net (Advances) / Deposits
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	(£39,374.61)	(£108,908.95)	£186,802.04
Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd	(£33,910.51)	(£27,196.75)	(£977,991.47)
Gibraltar Co-ownership Company Ltd	(£753,341.64)	(£414,302.67)	(£609,326.42)
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	£81,232.39	£860,228.39	1,208,068.36
Gibraltar Defence Estates & General Services Ltd	(£4,344.79)	(£4,344.79)	£170,715.97
Gibraltar General Construction Company Ltd	333,522.34	(£317,207.00)	(£377,653.15)
Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Co Ltd	(£456,214.43)	(£124,598.00)	£14,883,983.32
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	(£333,804.42)	(£399,443.92)	(£425,470.57)
Gibraltar Residential Properties Ltd	(£3,155,885.32)	(£1,585,056.35)	£4,135,718.65
Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Company Ltd	(£112,717.57)	(£140,799.81)	(£357,424.61)
Brympton Co-ownership Company Ltd	£0.00	(£3,000.00)	(£108,654.20)
Gibraltar M & E Services Ltd	£1,821.75	(£101,791.89)	(£152,458.34)
Gibraltar Air Terminal Ltd	(£284.00)	(£1,831.20)	(£1,732.30)
Giblaundry Company Ltd	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gibraltar Strand Property Company Ltd	£10,207.93	£0.00	£62,786.24
Westside Two Co-ownership Company Ltd	£50,351.44	£0.00	£0.00
Gibraltar Cleansing Services Ltd	£0.00	£0.00	(£20.00)
GCP Investments Ltd	(£11,000.00)	(£84,080.00)	(£40.00)
Gibraltar General Support Services Ltd	£0.00	£0.00	(£20.00)
Gibraltar Community Projects	£0.00	£0.00	(£215.00)
Gibraltar Facilities Management Ltd	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Gibraltar Strand Management Company Ltd	£0.00	£0.00	(£2,033.33)
<b>ADVANCES FROM CONSOLIDATED FUND</b>	<b>(£4,423,741.44)</b>	<b>(£2,452,332.94)</b>	<b>£17,636,035.19</b>

(a) Net Advances/Deposits reflects the net movements each month, excluding inter-company loans. At the end of each financial year inter-company loans are effected in order to consolidate the total net amounts advanced to the companies under the ultimate parent company, Gibraltar Investment Holdings Ltd (GIH). Therefore, the total advances to companies by the Consolidated Fund are reflected under GIH. As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 this stood at £54.4 million.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1167 AND 1168 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the hon Member will remember, at the time of the last question, he did not know what the company was and I thought it was rather odd that he should have a company with £19 million cash and not know who it was. So it is, in fact, the car park company that we are talking about.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. First of all, I did not say that I did not know what the name of the company was. That is something ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

He said he was going to find out. That meant he did not know?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. GCP Investments Limited does not refer to Gibraltar Car Parks, despite the coincidence of acronyms. That company is called Gibraltar Car Parks Limited. This is GCP Investments which has existed for a very long time. Indeed, I think he incorporated it and it actually stands for Gibraltar Commercial Property Investments Limited which is one of the several companies that we inherited from him. GCP does not stand for Gibraltar Car Parks and that is not the car parks company and, therefore, none of what he has just said is, in fact, correct in the supplementary.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The reason for the question is that he was not able to identify the company at the time that we identified in the list because it stood out as the one company that had a lot of cash in it, compared to all the others who were all, sort of, in the red.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not recall a conversation this morning about what the company was. I said that this is the company that he identified in his previous question in the last session which had a balance on it. No one said, what is the name of the company and nor did I say what was the name of the company. This statement that he is now making, that this morning I could not recall the name of the company ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No, no. I am not saying this morning. I am saying he could not recall what the company was when he answered the supplementary to Question No. 431 of 2011 and I asked him, what company is this that has got £19 million and he said, well I do not know, I have to find out. He did not know whether it was the car park company or anything else. He did not mention that it was the commercial property company.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, you are talking about the previous question. Not this morning's discussion.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes. The first time it appeared. At the time when we discovered that there was a company with £19 million, he was as surprised as I was to be making this discovery and it is only today ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I was not as surprised as he was. I do know there is a company there with ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

He was not able to offer me the explanation that he has given today, even though the £19 million was already there in answer to Question No. 431 of 2011. Now that we have identified that this company which, accidentally, we found out earlier today in relation to other questions, is the position then that that company is, in fact, making the money available to other entities or does it have the money sitting in the bank waiting to be used? I know that in other instances he has told us that he has borrowed money from the bank and then, as it were, re-deposited the money in the bank which is there to be offset in the event that anything goes wrong with the bank? Is the money, in fact, in that company at the moment?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. It depends what he means by 'in the company'. The Financial Secretary keeps one consolidated bank account. There are not bank accounts for each company but this cash is available to this company. It is in its balance sheet. It is in its books. It is there. Now, whether it is sitting in an account with this name written, bank account. It is not sitting in a bank account necessarily, I do not know, in the name of this company. It may be monies that are being centrally ... in the Treasury but the money is there. It has not been spent. It has not been lent. It is there waiting for the project that I said to the hon Member this morning. Now, that is the position. Now, if the hon Member wanted to trace all that, at the end of the day there are company balances and there are Government cash balances and it is all one pot and, therefore, when has particular pound notes being spent or not being spent. All of that does not alter the fact that this company has available to it £19.8 million in cash to spend on its own business or to lend to somebody else or to pay back to the bank or whatever it wants to do with it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Perhaps, I can point out to him that in the piece of paper that he has just given me, it says that the company has got minus £40, at the moment in March and that, in fact, having shown the comparable list, having shown the company in December with £19.8 million, this piece of paper shows that it was in the red to the tune of £11,000 in January. What he has just told me does not seem to coincide with ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Which company?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

GCP Investments we are talking about. GCP Investments Limited has now got (£40) in March.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is a statement of advances. Not a statement of cash.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is a statement of advancements and deposits. The same statement in answer to Question No. 431 of 2011 showed GCP Investments with a deposit of £19.8 million which is why I asked the question that I did in Question No. 431 of 2011 and told him, what is the explanation for one company having £19.8 million when every other company is receiving advances from the Government.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

What, this statement?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The same statement in Question No. 431 of 2011.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Which was for December.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So we did not know the names of the company in Question No. 431 of 2011.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. He could not give me the answer then.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

But the statement shows the name of the company.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. The statement showed that the company called GCP Investments Ltd ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

... had £19.8 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Back in Question No. 431 of 2011.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In Question No. 431 of 2011.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So he did know back in Question No. 431 of 2011 which company. So all that he said before about not knowing the name of the company is not true.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If he goes back and picks up Hansard of December, he will find that I asked him in a supplementary, can he tell me who is GCP Investments that has £19 million and where does it come from?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, no, no. No. That is not what he asked. First of all, twenty minutes ago, he said that back in Question No. 431 of 2011 we did not know who the name ... the hon Member did not know the name of the company. Now, he has clarified ... This is what happens when the hon Member refers back to Hansard and we do not have it in front of us.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well. Let us get it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The name of the company, by what he himself has just said, was on the list that I gave him in Question No. 431 of 2011. So the name of the company is not an issue. What may have been an issue is what the provenance of that money was. What was the money. Well, the name of the company was there as it is now.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I asked the hon Member, does it stand for Car Park Company and he said, I do not think so, and I said, does it stand for Commercial Property Company, and he said,

no, I do not think so, and I said, does it stand for Co-ownership Company, and he said, no, I do not think so. That is what he said.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is a non-sensical thing to say and I wager with him that that is not what Hansard will show because all those companies that he speculates, he asked, like Rapunzel, about whether, you know, ... are all there.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Let us ask Rapunzel to bring the copy of the Hansard.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

But all the names of the companies that he now claims he offered as choices as to what GCP may or may not have stood for, which he claims I kept on answering, I do not know, I do not know, were already on the list in their own rights. How could this be true? I now remember the conversation and the only thing that I could not tell him, the only thing that I could not tell him ... The only accurate part of what he has said, which he will find confirmed in Hansard, is that I was not able to tell him why that company had that balance standing next to it. All the rest that he is saying about the names of the company, and could he tell me, and could he tell me what GCP stood for, and did it stand for this, no, did it stand for that, I do not know ..., is simply ... did not happen.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Okay. Well, before the day is out, we will see whether it did or it did not.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, yes, but he always says that and when we go back we find that he is wrong. Systemically.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. We can go back today. Mr Speaker, the Hansard is already published and it is available to us.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, then get it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, let us get it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. You go and get it. You are the one ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not work for you and I never will. So do not give me orders.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think someone is getting it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, Mr Speaker, GCP Investments had £19.8 million in December. He has told us today, and I do not know whether they have to wind the tape back, that, in fact, the money is still there but this is not shown in the list he has provided me today. The £19.8 million does not appear on this list.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The money is still there and I have told him that there is not a separate account. The monies that the Financial Secretary, who manages the Government's Treasury function, has a combined company balances of account. Does he not remember that I told him that? What I told him was that the company still has this money available to it to spend and that it has not spent it. That is what I have told him and that is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the hon Member produces a list for the information of Parliament and he produces a list which says, on this occasion, for example, that Gibraltar Investment Holdings, right, has a surplus of £14.8 million. Okay. In the list of companies. In March. The significance of that is that, in terms of the company money, it has £14.8 million and that all the other companies on the list, except one that has got £62,786 which is the Strand Property Company, all the others are, in fact, receiving advances from the Government. So, perhaps, he can tell me why it is that GCP Investments is receiving a £40 advancement from the Government if it has got £19 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Does he know what this document is?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

What is the heading on this document that he has had?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The heading is, net advances and deposits.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

What table is he looking at? These are amounts advanced to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not a statement of the company balances.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So then, perhaps, what is the £14.883 million in Gibraltar Investment Holdings? Is that a company balance or is that an advance?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, let us just prove him wrong in the first part. This area where he recalls all this non-existent banter between us. From his Hansard. The Hon J J Bossano: This is the beginning of it. I do not want him to think I am quoting from ... selectively. I am reading the whole of it. The Hon J J Bossano: "GCP Investments I take is the car park company. Is that correct?" The Hon Chief Minister: "No." Not, I do not know or can I guess the dwarfs name. No. I will carry on but the Hon Mr Linares who does not have the Hansard would be very foolish to think that what is coming is any more helpful to him.

**HON S E LINARES:**

That's right. I got it for him.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Let us hear it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

“Well, which then is GCP Investments that actually ...” This is the Hon J J Bossano: “Which then is GCP Investments that actually deposited £19.7 million in December?” Hon Chief Minister: “I think GCP Investments is ... No. It is not Gibraltar Commercial Property because that is a separate ... that company is further up”, which is the point that I have just made. There was no conversation about is it this, no, is it this, I do not know. It was not the company by the full name because that is a separate company. Mr Bossano agreed, “yes”, and that is the end of the discussion.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Carry on because I have read it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, Mr Speaker. Can he just ... Will the hon Member just simmer down. Really, his behaviour is quite immature. Well, Mr Speaker, look there are rules in this House which the Hon Mr Linares must be obliged to comply with. He may think he is in some sort of cartoon show and, indeed, often he behaves as if he is, but you know, this is the Parliament of Gibraltar. So if he wants to go to some barrack room to practice his barrack room lawyering he should do it but this is not the place for it.

The Hon J J Bossano. “Yes.” The Hon Chief Minister: “It has to be the result of some movement of capital around from one company back to the Consolidated Fund. I will have to find out for him. I cannot right now. I do not ...” Mr Bossano interrupts. “I know that December is when Father Christmas comes but this one turned up with £19.7 million. Yes. No, it would not. The proceeds from the housing would come through there. I will have to find out for the hon Member.”

That is the full extent Mr Speaker. None of the business about the company names. About is it this one, I do not know. Is it the other one, I do not know. All the stuff that he said before and which Mr Linares has just misled the House by saying that he has just read it and it is there, urging me to carry on reading it and it is not there. Well, the man is more of a clown than I have just suggested that he is. If he wants to behave like a clown, he has got to accept that he will be called one.

So, Mr Speaker that is the position. The position was that GCP Investments back in Question No. 431 of 2011 ... He suggested to me that it was the car park company and I said to him exactly what I have said to him today. No, it is not the car park company and then there was just one more exchange, not all the exchange ..., one more exchange about what company it might have been and what it was not, which was him. “Well, which then is GCP Investments that actually deposit £19.7 million in December?” And the only other thing that I said to him about names, I started to say, “I think GCP Investments is ...” and then I corrected myself and said “No. It is not Gibraltar Commercial Property because that is further up.”

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But he did not know.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, that is not what I am seeking ... That is not what I am seeking to disprove. What I am seeking to disprove is what he swore I would find in Hansard which was that he suggested to me three possibilities of what the company might be and that I said to each of them that I did not know. In a conversation which, as always, when he cites Hansard, when we do not have it in front of us to check, turns out not to be true and he is repeatedly caught out in that vein. So what he said before we would find in Hansard, we are not finding in Hansard.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Mr Speaker ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is a statement ... I am happy to give way to him before getting to the substance.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am still with a question, Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I have not answered his supplementary.

**MR SPEAKER:**

He is going to answer the £19.8 million bit.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, I will wait for the supplementary and then I will ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The supplementary, is that this is not a statement of the cash available in the balance sheets of any of these companies. This is a statement of the amounts as the question asks. His question was, "Can Government provide the amounts advanced to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund?" That is what this is a statement of. The statement of indebtedness of these companies through the advance account mechanism to the Consolidated Fund. That is what it shows and it shows that this company GCP Investments owes the Consolidated Fund £40 and the

fact that it owes the Consolidated Fund £40 is not inconsistent with the fact that in its balance sheet it has £19.8 million. The hon Member is just completely abusing, distorting and misrepresenting what this is a statement of. Yes, because he started off by saying, how can this company have £16.8 million, what the hon Member has just said must be wrong when it shows here that it is £40 in the red. It is £40 in the red to the Consolidated Fund because the question that he asked was for a statement of advances by the Consolidated Fund to the companies and that is what this is a statement of. So all that he has said is absolute nonsense.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is quite obvious that the problem with the hon Member is that he is so ... attaches so much importance to his own sense of infallibility ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, no, Mr Speaker.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

...that he cannot accept that he makes mistakes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. But he has made a mistake.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. He is in the middle of a question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not going to insult him or say he is misleading the House or say he is a clown. I leave that for other people to judge. All I know is that it gets to certain stages in these debates where if one says, well look, you did not know what the company was, he says, no, no, no, yes I did. So he says ... Look, I ask you, is it this, is it that. I gave three and here there are two and he says, no, it is not GCP Investments ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. I am sorry that is not true. What you are saying now also is not true.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

You did not ... You gave three examples ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not true.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

When the hon Member ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

You are continuing to say things that are not true ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Would the Hon Mr Bossano with a short preface move the question?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The hon Member is not in court and he seems to forget that and if he were to be held to the truth by quoting what he says on one date and what he says on another. Look, Mr Speaker, he has told us ten minutes ago that the distinction between public servants and civil servants is clear. Well, I can produce questions where he has argued that that distinction has disappeared.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Rubbish.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

He tells of ... Rubbish!

