

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W180 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Further to the Minister for Health's letter to me, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012, regarding Health & Safety audits and assessments of St Bernard's Hospital, could the Hon Minister provide me with copies of all the said audits and assessments as stated in his letter?

**ANSWER**

No. These documents are internal to the GHA.

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**NO. W181 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Health state if a Health & Safety audit has been conducted during this year at the KGV Hospital and, if so, could the Hon Minister provide a copy of the said audit?

**ANSWER**

There has not been a Health & Safety Audit conducted this year at the KGV Hospital.

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**NO. W182 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Government state if there have been any long-stay patients in the GHA that have, during the course of this year,

- (a) been transferred to Mount Alvernia despite not being at the top of the waiting or nursing list;
- (b) been transferred to John Cochrane Ward despite not being at the top of the waiting or nursing list;
- (c) been transferred to Calpe Ward despite not being at the top of the waiting or nursing list and, if so,
  - (1) provide the date of transfer;
  - (2) the name of the ward which the transfer originated from; and
  - (3) whether the decision to transfer the long-stay patient was taken by the management of the Care Agency, the management of the GHA, or any of the two Ministers responsible either for the GHA or the Care Agency or both?

**ANSWER**

Transfers from GHA to the Care Agency are decided on clinical and social grounds following multidisciplinary assessments.

The ECA waiting list is therefore a dynamic one which is constantly changing.

There is no such thing as a “nursing waiting list”.

The question can therefore by definition not be given the sort of answer requested.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W183 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services state whether a Charge Nurse from the A & E Department of St Bernard's Hospital has been, or will be, transferred to the Care Agency as Nursing Co-ordinator without having to go for an interview, or without allowing the Care Agency staff the opportunity to apply for the current vacant post?

**ANSWER**

No Charge Nurse from A & E Department at St Bernard's Hospital has been or will be transferred to the Care Agency.

**WRITTEN****NO. W184 OF 2012****THE HON J J NETTO**

Further to Written Question No. 157/2012, could the Minister for Social Services state if there is currently any vacant post/s within the Care Agency which is being covered by someone in an acting capacity and, if so, could the Minister provide:

- (a) the name of the post/s;
- (b) the location;
- (c) the period in which such acting has now taken place;
- (d) whether the acting is being carried out by an employee or a trainee who has been seconded?

**ANSWER**

Below is the requested information

<b>Name of Post</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commencement of Acting by current post holder</b>	<b>Employee or Trainee</b>
CEO	CA	1/10/12	Employee
Nursing Co-ordinator	Elderly Service	1/6/12	Employee
Dr Giraldi Homes Manager	Dr Giraldi	1/10/12	Employee
Residential Home Manager	Children & Family Team	5/9/11	Employee
Disabilities Team Leader	Dr Giraldi	19/7/11	Employee
Unit Manager	Dr Giraldi	1/10/12	Employee

**NO. W185 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Further to her answer to Written Question No. W158/2012, can the Minister for Social Services state the following:

- (a) until when will the training periods in which the various trainees placed within her Ministries last;
- (b) what training is being provided within the 'Type of Work' undertaken by the trainees;
- (c) what accredited qualifications, if any, will the trainees attain at the end of their training period/placements?

**ANSWER**

- (a) There is no specific training period.
- (b) Training provided within the 'Type of Work' undertaken by the Trainees is as follows:

Administration Trainees:

The trainees are allocated to a specific member of a department and work alongside the person shadowing them and learning the job that they do. The job will vary from department to department depending on who they are shadowing, so different skills will be learnt.

Skills taught:

- Reception duties
- Collating information on the phone from different sources
- Setting up client databases
- Setting up filing systems
- Taking minutes of meetings
- Typing minutes of meetings
- Processing annual leave forms
- Setting up PowerPoint presentations
- Collating statistics
- Audio-typing
- General office duties to include shredding, binding, photocopying
- Answering telephones

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### **Labourer Trainee:**

This trainee has been allocated to the Maintenance team, he is working alongside the team to build on the skills he currently has.