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Absolute rubbish.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

He tells us in one minute one thing and in another ... and we accept ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Absolute rubbish.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. Order. No. Order.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. Okay.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is another example of his inventing the facts.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It will not make a difference even if you produce the evidence, Mr Speaker, because the hon Member, who is used in court to twisting and turning in order to defend his client, behaves here as if he was in the same scenario and therefore he goes, ah, but there was a full stop and you said there was a comma after company which shows what a liar you are and that is how ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is not [*inaudible*].

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is how he used to earn his living intimidating the clients of his opponents. Instead of intimidating half of Gibraltar, like he is doing nowadays to earn his living, he seems to forget that there are some people who will not be intimidated by him and

he ought to know that by now from the occasional near misses we have had with one another.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, Mr Speaker this has got to stop.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So I suggest that we stick to providing information in answer to questions.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. Could I please invite the Hon Mr Bossano ... The Hon the Chief Minister has read an extract from Hansard, would the hon Member care to read another extract which would take us back to the issue.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is the same one.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Okay. We have all heard the extract. If that is the only extract let us move the question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Mr Speaker, when the hon Member gave me the same list as he gave me today ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

*[inaudible]*.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The list that he gave me today has a list of advances from the Consolidated Fund to the company which is what my question is, but it does more than that. It shows the companies that have got a positive amount of cash and deposited with the Consolidated Fund and the companies that borrow from the Consolidated Fund. So, if one looks down the list that we have got today, it has got a balance at the end which is positive to the tune of £17.6 million in favour of the Consolidated Fund and that is the net effect of the relationship between advances and deposits. When he produced that list the last time, what stuck out was that all the companies in that list were obtaining advances from the Consolidated Fund and there was one company that had put the money in the Consolidated Fund as a deposit which was the company that had gone from £1,000 minus in November to £19.7 million plus in

December. I would have thought it was a legitimate supplementary to say, well look, who is this company? Because look, if you have gone from minus £1,000 to plus £19.8 million, I would expect the person who is providing the information to know what the £19.8 million ... He did not say to me, yes, I know exactly who that company is and I know exactly where the money has come from. What he finished saying to me, after a number of exchanges when we did not have a row about it, he just said to me ... I said, I take it that this is the car park company, because I knew the car park company was receiving money from the Royal Bank of Scotland and he said, no. So then I said, which is it that has got £19.7 million to deposit in December. He said, I think it is ... no, it is not the Commercial Property Company. For a moment he thought it was the Commercial Property Company but then he changed his mind because he noticed that it was further up. Well, that is not somebody that is ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is the whole exchange and our row this afternoon ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

And I said, yes, it is not, and then he went on to try and seek some other explanation. It must be some kind of movement of capital around from one company and back to the Consolidated Fund. I will have to find out for him. I cannot think right now. I do not. Well, he did not know.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Exactly.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Which was the company and he did not know where the money was coming from.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Exactly, and this is what I told him three quarters of an hour ago. That in our debate back then, the dispute was not about the name of the company because the name of the company is on the sheet of paper. The dispute is that I could not then recollect what the provenance, and I used the word provenance three quarters of an hour ago, what the provenance of the money was and our row this afternoon ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. The Hon Mr Bossano is still trying to finish his question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Mr Speaker, if the name of the company was self-evident then when I said to the hon Member, GCP Investments I take is the car park company, is that correct, he said,

no. He did not say, no, it is not. It is x y z company that has been there before for a very long time, the Gibraltar Commercial Property Company. He did not say that.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Can I interrupt the hon Member. It is no part of my function to pass judgement on what was said then or indeed what was said now. We really have to get to the question and the issues which are part of the original question. We could go on forever on this.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right. Mr Speaker, since it was evident from those exchanges that the hon Member was, at the very least, not very sure what the full name of the company was because he could not tell from the initials any more than I could, all I did was ... well, waited until this opportunity came along and asked him to provide me with the full name of the company just to get the information which I did not have before. That is all.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

If the hon Member will give way for a moment. Mr Speaker, our argument this afternoon is not about what I was able to tell the hon Member in answer to the question last time or not. We are having a row this afternoon because, on his feet here this afternoon, he has systematically miscategorised and misrepresented the nature and extent of the exchange that we had back then and which he continued to restate, I will find in Hansard, and when I kept on saying to him, I do not recall having a conversation that long about changes of names, he says, well, go and get Hansard, ... when somebody else has gone to get Hansard. So, the row today is about what he has done to me before. He makes a reference to Hansard. I not have Hansard in front of me, so I am not in a position to undermine the premise of what he is recalling from Hansard, but on this occasion we have gone out to get the Hansard, whilst the debate is still going on, and it is indeed the case that it does not say all the things that he represents in this House we would find if we looked in it. That is what we are having a row about. Not about whether ...No.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Mr Speaker, I have a question on the Order Paper saying, can the Government now provide the full name of the company, GCP Investments?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. [*Inaudible*].

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The answer has not been, "As I told you in answer to Question No. 431 of 2011, GCP Investments is Gibraltar Commercial Property Investments". He did not know what

GCP stood for then and I did not know what it stood for then until he has told me today and to say that ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, Mr Speaker. It does not stand for Gibraltar Commercial Property Limited.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, what does it stand for then?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

They are acronyms. They are acronyms. In addition to GCP Investments, there is a different company called Gibraltar Commercial Property ... He should know. He incorporated all these companies.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, I did not incorporate them. Somebody did in the Government for me.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, yes you did. They were incorporated under his Government. There are two companies. Let us just clear this up. There are two different companies. One is called Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited, in full, and the other is called GCP Investments Limited. Now, GCP Investments Limited in that context and in the context in which it is ... part in the Government's acronym is acronym for Gibraltar Commercial Property Investments Limited as opposed to Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited which is the full name but they are two separate companies and both of them are there. I am not saying to him that what he sees here as GCP Investments is an abbreviation to save the typist work. That is the full name of the company, GCP Investments. It is not an abbreviation for a longer name called Gibraltar ... I am telling him though that the GCP Investments which is the full name of the company that the GCP bit of the full name is itself an acronym for Gibraltar Property Investments but there are two companies. One called Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited, in full, and a second company called GCP Investments Limited. We exchanged one line about that in Question No. 431 of 2011 in which he did not suggest any names to me and in which I never used the phrase, I do not know, to which he attributed to me three times when he was on his feet half an hour ago and that is what we are having a row about. That is what we are having a row about and nothing else.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, as far as I am concerned ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

On the substance, if he has finished. I can go to the substance if he wants. Does he want to come back on the row? Alright.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

On the row, yes. He may have finished with the row but not me.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Can we take it to the point that Hansard speaks for itself. Let us take it from there.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Clearly, at the end of the supplementaries to Question No. 431 of 2011, the hon Member left me with the impression from the answer that he has given me that at the very least he was not sure what GCP Investments was because he considered it might be Commercial Property and then he said, no, it cannot be that, and he was not very sure whether it was movement of capital from different companies and that he would find that out for me and, therefore, as far as I was concerned, that is clearly reflected in the question that I have given notice of. I would not have needed to say, can the hon Member now provide the full name of the company GCP Investments, unless I had been left with the impression that he was going to find out two things. Identify what the actual company letters stood for and how the money came to be there because he was not able to tell me that in Question No. 431 of 2011. Now, the reality of it is that, at the end of the day, the importance of the name was because we could not figure where the money came from. I had no idea. I had assumed it was something to do with car parks and he was not able to explain it to me.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

And I told him it was not car parks.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know but you did not tell me what it was. Whether ... Look, it is quite incredible that the hon Member ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, alright then. So now we are making progress. Mr Speaker, there are two issues here. I am not responsible for what impression the hon Member was left with by things that I did not say to him. No, Mr Speaker. This debate was not about the name of the company. He ... He ... I told him ... I gave him a list, the same as this list, with the word GCP. Amongst the long list of names, there was one GCP Investments and he said, I take it this is the car park company, is that correct?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

You said, no.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I said, no.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

He said, well, then, is GCP Investments that actually deposit £19.7 million in December? I think GCP Investment is ... No. It is not Gibraltar Property Investment because it is further up, and the Hon Mr Bossano said, yes, and that was the end of the discussion about names.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

We then moved on to the second issue which was, well what did the funds represent? That is all and all I am saying to the hon Member today is that that exchange on the names, which is what we have found in Hansard when we have accepted his invitation to refer to Hansard, does not support the characterisation of what he said we would find in Hansard about the nature of the four positions that he had put to me and the nature of my answers to him about the company name. That is all I am saying to the hon Member about Hansard. That is what the issue is. There is no exchange between us that is recognisable from what he said, I do not know how long ago now, about what that exchange would be. Now, in relation to the substance of the matter, if I could just now say, Mr Speaker, the hon Member is wrong as well. In my view. Well, Mr Speaker, I am entitled to my view.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Of course.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

One thing is that he should not feel that I can bully him into requiring him to accept my view and another thing is that he should believe that I am not entitled to my view at all.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes. One of the two of us is wrong. I accept that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, Mr Speaker. It is actually ... No, Mr Speaker. It is not the case. No. I am about to give him an explanation which demonstrates that it is not. I do not expect some of the gigglers around him to be able to grasp these issues, to understand them.

**HON S E LINARES:**

*[Inaudible]*.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Particularly you.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. Order.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Particularly you.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order. Order. Order.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

These are ...

**HON S E LINARES:**

Mr Speaker, Point of Order. Mr Speaker, Point of Order please. I am not a 'you'. He is even losing respect at this.

**MR SPEAKER:**

He?

**HON S E LINARES:**

'He'. 'You'. I am the hon Member like you are the Hon Chief Minister and I think, Mr Speaker, if he is losing his rag, he should control himself. He has already called me a clown just because I got the Hansard which is exposing him and catching him out and now he is calling me 'he'. Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I have the Point of Order. Yes, the Hon the Chief Minister must know you address Members through me.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. I will most certainly refer to him through Mr Speaker. Respect has got to be earned. It is not achieved just by being here. Mr Speaker, but if the hon Member wants to make Points of Order, he needs to be respectful of order himself and the sort of raucous giggling, that he has been up to all afternoon since this issue began, is not consistent with him now standing up and expecting other people to be respectful of him or of Standing Orders in his favour. Now, if I could return to speak through the chair to ... I will have to face that way now when we speak. This is going to be much less ...

**MR SPEAKER:**

The hon Member can face anywhere.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, I see. Thank you very much. Otherwise, it would all be much less fun. Mr Speaker, readdressing myself to the hon Member directly opposite me. This is a statement of the amounts advanced to Government owned companies from the Consolidated Fund by month. The hon Member is right that an advance can be in both directions and, therefore, the figure could be in brackets meaning negative or not in brackets meaning positive or zero meaning nothing. Of course, that is absolutely right, but the fact that there is a figure here of £40 means that, as at these months, the advance position was that £40. That means that the GCP Investments Limited did not owe £40 and was not owed £19.8 million, which simply means that it is no longer in the Consolidated Fund. When that figure was positive, without brackets, it meant that, as at that date, the company, in this case GCP ... Let us assume from listening to him. I have not got the original schedule in front of me but he has said that the original schedule shows GCP Investments Limited with a sum out of brackets ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Of £19.758 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Right. Which shows that it has deposited with the Consolidated Fund £19.8 million. That is what it showed as at that date.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

December.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

December. The fact that that figure is no longer there means only that the money is not with the Consolidated Fund and that the Consolidated Fund is no longer indebted to the company in the sum of ... It does not mean that the money is not available to the company. It simply means that the money is not in the Consolidated Fund and that is the explanation and neither of us are wrong as a result of it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that that is the correct explanation, Mr Speaker, and therefore we have a situation where just like I was surprised to find that in November GCP Investments was indebted to the Consolidated Fund to the tune of £1,120 and then a month later it suddenly had £19,758,112.70 which was the result that we discovered ... We did not know that when I asked before but we have discovered today that this was the result of the company, presumably, mortgaging Government buildings that had been transferred to the company and getting a loan from a bank on the security of those buildings and therefore that happened in December and that is where the money came from. Well, you know, the reality of it is that it is surprising that that was not obvious to the hon Member at the time when I was asking the question, but fair enough.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not keep control of the Treasury management. I can only provide information that is ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. Fair enough. No. Look. I accept that he does not keep day to day control of the Treasury management but this is not a very usual transaction. If I were to ask him, look, why is it that the Residential Property Company was indebted to the tune of £2 million in November and then it went to £5.5 million in December. Well, I do not expect him to know that. The most obvious thing is that they must have had payments to make in the estates and that therefore they had to draw money from the Consolidated Fund to make those payments, but moving x number of buildings, buildings that had not been used for this purpose before, into GCP Investments so that GCP Investments can raise money from a bank is, I would have thought, something that will only happen because he has okayed it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Of course, I would have okayed the transaction.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is not just the kind of transaction that the Financial Secretary would make without him knowing.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr Speaker, again you see, he has this tendency to exaggerate what he has read as fact. Well, Mr Speaker, I am sorry that is the view that I have of his debating style.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Ah. Okay.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Of course, I was aware. The Government cannot transfer properties to a company and then borrow money from a bank without my signing it off as Minister for Finance. Of course, I am aware that that transaction is taking place and I am aware that somewhere in the accountancy organisation that is presided over by the Financial Secretary, there is a company with this amount of money available to it. What I could not tell him at the time was whether the reference in the piece of paper that I had in front of me showed that sum of money where it showed it and that that represented the proceeds of that money. I could not confirm, but that does not mean I did not know that the Government company had borrowed money and how it had been done. One thing does not lead to the other. He is asking me, "Does he know what that money in that column is?" Well, I could say, "Well, it might be the proceeds of a loan. Or it might be this." The answer is that at the moment in time, I do not know, but he cannot deduce from that, that I do not know things which I have to approve. I do not have to approve the movement of monies around here. I do not see anything of this happening in front of me, but I do have to approve the borrowing of money from banks.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, Mr Speaker, given that this company had these properties transferred. That they borrowed nearly £20 million against the security of these properties. That this happened in December. That the money was not there in November and that the money was not there in January because the figure ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr Speaker, he assumes that I even know the date of the draw down of the monies.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No. It is not a question of drawing down the money. This is not a facility from the bank. If the Government has got a loan agreement with Barclays to borrow £50 million, of course, I do not expect the hon Member to know every morning whether they borrowed £1 million or £2 million. They borrow what they need to borrow from that facility because that is like an overdraft facility. This is a very unusual transaction. A one off. For a one off reason because he has explained to us that the reason why he did that, instead of the Government raising it as public debt, was because it was to have the money available in case they decided to proceed with something that they had considered as a possibility but not taken a final decision on. That is the explanation he gave me earlier today.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is right.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right. When he gives me explanations, I do not accuse him of misleading me. I accept the explanation at face value but then I look at the piece of paper he gives me to see how much the explanation he has given me is coherent with the pieces of paper that he gives me and therefore if the company went to the bank and raised £19.7 million in December and that money was not used because it was not proceeded with, then one would expect that the figure for January, February and March would show that the £19.7 million was still on deposit with the Consolidated Fund because it was not used for the purpose for which it was intended.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

And this shows that it is not from the Consolidated Fund.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

And this shows that it is not.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It does not show that the money is not there available to the Government.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Somewhere?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. It is held somewhere in the company balances.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is held somewhere in the company balances. We know that the money has not been put to the use to which it was intended. We presume that the company cannot have spent the money on anything because he would know about it. He would be very happy to tell me because he is always very happy to answer all my questions. We have already established that today. So, it is difficult to understand why a company that has raised £19.7 million for which it has no immediate use because it is waiting for a policy decision from the Government. One of the things I asked him earlier was, is it that the company has re-deposited the money back with the lender? I asked him that as a possible explanation of where the money was. [*Inaudible*].

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

[*Inaudible*].

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Since he has explained that he has done that in some cases with Government debt, I thought maybe that was the explanation why it was no longer in the Consolidated Fund. It is difficult to understand that the Government cannot explain that they raised the money in December, they deposited it with the Consolidated Fund in December, then they took it out of the Consolidated Fund in January and they actually had to draw £11,000 from the Consolidated Fund on top of the £19.7 million that they withdrew but we do not know why they had to do that or where they put it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr Speaker, but look, will the hon Member give way to me. Look. I already told him that the Financial Secretary manages the company balances on a global basis and that a company could have money ... Remember that this is probably an hour and a half ago and that the company may have money available to it in its balance sheet without being in an account of the company. Now. Look. For example, it may be that the Financial Secretary has netted these things off and has consolidated these in a company balance. If he looks further up. I am looking at the 11<sup>th</sup> of March column. Okay. The 11<sup>th</sup> of March column. Gibraltar Investment Holdings Limited has £14.8 million in the Consolidated Fund.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Right.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Gibraltar Residential Properties Limited has £4 million in the Consolidated Fund. Well, it may be ... I am not saying this from knowledge. I am suggesting to him that it may be that what has happened is that the Financial Secretary uses the cash pot on an inter company loans and consolidated basis, that the company with a balance sheet item available to it, never mind where the money sits, is GCP Investments Limited because it has not spent it for the purpose for which it borrowed it, but it is sitting in the Consolidated Fund through one of these companies that are further up the [inaudible]. Now, if he wants I will find out the answer for him of this and tell him for his peace of mind but at the moment it is speculation. I do not know where Gibraltar Investment Holdings Limited gets £14.8 million to deposit in the Consolidated Fund. So, it could be that those £14 million and that £4 million are net, the proceeds of this loan. This is what I said that the company has the money available to it in its balance sheet but it does not necessarily mean that the money is sitting in an account of the company. This is what I said about it because the Financial Secretary manages the company balances in one group account but, look, I am not saying that that, this last explanation is the reason. I will find out how the loan monies can be followed through to be identified as to where it sits now both in cash terms and in balance sheet terms.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I understand what he thinks may be the explanation. The only point that I would make is that, frankly, I thought that precisely that is what was happening with the list that he provides me in answer to these questions. That is to say, that if every company that has got a positive balance deposited with the Consolidated Fund and every company that is a negative balance receives an advance from the Consolidated Fund, then what he is saying ... As far as my understanding of it is concerned, if we look at the figure for December, right, where this company had £19.8 million, the net position of the companies with the Consolidated Fund was £12.998 million. Why? Because that was netting the advances against the deposits and the bottom line was that at the end of the equation, taking all the companies together, the Consolidated Fund, in fact, was receiving nearly £13 million from the companies altogether, but some of them were positive balances which were deposited and others were negative balances which were receiving advances.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

What he is saying would be correct if each company was, on the basis of a hub and spoke, dealing directly with the Consolidated Fund. So, if this money of this company, these £19 million odd, were placed directly by GCP with the Consolidated Fund, he is right. They would appear there. There would not be a brackets £40. There would be a no brackets £19.6 million minus £40. That is what they are there. That is true and that would be true on a company by company basis if the Treasury functions were done by each company separately directly to the Consolidated Fund. It would be reflected in, the absence of brackets, positive balance with the Consolidated Fund, presence of brackets, owes money to the Consolidated Fund. But if what is happening is that the money is being consolidated in the company first, up the line, and then the holding company is depositing it with the Consolidated Fund, then this document, which does not actually ask for that information, ceases to provide it. It ceases to provide the information that he has just described. But I repeat, regardless of these last exchanges on a speculative basis, I will confirm to

him how the money can be traced. How the loan proceed monies can be traced in the context of this document.

ORAL

**NO. 1169 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HEAD 6(6) OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS – SOURCE OF RECEIPTS**

Can Government give the breakdown of the source of estimated receipts under revenue Head 6(6) Other Reimbursements, for the financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information.

### Answer to Question 1169

The breakdown of the source of estimated receipts under Revenue Head 6(6) Other Reimbursements for the financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 is as follows:

#### **Head 6 - Government Earnings Item 6 - Reimbursements**

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Departmental Cashbooks:		
Legislation	£31,925.50	£34,106.32
Education	£21,188.13	£30,800.62
Police	£9,315.51	£12,043.56
Customs	£1,262.50	£2,047.00
Civil Status	£5,012.00	£4,077.00
Fire Service	£4,125.25	£5,765.15
Gibraltar Health Authority	£5,482.30	£8,547.67
Gibraltar Regulatory Authority	£1,280.00	£1,160.00
Licensing	£1,951.00	£956.00
Education - College	£885.00	£2,106.00
Treasury Collections - Land Property Services	£64,105.26	£6,372.83
No.6 Convent Place	£1,155.40	£682.55
Technical Services	£10,709.00	£5,460.00
Treasury Currency	£1,324.04	£1,008.60
Ministry of Culture	£0.00	£2,929.00
No.6 Convent Place - Hire of the Mount	£3,900.00	£4,300.00
Duplicate Certificates	£400.00	£600.00
Ministry of Justice	£0.00	£5,420.00
Medical Registration Board	£0.00	£5,990.00
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	£14,749.00	£17,675.04
Housing	£0.00	£20.00
Payment in connection with New Flame	£292,657.51	£0.00
GOGs share of withholding Tax	£127,932.45	£0.00
LPS - Management fees, search & misc fees	£0.00	£117,570.01
Recovery of overpayment - LPS (2005 - 2010)	£0.00	£72,320.00
Issue of Demonetised notes for collectors	£8,000.00	£74,000.00
Unpresented Cheques, pensions, sundry Deposits held over five years and Ordinary accounts (dormant)	£200,355.55	£64,810.67
AquaGib Pension Contributions	£95,132.52	£60,096.09
Payment - Insurance settlement	£2,540.00	£54,037.04
Overpayments recovered from previous years	£45,960.89	£0.00
4% Commission payable by GCPC for the collection of rents at New Harbours	£46,905.99	£46,559.06
5% Admin Charges iro Sale of GOGs share of Co-owned Properties	£26,120.47	£20,562.87
Payments by GCPC for management of Casemates Square etc.	£36,000.00	£36,000.00
Pension Contr M&E employees seconded to AquaGib		£30,835.71
Miscellaneous Receipts	£108,955.06	£93,364.85
	<u>£1,169,330.33</u>	<u>£822,223.64</u>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1169 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I ask, Mr Speaker, the 'Treasury Collections Land Property Services', which was £64,000 in one year and £6,372 in the other, does the hon Member have some indication of what that is? Presumably, that would be a service provided to Land Property Services by the Government which the Government charges Land Property Services for. Is that so?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know what it is but I am almost certain it is not that because that would be under departmental revenue.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Not under this head. This must be something that LPS is paying to the Government. It could be, I do not know if there is any pensions or any ... It has got to be something that is Government income that is being paid by way of reimbursement. It is a reimbursement. I am afraid I do not have any supplementary notes on this so I cannot speak to any of these items.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This has nothing to do either with property sales which at one stage appeared as a commission? No. That is not it then.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

As I say, if he is particularly keen to know, I can find out. If something that was £64,000 one year and £6,000 the next ... I do not know whether it is some sort of fees. I will find out and let him know. Are there any other items ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The item 'GOG's share of withholding tax' is that money in respect of residents of Gibraltar where there has been withholding tax at the source? Just like we have to collect withholding tax here and send it off to the ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. I am almost certain that that is what that is. Under our TIER with the UK, we collect withholding tax and keep a share which I think is twenty five per cent or something like that. Sorry, I should correct that. Not TIER. I meant the Taxation of Savings Directive agreement.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Savings Directive, yes.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Not the tax information exchange ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It has nothing to do with it.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is the Taxation of Savings Directive which works bilaterally in Gibraltar and UK.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is right. The one where the option was ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Exactly.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is right. To either exchange information or withhold tax.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Correct.

ORAL

**NO. 1170 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ARREARS OF REVENUE**

Can Government state the level of arrears of revenue as at the end of the last financial year and provide a breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1171 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1171 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ARREARS OF REVENUE WRITTEN-OFF**

Can Government state how much was written-off in respect of abandoned claims of arrears of revenue as at the end of the last financial year and provide a breakdown?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now give the hon Member a schedule containing the information that he requests.

Answer to Question 1171 of 2011

Answer to Question 1170

TENTATIVE ARREARS OF REVENUE AS AT 31 MARCH 2011

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>SUBHEAD</u>		
1. TAXES	1. INCOME TAX	£26,134,259.63	
	2. COMPANY TAX	£10,414,539.71	
			£36,548,799.34
2. DUTIES	1. IMPORT DUTIES	£743,332.81	
	3. TRANSIT & BONDED STORES OPERATORS FEES	£2,880.00	
			£746,212.81
4. RATES AND	1. GENERAL RATES AND SALT WATER CHARGES	£4,161,920.97	
	2. GROUND AND SUNDRY RENTS	£1,113,770.18	
			£5,275,691.15
5. DEPARTMENT	4. NON RESIDENTS SCHOOL FEES	£105,376.33	
FEES & REC	5. SCHOLARSHIP FEES - REIMBURSEMENTS	£461,421.24	
	6. MUSEUM ENTRANCE CHARGES	£312.00	
	10. HOUSE RENTS	£3,764,340.90	
	11. HOSTEL FEES	£59,052.00	
	12. PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL FEES	£10,895.55	
	14. LITTER CONTROL FEES	£0.00	
	16. TOURIST SITE RECEIPTS	£197,435.00	
	17. MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	£374.70	
	20. FREQUENCY CO-ORDINATOR REIMBURSEMENTS	£7,133.00	
	24. SHIP REGISTRATION FEES	£42,582.30	
	26. AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX	£256,860.00	
	27. FEES AND CONCESSIONS	£81,287.32	
	28. AIRPORT LANDING FEES	£163,634.70	
	35. SALE OF STAMPS	£52,388.16	
	37. TERMINAL MAIL FEES	£555,431.00	
	39. E-COMMERCE SALES	£22,641.87	
	46. FINES & FORFEITURES	£410,391.10	
			£6,191,557.17
6. GOVERNMENT	5. SERVICES PERFORMED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS	£11,973.26	
EARNINGS	6. OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS	£65,662.80	
			£77,636.06
			£48,839,896.53
PUBLIC	<u>GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY</u>		
UNDERTAKING	HOSPITAL FEES	£396,589.52	
	<u>GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY</u>		
	SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO CONSUMERS	£6,893,639.55	
	COMMERCIAL WORKS FEES	£172,871.89	
	CONSUMERS CONNECTION FEES	£2,258.01	
	<u>CARE AGENCY</u>		
	RESIDENTS CONTRIBUTIONS	£13,224.58	
	<u>GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</u>		
	EMPLOYMENT REGISTRATION	£116,980.00	
	<u>GIBRALTAR PORT AUTHORITY</u>		
	TONNAGE DUES	£422,331.20	
	BERTHING CHARGES	£232,054.33	
	SMALL BOAT MOORINGS	£0.00	
	PORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TAX	£20,051.90	
	BUNKERING CHARGES	£42,000.00	
	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	£4,120.00	
			£8,316,120.98
			£57,156,017.51

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1171 OF 2011**

**Answer to Question 1171**

The amount written off in respect of abandoned claims of arrears of revenue as at the end of the last financial year is as per the following tentative statement:

**Abandoned Claims as at 31 March 2011**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Abandoned Claims</u></b>	
Income Tax	PAYE (Individuals) Assessments	£676,054.29	<b>£676,054.29</b>
Treasury	Rates	£187,976.99	
	Ground Rent	£30.00	<b>£188,006.99</b>
Gibraltar Electricity Authority	Electricity Bills	£133,509.75	<b>£133,509.75</b>
Port Authority	Outstanding fees	£122.50	
	Tonnage Dues	£1,981.00	
	Berthing Charges	£102,252.00	<b>£104,355.50</b>
Family and Community Affairs	Overpayment of Long Term Benefits	£31,431.22	
	Overpayment of Old Age Pension	£263.83	<b>£31,695.05</b>
Building and Works	Discrepancy in Stock	£33,044.55	<b>£33,044.55</b>
			<b>£1,166,666.13</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1170 AND 1171 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the item Gibraltar Development Corporation there is £116,980, almost £117,000, which says Employment Registration. Is this the GDC that is owed money from contracts of employment? Is this what people have to pay when they register with the ETB?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Sorry, is he looking at Question No. 1170 of 2011?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am looking at the answer to the arrears of revenue.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Question No. 1170 of 2011 and where is the item?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is the GDC Corporation and it says Employment Registration and it is almost £117,000. Now, the only thing I can think of is registration with the Employment and Training Board of employees or self-employed people which has a fee attached but it seems a high figure because the actual fee for registration is not all that high and I thought these things had to be paid when you register, anyway.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I thought we might have the breakdown from the re-routing of the monies through the Consolidated Fund but I do not have enough breakdown to ... I am just trying to think what the GDC's sources of revenue are. There is the ... They do not even charge directly any more the training levy. That comes in now with the social insurance contribution. So I think the only, sort of, "departmental" revenue is registration fees ...