### **Care Worker Trainees:**

They work to the Care Worker Job description provided for the Service in which they will be working. They learn skills by shadowing more experienced Care Workers, Unit Managers, Social Workers, Psychologists, Qualified Nurses, Activities Coordinators, Teachers and Physiotherapists to gain a rounded experience of what the job entails. They also attend in-house training specific to their Service areas.

Further in-house training across the Services attended by Care worker Trainees:

Fire Training  
Catheter Care  
Introduction to Elderly Care Services  
Conflict Resolution Level 1  
EVAC Chair  
Manual Handling  
Clinical Skills  
Blood Pressure  
Working with Relatives  
Person Centred Care & Professional Boundaries Training Session  
Infection Control  
Observations  
Diabetes  
Uniform Policy  
Skin Care  
Independency  
Clinical Skills  
Preventing Constipation  
Skin Care  
"Do we need gloves?"  
Visual Impairment Awareness  
Oral Hygiene  
Emergency Lifting Cushion  
Behavioural Report Forms  
Why do you think children become looked after?  
The role and responsibilities of a care worker  
Values and attitudes of carers  
What do you think children need?  
Qualities and strengths required as a Care Worker  
Basic Child Protection awareness  
5 outcomes – key worker role – Every child matters agenda.  
Care Planning  
Confidentiality  
Health and Safety

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(c) The subjects covered on the Generic Core Training are aligned with the Mandatory subjects for the Level II Diploma in Health and Social Care. This knowledge could go towards achieving a Level II Diploma in the future. Some people depending on their role will have the opportunity to achieve accredited certificates in:

- Emergency First Aid at Work Certificate
- CIEH Level 2 Food Safety in Catering
- CIEH Level 2 Health and Safety in the Workplace
- CIEH Level 2 Environmental principles and best practice
- CIEH Level 2 Principles of Risk Assessment



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W186 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services state, since the change to the admission criteria for Mount Alvernia:

- (a) how many elderly persons have been admitted to Mount Alvernia that were not at the top of the original application list, from the total number of admissions since the change of policy;
- (b) whether these admission/s emanated from person/s in the community or from person/s in the various wards in St Bernard's Hospital and, if so, which wards; and
- (c) whether the decision to admit was taken by the staff or the Minister?

**ANSWER**

- (a) Since the policy for admission into elderly care was changed in January to priority based on need following assessment in January 2012 as opposed to priority based date application, 19 elderly people have been admitted to the Care Agency (Elderly Care) whose names would otherwise not have been at the top of the list.
- (b) The admissions emanated from the community.
- (c) The decision to admit is that of elderly care management upon application of the criteria.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W187 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Social Services provide an explanation to the answer to Written Question No. 160/2012 which states: "The total number of Looked After Children (LAC) in the Care Agency is 37".

The next sentence states there are: "16 in the community and 20 in Care Agency residential homes", which is a total of 36. This is followed by there being: "...22 males and 15 females..." which is a total of 37. By then adding up the breakdown of figures provided by age of the LAC, the total is 36. Could the Minister explain the numerical discrepancy between 36 and 37 LAC?

**ANSWER**

The answer provided in W160 of 2012 is correct in relation to how the question was formulated and there is no discrepancy.

**NO. W188 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Social Services state if there have been any minors, i.e. below the age of 16, staying either on a regular basis, or on respite in Dr Giraldi Home during the course of this year, and if so:

- (a) provide the number/s of individual/s;
- (b) their age;
- (c) sex;
- (d) length of stay; and
- (e) the reason for the decision?

**ANSWER**

There is only one minor under the age of 16 who has been using the respite service at Dr Giraldi Home. He is 15 and a half years of age and he has stayed at the home during 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and from the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The reason for this is because this minor has been using the disability service since 2007 upon approval by the previous administration because there was no other appropriate service available at that time.