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Or self-employed persons.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It can only be that and why, I agree. I cannot give him an explanation why. I would have thought that employers had to pay their registration when they registered. There are no renewal fees that they could be in arrears of. So these are a one off

registration fee. I do not know whether with certain employers the GDC has an account system. I do not know with the gaming company or something. I do not know. I will try and find out now to see whether there is a quick explanation I can give.

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**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, Mr Speaker, this sum of money in the GDC arrears actually is an accumulation of renewal fees. There is, in addition to the original registration fee of £50, an annual renewal fee of £20 and if the companies do not pay then that gets increased to £40, as a penalty of some sort, and when these companies go away or go bust or whatever, they do not pay. It just accumulates and accumulates and that is what this is an accumulation of, over years.

**NO. 1172 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EURO ACCOUNTS**

Can Government state how much money there was in Euro accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and whether there has been a revaluation or devaluation during the course of the last financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The balance of Euro accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was Euro 23,714,390.46. The sterling equivalent shown in the 2009/2010 accounts amounting to £21,100,089.39 includes a revaluation of £633,461.78.

The balance of Euro accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 was Euro 5,082,725.80. The sterling equivalent was £4,489,247.30 which includes a revaluation of £54,622.07.

ORAL

**NO. 1173 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – DEPOSITS**

Can Government state 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. 476 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1174 to 1178 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1174 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES/BONDS**

Can Government state what sales of Government Bonds and Debentures to the public have taken place since the answer to Question No. 478 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1173 and 1175 to 1178 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1175 OF 2011**

**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. 480 of 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1173, 1174 and 1176 to 1178 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1176 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK – INVESTMENTS**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the investments held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1173 to 1175, 1177 and 1178 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1177 OF 2011**

**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 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1173 to 1176 and 1178 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1178 OF 2011**

**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. 481 of 2011 the level of a) aggregate public debt and b) net public debt?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I will hand the hon Member statements giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question 1178**

**Answer to Question 1173**

The level of Savings Bank Deposits stood as follows:

	<b>Non-Govt Deposits (tentative) £'M</b>	<b>Govt Deposits (tentative) £'M</b>
January 2011	74.41	305.33
February 2011	73.48	255.66
March 2011	74.89	255.19
April 2011	75.12	266.68
May 2011	74.57	257.01

**Answer to Question 1174**

Government has issued the following Debentures to the public:

	<b>Total Issues (Sales)</b>
January 2011	£3,448,300
February 2011	£3,869,900
March 2011	£3,319,500
April 2011	£4,589,500
May 2011	£2,564,100
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**Answer to Question 1175**

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loans from local banks in each month since the answer to Question No. 480 of 2011 is as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Barclays</b>	<b>Natwest</b>	<b>Total</b>
January 2011	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
February 2011	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
March 2011	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
April 2011	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000
May 2011	£150,000,000	£50,000,000	£200,000,000

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**Contd Answer to Question 1178**

**Answer to Question 1176**

The following investments were held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at 31 March 2011:

**SAVINGS BANK FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2011**  
**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 11
International Bk Recon & Dev FRN 19/01/16	£4,235,000.00	100.008 0.160	£4,235,322.11 £6,780.90	£4,242,103.01
CLYDESDALE BANK FRN 29/06/11	£7,000,000.00	99.875 0.005	£6,991,216.12 £351.44	£6,991,567.56
BANK OF SCOTLAND HBOS FLOAT 07/12/11	£2,000,000.00	99.603 0.056	£1,992,054.10 £1,126.03	£1,993,180.13
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FRN 14/12/11	£5,000,000.00	99.721 0.040	£4,986,070.50 £2,018.76	£4,988,089.26
BNS FRN 21/12/11	£1,600,000.00	99.672 0.024	£1,594,745.42 £386.03	£1,595,131.45
Citigroup FRN 16/01/2012	£4,000,000.00	99.211 0.172	£3,968,453.80 £6,860.00	£3,975,313.80
KBC FRN 18/01/12	£5,000,000.00	99.661 0.167	£4,983,074.95 £8,334.25	£4,991,409.20
WELLS FARGO CO FRN 25/01/12	£4,000,000.00	99.604 0.154	£3,984,140.96 £6,148.32	£3,990,289.28
LLOYDS TSB FRN 26/01/12	£45,900,000.00	100.235 0.202	£46,007,802.58 £92,856.33	£46,100,658.91
LLOYDS TSB FRN 27/01/12	£30,000,000.00	100.317 0.203	£30,094,998.90 £60,842.47	£30,155,841.37
GE Capital UK FRN 30/01/12	£6,400,000.00	99.461 0.142	£6,365,491.39 £9,071.50	£6,374,562.89
Carried Forward	£115,135,000.00		£115,398,146.86	£115,398,146.86

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**Contd Answer to Question 1178**  
**Contd Answer to Question 1176**

**SAVINGS BANK FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2011**  
**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 11
Brought Forward	£115,135,000.00		£115,398,146.86	£115,398,146.86
Barclays FRN 13/02/12	£20,000,000.00	100.329 0.148	£20,065,720.00 £29,672.38	£20,095,392.38
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC FRN 23/02/12	£24,000,000.00	100.392 0.129	£24,094,134.72 £30,843.62	£24,124,978.34
Tesco Personal Finance FRN 27/2/12	£6,000,000.00	100.412 0.111	£6,024,694.20 £6,637.40	£6,031,331.60
DEUTSCHE BANK FRN 26/04/12	£5,000,000.00	99.584 0.145	£4,979,217.75 £7,249.36	£4,986,467.11
JP MORGAN CHASE FRN 27/06/12	£6,000,000.00	99.232 0.008	£5,953,938.18 £451.85	£5,954,390.03
CROWN AGENTS BANK	£1,077.04	100.000	£1,077.04	£1,077.04
Lloyds TSB Bank GBP Call Account	£8,353,249.54	100.000	£8,353,249.54	£8,353,249.54
NATWEST WESTMINSTER OFFSHORE LTD	£34,405,292.56	100.000	£34,405,292.56 £52,594.52	£34,457,887.08
BARCLAYS BANK PLC	£98,936,752.08	100.000	£98,936,752.08 £46,328.10	£98,983,080.18
BANK OF ENGLAND	£11,733,810.31	100.000	£11,733,810.31 £1,562.56	£11,735,372.87
	£329,565,181.53		£330,121,373.03	£330,121,373.03

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**Contd Answer to Question 1178**

**Answer to Question 1177**

The amount held on deposit with the Bank of England as at the end of March 2011:-

Date	GSB	NSF	Total
March 2011	£11,733,810	£22,147,213	£33,881,023

**Answer to Question 1178**

The amount of a) aggregate public debt and b) net public debt at the end of each month since December 2010 is as follows:

Date	Aggregate Public Debt	Tentative Cash Reserves	Tentative Net Public Debt
	£'M	£'M	£'M
December 2010	469.6	256.4	213.2
January 2011	473.0	264.8	208.2
February 2011	477.0	273.7	203.3
March 2011	480.2	274.4	205.8
April 2011	484.8	272.4	212.4
May 2011	487.4	260.2	227.2

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1173 TO 1178 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the hon Member confirm whether the deposits, the investments of the Savings Bank in NatWest and in Barclays Bank, are with the Gibraltar Branches or are they with UK or somewhere else? The £34 million and £98 million there?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know the answer to that. If he obliged me to choose, I would say they are with the UK. Bear in mind that, at least in the case of Barclays, it is a Branch. So it makes not a very great deal of difference in terms of the entity with which it is deposited. It is Barclays Bank Plc Gibraltar Branch or Barclays Bank Plc elsewhere. In the case of NatWest it may also be the identity of the legal entity but not in the case of Barclays.

**NO. 1179 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NEW FLAME – COMPENSATION OR ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE**

Given that the Principal Auditor states that the £5.5 million paid to Government by the insurers of the New Flame was as compensation for possible environmental damage, to be used to advance and benefit the environment or its protection, can Government confirm on what date the money was received and what use has been made of it since?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The monies were credited to the Consolidated Fund as exceptional revenue on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009. These have not been identified for any specific environmental project as yet. So they are basically sitting in the reserve.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1179 OF 2011**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The impression created by this statement in the latest audited accounts is as if the money was not intended to be available to the Government as to meet its general expenditure from the Consolidated Fund and it was, sort of, earmarked for this use. Is that the case?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, it is but it is not [*inaudible*]. In other words, it is not sitting in a ring fenced account. The Government receives money. It sits in the Consolidated Fund. Now, the ship owner or his insurer paid it to us for that purpose. They do not really mind whether we spend it for that purpose or not but we are moral bound to attribute the next £5.5 million that we spend on environmental projects to be that, but in the meantime it sits in the reserve. The hon Member could question whether we have spent the money for a purpose other than the one that we should if there was less than £5.5 million in the reserve, which would mean that we would necessarily have spent these £5.5 million. Whilst that is not the case, these £5.5 million are “sitting in the reserve” and there will be, sort of, ticked off against that notional sum, the next amount, the next environmental project that fits.

ORAL

**NO. 1180 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPLENISHING OF BEACHES**

What has been the hourly cost of replenishing the beaches?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1181 and 1182 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1181 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**REPLENISHING OF BEACHES**

What company was contracted to carry out the replenishing work at the beaches, did this work go out to tender and, if so, on what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1180 and 1182 of 2011.

**NO. 1182 OF 2011**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**REPLENISHING OF BEACHES**

Can Government say what is the breakdown of payments made or due in respect of the replenishing works at the beaches, showing the date and the sum paid or due in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

These works have not been carried out on an hourly rate basis. The works were contracted on an estimated volume of sand required to replenish the beaches basis.

Two quotations were sought and received from specialist companies involved in dredging related activities. The selected company was Van Oord (Gibraltar) Ltd.

The following are the payments made to date in connection with this project.

Main Contractor	£887,091	Paid on 16/6/2011
Planning Supervisor	£ 2,750	Paid on 26/5/2011
	£ 5,605	Paid on 16/6/2011

There is one further payment of £6,375 due to the Supervising Engineer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1180 TO 1182 OF 2011**

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Arising from or in connection with these replenishing works, can the hon Member enlighten this House as to any reports he may have had as to the state of the sand that has been used for the work in terms of dirty nature of the sand, the dust with reports of possible breathing difficulties, broken shells which are alleged to be on the beaches. Can the Government say what reports it has had and whether there is any connection between those reports and these particular works?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

These beaches have been replenished by the same process as all the beaches up the coast are replenished. You go out to sea. You dredge sand and you pump it on.

The hon Member may have seen it happening in La Linea recently. There is no connection between, sort of, alleged dust. We have heard the, sort of, statements. I have been as he now knows from the wonderful photograph of me in the Chronicle wearing my mauve T shirt and, indeed, I saw the Hon Dr Garcia there once, on one of the occasions that I have been to Eastern Beach. I do not know whether he was suffocated by dust. I was not particularly suffocated by dust. Catalan Bay was packed on all the days that I was there. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Nobody seemed to feel that they were contracting any terminal illness, as you might have thought from reading some dramatic letters from non-experts in newspapers. It is just another way of just criticising. This sand has been dredged from the bottom of the sea and it is perfectly safe and the Gibraltar public health authorities would have something to say if they were not so. It is true that because the sand has been dredged from the bottom of the sea, there are shells in it which ... I noticed that, when I was there myself the other day, but it is the sort of shells that you would expect to find on a beach. Admittedly, nearer the waters edge than they are to be found on this beach, where you can find the same shells quite away up the beach, in the part of it that is not tidal, or not affected by tide. But that is, I am told, the normal consequence of dredging sand from the bottom of the sea unless you spend a lot more money and, sort of, I suppose that you can filter the sand. I am told that there is a process by which that can be removed and that is being looked at by skimming and then filtering and we are looking at whether that is something worth doing depending on how cost effective and how uncomfortable people find the shells on the surface, but in terms of ... there is no public health angle to what he describes as dust. That is not ... It is true that it is very fine sand. It has come from, in effect, underneath the sea bed and it is very fine sand which has a, sort of, a slightly different feel to the sort of sand that you would expect to find on a, sort of, mature beach from sand that has been brought in by the normal process of erosion and wave action, but sand it is and not dust. It is not dust.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

I note that the hon Member from his answer clearly dismisses these reports as unjustified criticism.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I have said that there is no danger or any ...

**HON G H LICUDI:**

Has any Government agency actually done any analysis of the sand to see what it contains, to make sure that there is no public safety concern at all?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am advised that the Environmental Agency monitors the sand as one would expect as indeed it does the quality of the water and there is nothing untoward at the moment. Obviously, if there were something untoward it would emerge.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Was the contaminated sand from the tunnel excavation also used for the beaches or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, Mr Speaker, no sand of that sort has emerged from the tunnel. The soil that has emerged from the tunnel has been contaminated soil which has not been treated and it has not been used on the beaches. The sand that has been put on the beach has all been dredged. I do not know if he saw the boat and the pipe as it was being done. It is all from that source.

**NO. 1183 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**UPPER ROCK AUTHORITY**

Can Government say whether they intend to create the Upper Rock Authority before the Upper Rock Holistic Management Plan has been completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No Sir. The next stage is a public consultation with the Government's proposals on which there has been an element of private consultation with some of the principal stakeholders, but it has not been a wide public consultation and that will, in turn, be followed by legislation.

**ORAL**

**NO. 1184 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EU DIRECTIVES – PENDING TRANSPOSITION**

Can Government list the EU Directives which are now 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**

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

Indeed, Mr Speaker, I can add, if the hon Member were interested, that these transpositions, I am advised, are now all drafted and are being subjected to a final version review by the head of the EUID.

### Answer to Question 1184

List of Directives pending transposition in Gibraltar, showing the name and number of Directive and the date by which they were to have been implemented.

Title	Transposition deadline
Directive 77/486 education of children of migrant workers	6 Aug 1981
Directive 92/6/EEC on installation and use of speed limitation devices in certain categories of motor vehicles (Linked to PM 18).	1 Oct 1993
Directive 2002/85/EC amending Council Directive 92/6/EEC.	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 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 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 2001/77/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 <sub>2</sub> 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
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 2003/110/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

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1184**

**Answer to Question 1184**

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 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 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
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 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 April 2009
Directive 2007/65/EC amending Directive 89/552/EEC on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the pursuit of television broadcasting activities.	19 Dec 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.	31 Dec 2009
Directive 2009/135/EC allowing temporary derogations to certain eligibility criteria for whole blood and blood components donors laid down in Annex III to Directive 2004/33/EC in the context of a risk of shortage caused by the Influenza A (H1N1) pandemic	31 Dec 2009
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 2009 31 Dec 2012
Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC.	5 Dec 2010
Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law.	26 Dec 2010
Directive 2009/44/EC amending Directive 98/26/EC on settlement finality in payment and securities settlement systems and Directive 2002/47/EC on financial collateral arrangements as regards linked systems and credit claims.	30 Dec 2010
Directive 2008/6/EC amending Directive 97/67/EC with regard to the full accomplishment of the internal market of Community Postal Services.	31 Dec 2010
Directive 2009/30/EC as regards the specification of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and amending Council Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the specification of fuel used by inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 93/12/EEC.	31 Dec 2010
Directive 2009/49/EC amending Council Directives 78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC as regards certain disclosure requirements for medium sized companies and the obligation to draw up consolidated accounts.	1 Jan 2011
Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences.	19 Jan 2011
Directive 2009/110/EC on the taking up, pursuit and prudential supervision of the business of electronic money, institutions amending Directives 2005/60 and 2006/48 and repealing Directive 2000/46.	30 Apr 2011
Directive 2008/52 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters	21 May 2011
Directive 2009/136/EC amending Directive 2002/22/EC, Directive 2002/58/EC and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004	25 May 2011
Directive 2009/140/EC amending Directives 2002/21/EC, 2002/19/EC and 2002/20/EC	25 May 2011

**NO. 1185 OF 2011**

**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**

Twenty-five times by fee paying commercial members. Total revenue £5,512.50 and, as usual, it has been used more times by non-fee paying members, including Government departments.

ORAL

**NO. 1186 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HOUSE IN LONDON**

Can Government say of which Gibraltar Government owned company the seven persons working at Gibraltar House in London will become employees?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1187 to 1190 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1187 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HOUSE IN LONDON**

Can Government list the offices or job title held by each of the seven employees of a Gibraltar Government owned company who work at Gibraltar House in London?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1186 and 1188 to 1190 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1188 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HOUSE IN LONDON**

Can Government say whether the seven persons working at Gibraltar House in London, as employees of a Gibraltar Government owned company, are the same people who were working there previously employed by a different company?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1186, 1187, 1189 and 1190 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1189 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HOUSE IN LONDON**

What is the salary bill on a monthly basis for each of the seven employees working at Gibraltar House in London, with a breakdown showing the job title and the amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1186 to 1188 and 1190 of 2011.

**NO. 1190 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HOUSE IN LONDON**

Can Government say whether the new director of the Gibraltar Office in London is allocated residential accommodation as part of his employment package and, if so, what has been the cost of this accommodation on a monthly basis since the changes that were made to the post earlier this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1186 of 2011**

The seven persons working at Gibraltar House in London are now employed by Gibraltar Strand Management Company Limited.

**Answer to Question No. 1187 of 2011**

The job titles of these seven employees are as follows:

PA to the Director  
Business Suites Manager  
Marketing Executive  
Gibraltar Tourist Board UK Sales Manager  
Bookkeeper  
Finance and Administration Executive  
Housekeeper

**Answer to Question No. 1188 of 2011**

Yes, these seven individuals are indeed the same people who were working there previously employed by a different company.

**Continued Answer to Question No. 1190 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1189 of 2011**

I now hand to the hon Member a schedule showing the breakdown of the monthly payroll cost per employee. In fact, it shows nothing of the sort. It shows the monthly salary. I do not know whether by payroll cost he was hoping for related costs. It shows their salaries. A payroll cost would normally include pension contributions and things of that sort.

**Answer to Question No. 1190 of 2011**

Yes, the cost of residential accommodation for the new director of the Gibraltar Office in London is paid for by the Government and the monthly cost of this accommodation is £3,033.33.

**Continued Answer to Question No. 1190 of 2011**

**Answer to Question No. 1189 of 2011**

Breakdown of payroll costs per Gibraltar House employee of  
Gibraltar Strand Management Company Limited

<b>Position</b>	<b>Monthly salary (Gross)</b>
PA to the Director	£3,403.84
Business Suites Manager	£2,308.51
Marketing Executive	£2,308.51
GTB UK Sales Manager	£2,876.09
Bookkeeper	£1,811.33
Finance and Administration Executive	£3,403.84
Housekeeper	£1,711.06
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**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1186 TO 1190 OF 2011**

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

In Question No. 1189 of 2011, I am now told in my supplementary notes that these figures are inclusive of national insurance contributions. So it is ... It is the heading that is wrong there on the ... It is payroll.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

What is the size of the flat, in terms of the composition of the flat, that they are paying £3,000 a month for.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I do not know. I have never been to it. I hope it is not more than one or two bedroom flat. Well, you know, I am not sure how permanent this arrangement is, but compared to the cost of flats in Gibraltar ... The Government is paying accommodation allowances in Gibraltar to some [*inaudible*] officer who is not a huge distance away from this. I would not be able to tell the hon Member whether this was a finely tuned, good value for money or whether it was not that. Obviously, it is the accommodation that has been found. I am led to believe that the cost of operating the Gibraltar Government Office, all told, is less now than it was under the old arrangements. So whatever one might think about this as an individual item, the new arrangements have resulted in less cost.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can I ask then whether the flat is located, for example, in central London or is it on the outskirts? Do we know where it is located geographically?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I believe it is in central London. I think it is in central London.

**HON G H LICUDI:**

The list that the hon Member has provided in terms of the payroll costs of Gibraltar House employees. It does not list the director. Is that because he is employed by a different ...?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. The director is a deployed civil servant. He is a deployed civil servant. He is Mr Canessa who was previously in another department. So he is not employed by Gibraltar Strand Management Company Limited.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The policy reason for making this change at this particular moment in time, is that because the contract run out or there was a contract which run out or is there another policy reason why this change happened?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I think the Government has made a public statement which was agreed with Mr Poggio about the reasons for the change and I would not wish to depart from that. The Government greatly admires and values the political work that Mr Poggio has done for Gibraltar and has retained him in a consultancy capacity for that work and I do not want to engage now in a discussion. I mean, I cannot recall the exact language of the press release but because I cannot recall it, I do not want now to risk using different language which may be open to misinterpretation by others. So the position is as publicly stated.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I am grateful. I have the press release here. What is not clear from the press release is whether there was a contract which ran out or whether this arrangement was ...?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, I see. I see. Well, the contracts had run out. I think all the contracts had expired but some time ago. I would not want him to think that the change coincides with the expiration of the contracts. There were a number of different contracts each of which were being held over, basically.

ORAL

**NO. 1191 OF 2011**

**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**

Answered together with Question No. 1192 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1192 OF 2011**

**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**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 1192****Answer to Questions 1191 and 1192****January 2011 to June 2011 (Incoming)**

<b>Post Box Ref and Date</b>	<b>Issuing Agency</b>	<b>Receiving Agency</b>	<b>Notification or Request for Information</b>
(I)PB/07/11 25-Jan-2011	Ministerio de Justicia	Attorney General	Request for Information.
(I)PB/08/11 03-Feb-2011	Oficina Nacional de Investigacion del Fraude	Commissioner of Income Tax	Request for Information.
(I)PB/15/11 18-Mar-2011	Ministerio de Justicia	Attorney General	Request for Information.
(I)PB/21/11 29-Mar-2011	Juzgado de lo Mercantil, No.2	Registrar of the Supreme Court	Notification.
(I)PB/26/11 04-May-2011	Juzgado de Primera Instancia e Instrucción No.2	Attorney General	Letter of Request.

**January 2011 to June 2011 (Outgoing)**

<b>Post Box Ref and Date</b>	<b>Issuing Agency</b>	<b>Receiving Agency</b>	<b>Notification or Request for Information</b>
PB/03/11 06-Jan-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla.	Notification.
PB/05/11 18-Jan-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Calidad Ambiental, Murcia.	Notification.
PB/06/11 18-Jan-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla.	Notification.
PB/15/11 01-Feb-2011	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/16/11 01-Feb-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla.	Notification.
PB/17/11 01-Feb-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla.	Notification.

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1192****Contd answer to Questions 1191 and 1192**

PB/18/11 01-Feb-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Calidad Ambiental, Murcia.	Notification.
PB/19/11 10-Feb-2011	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.
PB/20/11 15-Feb-2011	Attorney General	Ministerio de Justicia.	Notification.
PB/21/11 15-Feb-2011	Attorney General	Juzgado Central de Instrucción No.5 de la Audencia Nacional, Madrid.	Notification.
PB/25/11 22-Feb-2011	Environmental Agency	Agencia de Residus de Catalunya.	Notification.
PB/28/11 03-Mar-2011	Environmental Agency	Consejeria de Medio Ambiente y Ordenacion Territorial, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.	Notification.
PB/30/11 17-Mar-2011	Environmental Agency	Consejeria de Medio Ambiente.	Notification.
PB/31/11 24-Mar-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla.	Notification.
PB/35/11 08-Apr-2011	The Chief Secretary	Ministerio de Justicia.	Notification.
PB/36/11 13-May-2011	Environmental Agency	Direccion General de Prevencion y Calidad Ambiental, Sevilla.	Notification.
PB/39/11 26-May-2011	Financial Services Commissioner	Direccion General de Seguros y Fondos de Pensiones.	Notification.

**NO. 1193 OF 2011**

**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 2,080 persons were employed by 19 remote gambling companies as at 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

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 23rd May 2011

	Gibraltar	Other British	Spanish	Other	Total
Ladbrokes (International) Limited	37	87	6	9	139
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	49	160	22	57	288
Stan James Plc	16	184	18	22	240
bwin.party interactive entertainment Plc	49	135	28	176	388
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	6	12	0	1	19
32 Red Plc	3	31	0	0	34
St Minver Limited	20	31	11	42	104
Digibet Limited	0	1	0	12	13
888 Holdings Plc	31	64	13	83	191
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	13	38	4	52	107
Prosperads Ltd (formerly Futuresbetting)	2	8	0	0	10
Partouche Interactive (Gibraltar) Limited	5	2	2	6	15
WHG (International)/Trading Limited	11	192	5	48	256
Hillside (Gibraltar) Limited	12	65	2	23	102
Petfre (Gibraltar) Limited	10	69	4	14	97
Entertaining Play Limited	7	20	0	6	33
Probability (Gibraltar) Limited	4	4	0	0	8
TSE (Gibraltar) LP	3	12	0	2	17
St Endellion Limited	3	8	2	6	19
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1123</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>2080</b>

Source: Ministry of Finance, Gambling Division

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**NO. 1194 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CHIEF MINISTER/MINISTER'S 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 requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 1194**

**MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL**

Minister	Destination	Dates	Amount	Airline	Seat Category	Travel Agent
The Hon E Britto	London	11 - 13 Jan 11	£1 558.60	BA	Club	Blands
	Madrid	19 - 21 Jan 11	£520.00	IBERIA	Club	Blands
	Canada	21 Feb - 1st Mar 11	£7 873.20	BA/Air Canada	Club	Blands
	London	23 - 25 Mar 11	£1 565.00	BA	Club	Blands
The Hon J Holliday	London	22 - 23 Feb 11	£605.80	BA	Club	Touafra
	Cagliari	7 - 11 May 11	£902.10	BA	Club	Blands
	Dublin	1 - 3 Jun 11	£379.00	Monarch/Aer Lingus	Economy	Blands
	Miami	8 - 14 Mar 11	£3 732.90	BA	Club	mygibraltar.co.uk
	Brussels	14 - 16 May	NYI*	BA	Club	Blands
The Hon D Feetham	London	4 - 7 Apr 11	£730.20	BA	Club	Blands

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\* Not yet invoiced

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CHIEF MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL

Destination	Dates	Amount	Airline	Seat Category	Travel Agent
London	18 - 20 Jan 11	£1,226.40	BA	Club	Blands
Barcelona	4 - 5 Apr 11	£127.20	IBERIA	Economy	Blands
London	28 Apr - 1 May 11	£1,185.40	BA	Club	Blands
London	18 - 20 May	£1,185.40	BA	Club	Blands
Switzerland	24 - 27 May	£962.00	Swissair/Easyjet	Club/Economy	Sterling Travel

ORAL

**NO. 1195 OF 2011**

**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 with the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 1195 of 2011**

January 2011	£200,371.05
February 2011	£167,682.17
March 2011	£209,658.32
April 2011	£55,546.43
May 2011	£134,771.45

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**NO. 1196 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR REMAINING ROSIA COTTAGE**

Can Government say what was the amount paid for the remaining Rosia Cottage and who was the successful tenderer given that this information was not supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1197 to 1199 of 2011.

ORAL

**NO. 1197 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDERS SUBMITTED FOR GOVERNMENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

Are Government now in a position to say how many tenders have been submitted for each of the Government residential properties that were advertised on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010 with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010, whether these have been allocated and, if so, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1196, 1198 and 1199 of 2011.

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**NO. 1198 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**RESIDENTIAL TENDERS AWARDED**

Can Government list the residential tenders they have 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. 1196, 1197 and 1199 of 2011.

**NO. 1199 OF 2011**

**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**

**Answer to Question No. 1196 of 2011**

The successful tenderer for number 2 Rosia Cottages were Mr C Thompson and Ms D Armstrong in the sum of £220,000.

**Answer to Question No. 1197 of 2011**

A total of 170 applications were received for the residential properties advertised on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Fifteen out of the 19 properties advertised have been allocated, and 13 of these have been completed. I now hand to the hon Member a schedule showing who the successful tenderers are and in what amount in respect of the 13 completed transactions.

**Answer to Question No. 1198 of 2011**

No further residential tenders, other than those supplied in answer to Question No. 1194, have been awarded since the information supplied at the last Question Time in this Parliament.

**Answer to Question No. 1199 of 2011**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information that he requests in Question No. 1199 of 2011, namely, a breakdown of the revenue collected from land and property sales since the information supplied during the last Question Time in Parliament with the breakdowns that he asks for in that question.

Residential Property Sales from 1 January 2011 to 31 May 2011 (Improvement and Development Fund)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jan-11	Sunset Close Pool Ltd	Premium 100 construction of swimming pool at 2A Windmill Hill Road	£15,500.00
Jan-11	C Thompson & D Armstrong	10% Deposit 100 No 2 Rosia Cottages	£22,000.00
Feb-11	D & M Canepa	90% balance 100 sale of No 4 Rosia Cottages	£252,900.00
Feb-11	Ms E Labrador	90% balance 100 sale of No 1 Rosia Cottages	£204,300.00
Feb-11	K & S Colombo	90% balance 100 sale of No 3 Rosia Cottages	£225,000.00
Mar-11	C Thompson & D Armstrong	90% balance 100 sale of No 2 Rosia Cottages	£198,000.00
Mar-11	AKS	Premium 100 tender for Buena Vista	£1,020,000.00
Mar-11	AKS	Part payment of premium 100 tender for Buena Vista	£6,480,000.00
			<u>£8,417,700.00</u>

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Residential Property Sales from 1 January 2011 to 31 May 2011 (Government-Owned Companies)			
Date	Tenant	Address	Amount Paid
<b>Westside Two Co-Ownership Co Ltd</b>			
Jan-11	Wornall to Pereira	50% sale of 32 San Francisco Court, Harbour Views	£53,001.52
<b>Gibraltar Co-Ownership Co Ltd</b>			
Feb-11	Zayas to Bain	10% sale of 38 Iberis House, West View Park	£4,573.48
Apr-11	Harris to Palmero	35% sale of 32 Knightsbridge Close, Montagu Crescent	£40,126.40
Apr-11	De La Paz	35% remaining share of 7 Victoria Close, Montagu Crescent	£44,386.37
May-11	Holmes	33% remaining share of 7 Hawthorn Lodge, Montagu Gardens	£48,199.06
May-11	Pereira to Alcantara	10% sale of 10 Aspen Lodge, Montagu Gardens	£10,191.28
May-11	Fr Mark Miles	35% remaining share of 9 Victoria Close, Montagu Crescent	£29,227.91
<b>Gibraltar Residential Properties Co Ltd</b>			
Jan-11	E Alvarez	24 Blackwatch House, Laguna Estate	£31,400.00
Jan-11	C Osborne	25 Royal Oak House, Varyl Begg Estate	£49,100.00
Jan-11	R Tobelem	Balance iro sale of Flat 4, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£120,474.00
Feb-11	A J & M Correa	10 Mauretania House, Varyl Begg Estate	£49,100.00
Feb-11	L S Gilbert	55 Alameda House, Alameda Estate	£45,800.00
Feb-11	A Santiago	31 Ross House, Alameda Estate	£45,800.00
Feb-11	C & A Watts	100% sale of G03 Cumberland Terraces	£110,770.00
Feb-11	M Dudley	100% sale of 111 Cumberland Terraces	£108,820.00
Feb-11	M Mor	50% sale of 115 Cumberland Terraces	£45,931.00
Feb-11	A Lopez & K Aldorino	100% sale of 9 Rock Rose House, Waterport Terraces	£112,000.00
			£176,704.50

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Feb-11 L Ryan & P Gingell	50% sale of 123 Cumberland Terraces	£56,476.00
K Rowley & M Gillingwater		
Feb-11 Pederson	100% sale of 206 Cumberland Terraces	£159,300.00
Feb-11 N Saccone	50% sale of 322 Cumberland Terraces	£47,716.00
Feb-11 A Chichon	50% sale of 415 Cumberland Terraces	£46,231.00
K Sheppard-Capurro & M		
Feb-11 Bebeagua	100% sale of 419 Cumberland Terraces	£116,270.00
Feb-11 C Ellul	60% sale of 522 Cumberland Terraces	£57,699.00
Feb-11 N & P Lightbody	70% sale of 104 Bayview Terraces	£80,901.00
Feb-11 Y Olivero & N A McCarthy	70% sale of 604 Bayview Terraces	£83,001.00
Feb-11 C Hernandez	100% sale of G11 Nelson's View	£107,860.00
Feb-11 E L & P H Enriles	100% sale of 609 Nelson's View	£120,000.00
Feb-11 N Shuja	10% deposit of 28 Merlot House, Vineyards	£13,940.00
Feb-11 M C Azzopardi	90% balance of flat 8 & CPS 8, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£126,003.00
Feb-11 P Lennane	90% balance of flat 3 & CPS 3, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£146,700.00
Feb-11 V Ward	10% deposit of 48 Merlot House, Vineyards	£15,560.00
Feb-11 Dr M Sayed	10% deposit of 10 Merlot House, Vineyards	£21,820.00
Feb-11 S Ziblim	10% deposit of 30 Merlot House, Vineyards	£11,200.00
Feb-11 J Bengtsson	10% deposit of 1 Merlot House, Vineyards	£13,800.00
Feb-11 J Bengtsson	10% deposit of 2 Merlot House, Vineyards	£8,360.00
Feb-11 H & T Koessler	10% deposit of 7 Merlot House, Vineyards	£14,150.00
Feb-11 S Alvarez	90% balance of flat 2 & CPS 2, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£133,300.00
Feb-11 T L & M K Holmes	90% balance of flat 1 & CPS 1, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£129,400.00
Feb-11 N Shuja	10% deposit of garage 87 Merlot House, Vineyards	£2,800.00
Feb-11 D McCutcheon	10% deposit of 214 Portland House	£24,960.00

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Feb-11 N Mauro	10% deposit of 2.2.14 Rosemary Court	£10,500.00
Feb-11 D Rodriguez & L Martinez	10% deposit of 4.1.4 Rose Court	£8,500.00
Mar-11 P Lugnani	10% deposit of flat 1, 12 Castle Steps	£18,950.00
Mar-11 A Daly	10% deposit of 106 Portland House	£30,150.00
Mar-11 J Zammitt	10% deposit of 49 Northview Terrace	£10,299.50
Mar-11 S Warr	10% deposit of 13 Merlot House, Vineyards	£12,000.00
Mar-11 P Macedo	10% deposit of 7.4.4 Hibiscus Court & CPS 178	£9,700.00
Mar-11 Laferty	10% deposit of 309 Wellington Court	£8,750.00
Mar-11 K Bonich & J Wink	10% deposit of 30 Durban Court, Harbour Views	£11,650.00
Mar-11 T Howes & S Osborne	10% deposit of 7.2.2 Hibiscus Court	£12,000.00
Mar-11 J R & A M Guiliano	10% deposit of 4.5.4 Rose Court	£11,500.00
Mar-11 D Vera	10% deposit of 8.7.2 Acacia Court	£8,500.00
Mar-11 D Bonavia & J Falzun	10% deposit of 5.2.5 Apricot Court	£8,000.00
Mar-11 J Reyes	10% deposit of 113 Portland House	£30,000.00
Mar-11 Ward	90% balance of 48 Merlot House, Vineyards	£140,040.00
Mar-11 H & T Koessler	90% balance of 7 Merlot House, Vineyards	£127,350.00
Mar-11 D McCutcheon	90% balance of 214 Portland House	£224,640.00
Mar-11 S Ziblim	90% balance of 30 Merlot House, Vineyards	£100,800.00
Mar-11 J Bengtsson	90% balance of 1 Merlot House, Vineyards	£124,200.00
Mar-11 J Bengtsson	90% balance of 2 Merlot House, Vineyards	£75,240.00
Mar-11 C M Wilson	10% deposit of 204 Portland House	£26,260.00
Mar-11 D & T Weller	10% deposit of 14 Merlot House, Vineyards	£15,400.00
Mar-11 M G Clayden	10% deposit of 6 Casemates House	£15,700.00

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Mar-11 G & D Gonzalez	10% deposit of 3.4.1 Lavender Court	£13,000.00
Mar-11 A G Hambrick & D J Mauro	90% balance of flat 7, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£142,784.00
Mar-11 A & J Dyer	90% balance of flat 10, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£146,700.00
Mar-11 J & L Lafferty	90% balance of 309 Wellington Court	£78,750.00
Mar-11 D Bonavia & J Falzun	90% balance of 5.2.5 Apricot Court	£72,000.00
Mar-11 P Lugnani	90% balance of flat 1, 12 Castle Steps	£170,550.00
Mar-11 R Martinez	45 Knight's Court, Witham's Road	£34,600.00
Mar-11 B & M L Rodriguez	8 Victoria House, Alameda Estate	£45,800.00
Mar-11 J Casey	4 Rosia House, 2A Naval Hospital Road	£38,700.00
Mar-11 A Jeswani	80% sale of 105 Cumberland Terraces	£67,713.00
Mar-11 L M Perez	50% sale of 120 Cumberland Terraces	£56,111.00
Mar-11 M A Cruz & H Stevens	60% sale of 620 Cumberland Terraces	£70,863.00
Mar-11 E K Santos	100% sale of G04 Bayview Terraces	£115,000.00
Mar-11 M & K Rajkumar	100% sale of G05 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00
Mar-11 J J McIntosh & R A Martinez	70% sale of G10 Bayview Terraces	£78,801.00
Mar-11 T J Lima	100% sale of G11 Bayview Terraces	£99,500.00
Mar-11 L T Borge	55% sale of 102 Bayview Terraces	£54,551.00
Mar-11 V M Calderon	70% sale of 103 Bayview Terraces	£67,881.00
Mar-11 A Dyer & M Mir-Dyer	100% sale of 105 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00
Mar-11 T T Apap	50% sale of 106 Bayview Terraces	£55,391.00
Mar-11 J Farragher & B C Hall	100% sale of 202 Bayview Terraces	£100,000.00
Mar-11 N Akachar	70% sale of 203 Bayview Terraces	£68,091.00
Mar-11 W Asquez & M J Olivera	100% sale of 205 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00

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Mar-11 N A & C Fernandez	75% sale of 209 Bayview Terraces	£84,336.00
Mar-11 J J McNiece	70% sale of 211 Bayview Terraces	£69,631.00
Mar-11 C L Povedano & A Borrell	100% sale of 301 Bayview Terraces	£164,000.00
Mar-11 C Ramagge	50% sale of 302 Bayview Terraces	£49,501.00
Mar-11 P & H Wyatt	70% sale of 304 Bayview Terraces	£82,301.00
Mar-11 A F Mifsud & M F Pulham	100% sale of 305 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00
Mar-11 C To & G Traverso	70% sale of 307 Bayview Terraces	£80,901.00
Mar-11 J L Montiel & A L Hitchcock	60% sale of 309 Bayview Terraces	£67,869.00
Mar-11 N L Montero	100% sale of 310 Bayview Terraces	£117,000.00
Mar-11 G Diaz	70% sale of 311 Bayview Terraces	£69,701.00
Mar-11 C Yeo	100% sale of 401 Bayview Terraces	£164,000.00
Mar-11 N D Russell	70% sale of 403 Bayview Terraces	£68,301.00
Mar-11 D Ferro & A Labrador	100% sale of 405 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00
Mar-11 S J Palmer	100% sale of 407 Bayview Terraces	£117,000.00
Mar-11 L & C A Wink	50% sale of 408 Bayview Terraces	£78,901.00
Mar-11 L Avellano & Z Gustavino	70% sale of 409 Bayview Terraces	£80,047.00
Mar-11 A Desoiza	100% sale of 410 Bayview Terraces	£117,000.00
Mar-11 N Gil	60% sale of 411 Bayview Terraces	£59,601.00
Mar-11 N Macias	100% sale of 504 Bayview Terraces	£119,000.00
Mar-11 D Weddell & T Cerisola	100% sale of 505 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00
Mar-11 G Santini & M Bossino	70% sale of 609 Bayview Terraces	£81,447.00
Mar-11 F & V J Perez	100% sale of 610 Bayview Terraces	£119,000.00
Mar-11 C V Harrison	70% sale of 611 Bayview Terraces	£69,701.00

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Mar-11 N & B M Tsagakatakis	50% sale of 206 Bayview Terraces	£55,891.00
Mar-11 N Chatwani	50% sale of 207 Bayview Terraces	£57,001.00
Mar-11 H A Attard	100% sale of 702 Bayview Terraces	£100,000.00
Mar-11 C A Colton	70% sale of 703 Bayview Terraces	£68,301.00
Mar-11 J A Taylor	100% sale of 705 Bayview Terraces	£163,500.00
Mar-11 P Parody	100% sale of 707 Bayview Terraces	£119,000.00
Mar-11 K A Romero	100% sale of 709 Bayview Terraces	£117,780.00
Mar-11 C J Gomila	70% sale of 711 Bayview Terraces	£69,701.00
Mar-11 J M & M E Bonavia	50% sale of G08 Nelson's View	£55,591.00
Mar-11 A Ignacio & S G Bejar	100% sale of G10 Nelson's View	£107,140.00
Mar-11 T Gustavo & K Williamson	60% sale of G15 Nelson's View	£54,641.00
Mar-11 K J Bensusan	80% sale of G16 Nelson's View	£78,841.00
Mar-11 P & M Turner	100% sale of G17 Nelson's View	£112,480.00
Mar-11 G A Macias	50% sale of G18 Nelson's View	£49,501.00
Mar-11 N M Vinent & M Marlow	50% sale of 101 Nelson's View	£53,731.00
Mar-11 C J & C S Keightley-Pugh	50% sale of 106 Nelson's View	£53,731.00
Mar-11 K Duarte & A J Muñoz	50% sale of 107 Nelson's View	£53,731.00
Mar-11 G J Pratts	60% sale of 110 Nelson's View	£64,245.00
Mar-11 J & Y Fortuna	50% sale of 113 Nelson's View	£53,371.00
Mar-11 S J & S Duarte	50% sale of 114 Nelson's View	£54,451.00
Mar-11 J D Patron	60% sale of 115 Nelson's View	£52,761.00
Mar-11 I M Farrell	100% sale of 202 Nelson's View	£88,800.00
Mar-11 N Richardson	50% sale of 207 Nelson's View	£54,021.00

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Mar-11 C Ballester	100% sale of 208 Nelson's View	£114,080.00
Mar-11 D & M Glynn	50% sale of 210 Nelson's View	£54,021.00
Mar-11 G Cerisola	70% sale of 212 Nelson's View	£61,861.00
Mar-11 D Rocca & L Carene	70% sale of 213 Nelson's View	£76,029.00
Mar-11 R J Sampere	100% sale of 214 Nelson's View	£111,200.00
Mar-11 C A Lopez	70% sale of 215 Nelson's View	£61,861.00
Mar-11 N & R Mañasco	55% sale of 217 Nelson's View	£59,523.00
Mar-11 P A Gache & K M Gomez	100% sale of 218 Nelson's View	£114,080.00
Mar-11 L M Avelano	50% sale of 302 Nelson's View	£44,001.00
Mar-11 S A Martinez	70% sale of 304 Nelson's View	£76,939.00
Mar-11 T Moya	100% sale of 305 Nelson's View	£89,000.00
Mar-11 J Phillips	100% sale of 308 Nelson's View	£115,380.00
Mar-11 K E Martinez & P T Holmes	100% sale of 309 Nelson's View	£116,100.00
Mar-11 T M Edwards & D Parody	75% sale of 310 Nelson's View	£82,506.00
Mar-11 N J Azzopardi	100% sale of 311 Nelson's View	£111,060.00
Mar-11 J M Yeo & M A Cardona	80% sale of 313 Nelson's View	£88,073.00
Mar-11 S & J Borg	55% sale of 317 Nelson's View	£60,238.00
Mar-11 R Casciaro & G Bensusan	70% sale of 318 Nelson's View	£80,467.00
Mar-11 G & C Ramos	70% sale of 319 Nelson's View	£80,970.00
Mar-11 C E & G A Olivares	60 % sale of 320 Nelson's View	£65,805.00
Mar-11 A C & V Bateman	100% sale of 402 Nelson's View	£89,200.00
Mar-11 C J Figueras & E Corbacho	80% sale of 404 Nelson's View	£89,113.00
Mar-11 C Gomez	100% sale of 405 Nelson's View	£89,200.00

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Mar-11 T & A Cano	100% sale of 406 Nelson's View	£112,360.00
Mar-11 N J Barker	100% sale of 407 Nelson's View	£111,640.00
Mar-11 K T Estella	100% sale of 408 Nelson's View	£116,680.00
Mar-11 I Russo	100% sale of 409 Nelson's View	£117,400.00
Mar-11 K Robles	100% sale of 410 Nelson's View	£111,640.00
Mar-11 I M B Hassan	100% sale of 411 Nelson's View	£112,360.00
Mar-11 D & E Robba	80% sale of 414 Nelson's View	£90,841.00
Mar-11 J A Federico	70% sale of 415 Nelson's View	£62,141.00
Mar-11 J Galliano & N Oliva	75% sale of 416 Nelson's View	£84,021.00
Mar-11 D & E M Palao	70% sale of 417 Nelson's View	£77,849.00
Mar-11 C A Alcantara	100% sale of 418 Nelson's View	£116,680.00
Mar-11 G A Prior-Perez & A J Perez	100% sale of 503 Nelson's View	£115,100.00
Mar-11 K M Smith & R N Olivia	100% sale of 505 Nelson's View	£89,400.00
Mar-11 Rottger	100% sale of 506 Nelson's View	£113,660.00
Mar-11 C Phillips	100% sale of 507 Nelson's View	£112,940.00
Mar-11 E Harper	100% sale of 508 Nelson's View	£117,980.00
Mar-11 D O Russo	100% sale of 509 Nelson's View	£118,700.00
Mar-11 L J & T M D Seed	100% sale of 512 Nelson's View	£89,400.00
Mar-11 N Pizarro	60% sale of 514 Nelson's View	£68,661.00
Mar-11 P Desoisa & N A Romero	70% sale of 515 Nelson's View	£62,281.00
Mar-11 K Banda	60% sale of 516 Nelson's View	£67,797.00
Mar-11 N Perez & E Banda	60% sale of 520 Nelson's View	£67,365.00
Mar-11 D N Palmer & L F Birkin	70% sale of 601 Nelson's View	£80,173.00
Mar-11 M & B S Aguilera		

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Mar-11 C Robles	100% sale of 602 Nelson's View	£53,360.00
Mar-11 Z Chipolina & D Ressa	100% sale of 603 Nelson's View	£116,400.00
Apr-11 F Camilleri	50% sale of G05 Nelson's View	£43,551.00
Apr-11 C J Bear	70% sale of G12 Nelson's View	£61,581.00
Apr-11 S M Leon & M J Cabrera	50% sale of 120 Nelson's View	£53,371.00
Apr-11 L P & M A Wilding	70% sale of 201 Nelson's View	£76,533.00
Apr-11 C Duran & N Richardson	60% sale of 220 Nelson's View	£65,025.00
Apr-11 G B Moreno	50% sale of 301 Nelson's View	£55,031.00
Apr-11 N Ben Yahia & A Maazizi	50% sale of 312 Nelson's View	£44,001.00
Apr-11 L F Victor	60% sale of 315 Nelson's View	£53,001.00
Apr-11 M A & J B de Russo	85% sale of 403 Nelson's View	£96,581.00
Apr-11 J Poggio	50% sale of 412 Nelson's View	£44,101.00
Apr-11 K Diaz	100% sale of 419 Nelson's View	£117,400.00
Apr-11 V & S Martinez	50% sale of 420 Nelson's View	£55,321.00
Apr-11 G Mifsud	50% sale of 517 Nelson's View	£55,971.00
Apr-11 J A Nuñez Gil	50% sale of 519 Nelson's View	£58,851.00
Apr-11 A & S Davey	100% sale of 605 Nelson's View	£89,600.00
Apr-11 D Martinez	75% sale of 615 Nelson's View	£66,951.00
Apr-11 K & N J Van Zyl	70% sale of 507 Bayview Terraces	£82,301.00
Apr-11 A & V Serra	100% sale of 601 Bayview Terraces	£134,118.20
Apr-11 N J Pitaluga	70% sale of 603 Bayview Terraces	£68,301.00
Apr-11 F E Martin & E A Cowles	100% sale of 704 Bayview Terraces	£119,000.00
Apr-11 N Mauro & S Williams	90% balance of 2.2.14 Rosemary Court	£94,500.00

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Apr-11 T Howes & S Osborne	90% balance 7.2.2 Hibiscus Court & CPS 415	£108,000.00
Apr-11 P Macedo	90% balance of 7.4.4 Hibiscus Court & CPS 178	£87,300.00
Apr-11 G O'Hagan	10% deposit of 212 Portland House	£29,000.00
Apr-11 J Reyes & A Morello	90% balance of 113 Portland House	£270,001.00
Apr-11 D Vera	90% balance of 8.7.2 Acacia Court & CPS 177	£76,500.00
Apr-11 D Rodriguez & L Martinez	90% balance of 4.1.5 Rose Court & CPS 331	£76,500.00
Apr-11 J Neish	90% balance of flat 9, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£133,300.00
Apr-11 Serra	90% balance of flat 4, 12 Castle Steps	£171,800.00
Apr-11 K Lima & A Bret	Reservation fee of flat 6, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Apr-11 J S Hassan & S B Ajuelos	100% sale of 18 Amaryllis House, Waterport Terraces	£114,000.00
Apr-11 M A & S L Olivero	100% sale of 5 Sea Lavender House, Waterport Terraces	£111,000.00
May-11 C Gonzalez	80% sale of 109 Nelson's View	£90,601.00
May-11 L H Casciaro & K A Rumbo	70% sale of 413 Nelson's View	£77,849.00
May-11 R A Bosco	100% sale of 504 Nelson's View	£112,940.00
May-11 K M Pau	100% sale of 511 Nelson's View	£80,252.00
May-11 M F Valverde	60% sale of G03 Bayview Terraces	£57,861.00
May-11 E & K A Mir	60% sale of 506 Bayview Terraces	£69,069.00
May-11 M Duarte	60% sale of 602 Bayview Terraces	£59,601.00
May-11 G E & M F R Mir Parody	48 Red Sands House, Alameda Estate	£45,800.00
May-11 Segui and Mafasco	10% sale of 6.7.1 Almond Court & CPS 85	£10,965.38
May-11 F Cowen & A M Daly	90% sale of 106 Portland House	£271,350.00
May-11 J Zammitt	90% sale of 49 Northview Terrace	£92,696.00
May-11 G O'Hagan	90% sale of 212 Portland House	£261,000.00

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May-11 C Gonzalez	80% sale of 109 Nelson's View	£90,601.00
May-11 L H Casciaro & K A Rumbo	70% sale of 413 Nelson's View	£77,849.00
May-11 R A Bosco	100% sale of 504 Nelson's View	£112,940.00
May-11 K M Pau	100% sale of 511 Nelson's View	£80,252.00
May-11 M F Valverde	60% sale of G03 Bayview Terraces	£57,861.00
May-11 E & K A Mir	60% sale of 506 Bayview Terraces	£69,069.00
May-11 M Duarte	60% sale of 602 Bayview Terraces	£59,601.00
May-11 G E & M F R Mir Parody	48 Red Sands House, Alameda Estate	£45,800.00
May-11 Segui and Mañasco	10% sale of 6.7.1 Almond Court & CPS 85	£10,965.38
May-11 F Cowen & A M Daly	90% sale of 106 Portland House	£271,350.00
May-11 J Zammitt	90% sale of 49 Northview Terrace	£92,696.00
May-11 G O'Hagan	90% sale of 212 Portland House	£261,000.00
May-11 G & D Gonzalez	90% sale of 3.4.1 Lavender Court	£117,000.00
May-11 K Lima & A Bret	90% sale of Flat 6, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£133,300.00
May-11 K Cortes	10% deposit of sale of Flat 3, 12 Castle Steps	£17,230.00
May-11 N Shuja & H Nadeem	90% balance of 28 Merlot House & Garage 87	£150,660.00
		<u>£ 19,360,691.46</u>

**NO. 1200 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF GIBRALTAR CIRCULATING/COMMEMORATIVE COINS**

Can Government say whether any entities have been invited to tender in respect of the restricted procedure notice for the production and supply of Gibraltar circulating coins and the production and distribution of Gibraltar commemorative coins which was advertised on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with a closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and, if so, how many and who are they?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The following four companies were selected under the pre-qualification procedure:

- The Tower Mint
- Pobjoy Mint
- The Mint of Finland
- The Royal Mint

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1200 OF 2011**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Have Government now selected a successful tenderer or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. The closing date for submission of tenders is 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011. That is the pre-selection.

**NO. 1201 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**FIRE AT NORTH MOLE WASTE OIL RECYCLING PLANT ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2011 –  
COMMAND CENTRE**

Can Government provide a list showing who was present in the command centre at the port during the fire in the waste oil recycling plant in the North Mole on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Immediately after the incident, command, control and communications was established in the Port Department's Incident Management Room which became the operational Command post or Silver Command as it is known in the hierarchy of emergency response. The following persons were present:

Mr J Holliday, Minister of Enterprise, Development, Technology & Transport  
Mr J Baldachino, Ministry for Enterprise, Development, Technology & Transport  
Mr P Martinez, Ministry for Enterprise, Development, Technology & Transport  
GPA: Capt Peter Hall and Senior Port Officer Cerisola  
RGP: Commissioner of Police Mr Luis Wink, Superintendent Yome/Chief Inspector McGrail and Chief Inspector Ullger  
City Fire Brigade: Deputy Chief Fire Officer Gonzalez and Officer Parody  
Defence Fire Service: Alex Button  
GHA Ambulance Services: Mr Celecia  
Environmental Agency: Inspector Glenn Banda and Luis Poggio  
Nature plant: Mr Darren Laguea and Mr Freddy Becerra  
Giboil: Mr Harry Murphy and Mr Mark Smith  
SteelMac Ltd: Mr Elias Tapiero

At 17.30 hours Gold Command was activated. Gold Command, for events of this sort, is exercised by the Civil Contingency Committee and those of the people who had been present in the Port Department and who form part of Gold Command then went to the Incident Control Room at No 6 Convent Place where the Civil Contingency Committee meets.

Silver Command, that is to say, the Operational Command of the incident, remained where it was in the Port Incident Room.

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**NO. 1202 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**FIRE AT NORTH MOLE WASTE OIL RECYCLING PLANT ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2011 –  
EXTERNAL ENQUIRY**

What are the terms of reference of the external inquiry into the Port fire on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1203 of 2011.

**NO. 1203 OF 2011**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**FIRE AT NORTH MOLE WASTE OIL RECYCLING PLANT ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2011 –  
EXTERNAL ENQUIRY**

How was the company that was selected to conduct the external inquiry into the Port fire of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 chosen and on whose recommendation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As the Government has already said publicly, the external investigation, which is one of the two investigations taking place, into the sullage plant fire is being conducted, as he knows, by Capita Symonds plc, an entity selected by the Government's Chief Technical Officer.

The Terms of Reference for that investigation are:

- i) Technical investigation into why the incident happened with a detailed description of the plant, equipment et cetera, and an assessment of the likely causative factors;
- ii) Procedural investigation of the parties involved in the planning, operation, supervision and monitoring of the work with particular emphasis on policies, procedures, risk assessments, method statements et cetera;
- iii) Consideration of the documentary evidence currently available, for example, witness statements, documents et cetera and to provide advice on any further evidence that should be considered or obtained.

**NO. 1204 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**NEW POWER STATION**

What consultancy agreements, if any, have been entered into or are expected to be entered into or are being negotiated in respect of the development by the Government of the new generating station proposed at Lathbury Barracks?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

A total of 20 Companies and firms have so far assisted the Government in the pre-contract stages of the project, with some specialist aspect or other of it.

The post contract professional arrangements are not yet finalised and it is therefore not appropriate to comment at this stage. The existence of all such arrangements, when entered into will be made public.

So, on this contract it is divided by pre-contract and post-contract assistance and there is a whole stack of companies, twenty, that have, to some degree or other, participated in the viability of the project, the ground, the assessment. Now, the project management et cetera, et cetera for the implementation and once the contract starts is not yet adjudicated.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1204 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is that at the negotiation stage? Are those contracts, post-contracts at the negotiation stage?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Some of the arrangements are under negotiation. Others may be subject to a mandatory procurement process.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would the ones that are under negotiation be relevant to questions later on in the Order Paper?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I have no idea what they are. So it is not clearly in that category that he is going to be asking that.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is it possible for the hon Member to give us the details of the twenty companies that have assisted to date? Or is it something he would like to write to me about if he has the information?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes. I can.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

He can do it now or he will write?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I cannot do it now because it is not [*inaudible*] ... but I am not sure where else ... well not irrelevant [*inaudible*] but I have got the list of [*inaudible*].

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I would be grateful. Does he want me to write to him to remind him? I know we have had this issue before.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

He can write to me if he wants.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes.

**NO. 1205 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**VISA APPLICATIONS – NON-EU SPOUSES OF GIBRALTARIANS**

How many visa applications have been granted since 2007 in respect of non-EU nationals married to Gibraltarians to travel to Gibraltar and how long was each application pending before it was granted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1206 of 2011.

**NO. 1206 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**VISA APPLICATIONS – NON-EU SPOUSES OF GIBRALTARIANS**

How many visa applications are pending since 2007 in respect of non-EU nationals married to Gibraltarians, to travel to Gibraltar, how long has each been pending and what role does the Chief Minister play in deciding whether these should be granted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am advised by the Civil Status and Registration Office that a total of 29 visa applications have been granted since 2007 to non-EU nationals married to Gibraltarians wishing to travel to Gibraltar and that there are five such applications under consideration. Of the five that are pending, four are dated in the second half of 2010 and one in 2011.

As Minister for Personal Status, including immigration, residence and adoptions, the Chief Minister's role is to oversee the policy to be followed in all immigration matters including visa applications. He also has responsibility for the Department itself.

It is not appropriate to give the hon Member details of individual applications. I am, however, able to tell the hon Member that, according to the Civil Status and Registration Office, of the 29 visa applications granted:

Ten were granted within 10 days of application;  
Three within 30 days of application;  
Nine within 60 days of application; and  
Seven within 60 to 152 days of application

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1205 AND 1206 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful. I am not asking for details of the individual applications. I would not seek that information but does the hon Gentleman actually make up ... Is the hon Gentleman the decision maker as to whether these visa applications are granted? Is that what he is telling us in the generic explanation he has given us of what the role is?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, not in respect of visas to travel to Gibraltar. There are policies established and if there are cases that fall outside the policy they will be brought to us. Ministerial involvement is higher in respect of a different kind of thing. I do not know if this is what the hon Member was getting at and had simply asked the wrong question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I think I have asked the right question but if the hon Gentleman thinks that there is another issue which is relevant.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh, I see. No, no, no. It is not for me to speculate. The hon Member has asked about visas to travel to Gibraltar and that is the answer that he has had. I am not aware that I play any role in visas to travel to Gibraltar.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I understand what the hon Gentleman is getting to. It is actually visas to travel to Gibraltar that sometimes kick start other issues or give rise to other issues. Like, for example, the right to remain in Gibraltar.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, that is a very different matter. The application by a non-EU visa requiring national to seek a residence permit in Gibraltar, which is something very different to a visa to travel to Gibraltar, is a very different matter. There are strict policies in place for that. Indeed, our established policy is less strict than the one that applies in the United Kingdom and all of those cases go to No. 6 Convent Place. Some of them come to me. I am not aware that all of them come to me but, certainly, the more contentious ones come to me and the policy issue at stake here, of which we already have seen several victims, is the abuse of marriages, particularly now marriages that follow meeting on the internet, simply as a means of getting a residence permit and we have seen several cases of these which are very quickly followed by a ... So the policy, for example, is that each case is considered on its merits. I am not aware of any case in which I have disregarded the advice. They all come up with advice. The issues being looked at by the officials are genuineness of marriage et cetera. Whether they have got the ability to look after them. Whether they have got a house to live in. That sort of thing and then the policy is that the residence permit is granted whilst the marriage subsists. The problem is that, if whilst the marriage subsists a child has come into being, as there are several cases, it makes it very difficult to enforce the condition. So, this would be a huge loophole through the immigration control policy if there was not some reasonably robust mechanism for controlling it and certainly I make no apology. I realise the hon Member would prefer I did nothing at all and that almost everything that the Chief Minister does is necessarily interference of some sort but I make personally no apology for playing a role in this because it is a potentially very difficult area for immigration control in Gibraltar. Now, some cases are easier to resolve than others. The judgement of when a marriage is genuine. We all want our children and ourselves ... If we go off and we meet and we

establish a genuine relationship, why should you not bring your spouse to live in Gibraltar. That is the starting point. Beyond that, there are a series of rules devised to try and protect that from abuse. In other words, that people should not dupe locals into marrying them abroad as a means of getting in. It is not easy and there is always the danger, with all such systems, in which we recognise that you sometimes get the judgement wrong and some genuine cases are treated with suspicion and the reverse can happen. Some dubious cases slip through because there is no suspicious signal. It is not a science which is why different cases take different lengths of the period of time but if the hon Member has received a complaint by anybody in respect of an individual case, I am perfectly happy to have that case reviewed and to tell the hon Member what the circumstances are of that case.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am very grateful to the Leader of the House for that explanation. I think we all agree that what the criteria here is that we should not, in some way, allow people who are not in a genuine marriage to gain a foot hold in Europe or worse in Gibraltar by duping otherwise well meaning well intentioned Gibraltarians who are likely the party that may be in love, not words often uttered in this place, with the other party. Now, the issue is not so much of complaints but of a number of instances that have come to our attention where individuals have waited a considerable period of time and the explanation advanced to those individuals is that the decision maker is the Chief Minister and that it is on his desk and I know that the hon Gentleman ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It must be, yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I know that the hon Gentleman does a lot of other things and, as he says, this issue is not a science it is more of an art, and I just wonder whether it is right that he should be the one involved in making decisions in respect of this matter or whether, in fact, there may be as much ability to determine, in so far as possible, the genuineness or otherwise of a marriage in other parties.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not determine the genuineness or otherwise of the marriage.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I accept that. The existence of sufficient suspicious circumstances, for example, to alight one to the possibility that it may not be a genuine marriage and if the hon Gentleman is telling us that most of these cases come to him already with advice, then it is likely that somebody is already trying to determine that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The advice is, by necessity, one that then requires a further judgement to be made. Remember that you are talking about people who go away to far flung places in the Far East and come back with a spouse after a two week holiday. You are talking about people who meet people on the internet and have physically only met a couple of times and ... Well, fine. People are at liberty to choose their spouses. It is not for the Government to interfere and define what is the legitimate acceptable way of courtship. This is a matter for individuals. The Government's role is to decide whether it is a genuine marriage. Whether it is legal, whether it is a genuine marriage, whether they have the means to support ... There was recently a case. I will not mention any names. There was recently a case where there was a manifest inability to provide accommodation for themselves and the family pleaded on the basis that if only the Housing Department would give them permission to move in with parents ... Eventually, after applying the rules ... this is presumably one of the cases that ... because there are often times that people do not distinguish between 'no' and 'pending'. So there are cases that fall out of the ... The Government are reluctant to approve it. They come, in this case, with a willingness on the part of parents to accommodate them at home. They undertake that they will not use overcrowding then as a reason to come and ask for a house and within a month they are pressurising the Government to give them a house as well. These then are expected to jump over the heads of people who have been in Gibraltar ... Believe me, much as from over there as it might look as just sitting on things for too long, it is almost never a case of sitting on things for too long. It is easy to say no and the Government say, well, wait a bit to see if the relationship lasts as a further test and the weeks and the months are accumulating. I suppose that from an administrative point of view, it would be easier to say, no now appeal if you want. Whilst the Government do not say no, people think it is just delay. It is not just delay. Some of these cases are very complex and, look, I am not saying ... Look, I am not the only person who could make it but it is something that the Minister does and I happen, for my sins or even perhaps for your sins, to be the Minister for these matters and, therefore, they come to my office. Whether I should do it myself or some other Minister or some other official is ... but it is something that could lead to huge amounts of abusive immigration if it is not properly handled but I do not pretend that the way it is being done at the moment is the only way that it can be done.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful. I will write to him referring to two cases which are still pending. I have seen a lot of these in time but some of them, as the hon Gentleman says, go away either because they are granted or because sometimes the marriage has not been genuine or maybe the marriage has broken down as a result of the inability to move in together. These things are at large and we cannot say why it is that some marriages break down but I will write to him with the two that seem to me not to fall within the category of lacking genuineness and which do not relate to this issue of homes being sought. In order not to identify the case in any way ...

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Can I say to the hon Member that in the UK the position is even more strict than here. For example, we only apply this to visa requiring nationals. The UK for settlement applies it even to people who do not require a visa to enter the UK on a visit, to whom we do not apply this. We take the view that if he can visit Gibraltar,

there is no reason why ... We just take a different view. So the UK applies it even to non visa requiring nationals. To people who do not require a visa to enter the UK.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful. As I said to him, I think if we take the debate further then I may stray into some of the details that might identify the cases I want to deal with. So I would rather write to him and perhaps we can deal with this in that way. I am obliged for the information.

ORAL

**NO. 1207 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COST OF GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING IN SPANISH NEWSPAPER ABC**

What has been the cost to the Government of the special advertising section on Gibraltar featured in the Spanish newspaper, ABC?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There has not been any "Special Advertising Section" in the ABC. The ABC Newspaper published a special supplement on Gibraltar under their full editorial independence and control. This was not at Government's cost, it was an independent venture. Many local companies advertised, as did the Government, in the Supplement. The adverts placed by the Government cost 40,000 Euros.

**NO. 1208 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPLAINT TO PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION**

What progress, if any, has been made in the complaint made to the Press Complaints Commission by the Chief Minister in respect of the Channel 4 series "On Tour with the Queen"?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This complaint has not been proceeded with, despite the outrageous misrepresentations made in it.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1208 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In the complaint or in the programme?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

[inaudible].

ORAL

**NO. 1209 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TUNNEL UNDER RUNWAY – TESTING OF SOIL**

What borehole or other testing or specimens were taken of the soil under the runway in the area of the development of the tunnel under the airport?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Given that the contractual relationship between the Government and the contractor in this project are in a critical phase, I do not consider it appropriate to make any public comment in relation to this contract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1209 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

For the reasons I indicated when the hon Gentleman gave that same answer to the Hon Mr Licudi earlier, in respect of another aspect of this contract, I will not be pursuing the matter further.

**NO. 1210 OF 2011**

**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, been paid 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 one 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 System;
  - (xii) Sewage Treatment;
  - (xiii) Energy to Waste; and
  - (xiv) Revetment Repairs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand to the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested in respect of payments made by Gibraltar Investments Holdings Limited on the basis of the ‘on account’ and ‘composite’ formulae since the answer to Question No. 333 of 2011.

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 1210**

**Payments made by Gibraltar Investments Holdings Limited on the basis of the 'on account' and 'composite formulae since the answer to question 333 of 2011:**

	<b>Composite Formula Payments £</b>	<b>On Account Formula Payments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Mid Harbour I	-	-	-
Mid Harbour II	-	-	-
GoG Rlocations	36,986	70,000	106,986
Terminal Building	130,944	60,000	190,944
New Road	103,597	40,000	143,597
MoD Relocations	89,454	80,000	169,454
Infrastructure	50,467	70,000	120,467
GoG Housing	77,934	60,000	137,934
Power Station	76,430	140,000	216,430
Car Parks	45,668	10,000	55,668
Simple Approach Lighting System	-	10,000	10,000
Sewage Treatment	-	-	-
Energy to Waste	-	-	-
Revetments Repairs	7,515	80,000	87,515
	<b><u>£618,995</u></b>	<b><u>£620,000</u></b>	<b><u>£1,238,995</u></b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1210 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In relation to the inter play between this question and the first that we dealt with in relation to the power station, can he confirm that the amounts paid in respect of power station shown in this table, will reflect one of the twenty contracts that the hon Gentleman told me he would write to me about?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 1211 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND GIBRALTAR LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED OR LAND PROJECTS CONSULTANTS LIMITED IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY OR OTHER SERVICES**

What agreements, if any, is it envisaged may be entered into or are being negotiated by the Government (or any company wholly owned by it) with Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited (or any subsidiary thereof) or Land Projects Consultants Limited (or any subsidiary thereof) (or any company owned by the same ultimate beneficial owners of Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited or Land Projects Consultants Limited) in respect of the provision of consultancy or other services?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 1212 of 2011.

**NO. 1212 OF 2011**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND GIBRALTAR LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED OR LAND PROJECTS CONSULTANTS LIMITED IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY OR OTHER SERVICES**

What agreements, if any, have been entered into by the Government (or any company wholly owned by it) with Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited (or any subsidiary thereof) or Land Projects Consultants Limited (or any subsidiary thereof) (or any company owned by the same ultimate beneficial owners of Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited or Land Projects Consultants Limited) since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 in respect of the provision of consultancy or other services, giving a breakdown of the date when any such agreement was entered into, the services to be provided under any such agreement, the remuneration formula applicable to any such agreement and the sum of any amounts paid to date under any such agreement?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 1211 of 2011**

I am advised that, beyond the arrangements of which this House is already aware and the subject of the last question, no further agreements are envisaged or any currently being negotiated by the Government (or any wholly owned Company) with Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company Limited or Land Project Consultants Limited or any related company.

**Answer to Question No. 1212 of 2011**

The existing arrangements were extended on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 to include the provision of the same services, that is, the client's representative, single point of contact and Project Overseer, in respect of four additional projects: Waterport Terraces, Westside revetment, Eastern Beach Road and the coastal works to the East Side.

In the period since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010, another company called Montagu Pavilion Limited, which has some link with one of the companies involved, the question asked about '[inaudible] or related companies', I think there are some common share holdings but not coincidental, has been engaged to provide the following services, this is Montagu Pavilion Limited:

Air Terminal  
Devil's Tower Road Car Park  
Mid-Harbour Estate

Retail, catering and furniture coordination  
Clerk of Works  
Handover Liaison Officer

I now hand to the hon Member a schedule showing the payments made under those extended arrangements.

**Answer to Question No. 1212 of 2011**

**Payments to Land Projects Consultants Limited and Montagu Pavilion Limited  
in respect of new engagements since 1 January 2010:**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Paid to date</b>
Waterport Terraces	} Employer's Agent/single point of	£110,000
Westside revetement repairs	} contact/Project overseer	£80,000
Eastern Beach	}	£30,000
Coastal works to the East Side	}	Nil
Air Terminal	Retail, catering and furniture coordination	£33,336
Devil's Tower Road Car Park	Clerk of Works	£49,400
Mid-Harbour Estate	Handover Liaison Officer	£28,000

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1211 AND 1212 OF 2011**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful for the information. Can the hon Gentleman tell us the date of the Waterport Terraces extension that he referred to? The extension to include Waterport Terraces as one of the four new projects. He said a particular date. I thought he said 2011.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Was that not after Waterport Terraces had been completed? Can I therefore ask him what it is that was still outstanding in respect of Waterport Terraces?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I can only assume because the same observation applies ... Well, it does not apply because there is no fixed date. I can only assume that that is the date in which the arrangement was documented or formally extended. I would have to find out what ... By March 2011, I think all the blocks had been handed over. So that must have been ... Either the date is wrong or it must have been the formalisation of an arrangement that has been ... the service delivery that has been in place but I can find out. If the hon Member will write to me on that question, I will certainly give him that further breakdown. Extended on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, unless that is a typo and it means the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 but I would not be able to tell him that from my personal knowledge but certainly March 2011 cannot be the date on which the delivery of services commenced. I will try and find that out for him if I can.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the hon Gentleman tell us ... If he knows what the service is that is being provided at Waterport Terraces and whether it continues to date, maybe that could help us to understand what it is all about?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No. It just says the same services. It is whatever they are doing for the other ones that he lists in his question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I see.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So I would have to find out. There is no need for him to write to me. I will find out how that 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 date sits in relation to the date of completion of the projects.