As a result of using this service over a period in excess of 5 years the child has established a rapport with the staff at Dr Giraldi.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W189 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services state if there are any individual/s registered unsuitable to work with children under the provisions of PART XII of the Children Act, either on a temporary or permanent basis and, if so, provide on a confidential basis the names of any such individuals, and the date on which such persons were placed on the list?

**ANSWER**

There are individuals registered unsuitable to work with children pursuant to Part XII of the Children Act. Disclosure of such information is too sensitive to be provided on a confidential basis in writing.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W190 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services state if any employee of the Care Agency has made any complaint of harassment or bullying at their place of work during 2012 and, if so, provide details of the nature of the complaint/s, the date/s on which the complaint/s was lodged, whether the complaint/s has been looked into by management, and whether informal or formal disciplinary measures have been instigated as a result of the complaint/s?

**ANSWER**

There have been no reported complaints of harassment or bullying during 2012.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W191 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services state if there has been any employee of the Care Agency suspended from work as a result of the accusation of another Care Worker, of providing an illegal drug to a service-user of the Care Agency, since the General Election, and if so, what is/are the nature of the accusation and the steps taken by the Care Agency in relation to this?

**ANSWER**

There has been no such allegation.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W192 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services confirm if there has been an incident whereby an employee of the Care Agency has been caught in possession of an illegal drug whilst driving a Care Agency vehicle, since the General Election and, if so, could the Minister state what the Care Agency is doing in respect of this possible case/s?

**ANSWER**

There has been no such incident.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W193 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services state whether the Government has now concluded the audit referred to in answer to Question No. 48/2012, in order to look into the alleged areas which do not protect individuals from discrimination in order to identify the scope and nature of the legislative programme of the Government, and if so, could she indicate what types of discrimination the legislative changes will cover, and when does she feel that such proposed legislation will come to Parliament?

**ANSWER**

No, this is work in progress and will be laid before parliament once ready.



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W194 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Further to Question No. 35/2012, can the Minister for Social Services state if the audit of Government public buildings, to allow disabled persons access, to which the Minister has committed herself to, has now been concluded and, if so, could a copy of the audit be provided to the Opposition?

**ANSWER**

This has not concluded.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W195 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Further to Question No. 36/2012, can the Minister for Social Services say whether she has now met with all representative organisations in the field of disability, whether she is now in a position to state the features and objectives of the Disability Action Plan, if this policy has already been implemented, and whether a copy of the Action Plan can be supplied to the Opposition?

**ANSWER**

I regularly meet with representative organisations in the field of disability. The work in relation to the Disability Action Plan is on-going and the policy not yet complete.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W196 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Further to Question No. 37/2012, can the Minister for Social Services say if she is now in a position to state if the: 'Life planning for disabled persons', as stated in their manifesto, has already been implemented and, if so, could a copy of the said document be provided to the Opposition?

**ANSWER**

Work in relation to the development of a policy for life planning for disabled persons is ongoing and not yet complete.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W197 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Social Services say if the Government has now fulfilled their election manifesto commitment and how, that states, 'We will legislate to further protect disabled people within our first year in Government, using the terms of the UN Convention as a model', and if not, why not, and whether such a commitment is likely to be fulfilled during the course of next year?

**ANSWER**

Work on this has already commenced and is ongoing. This is not a timed manifesto commitment but it is likely that this will be fulfilled during the course of next year.

**NO. W198 OF 2012****THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing state how many applicants on the Government's Housing Waiting Lists have, since his answer to Question No. 882 of 2012, been allocated a flat, giving a breakdown of the size of home as well as indicating if they pertained to either the Social or Medical Waiting Lists categories?

**ANSWER**

Since the answer given to Question No. 882 of 2012, 37 applicants have been allocated a flat.

The breakdown of the 37 who have been allocated a flat is as follows:

1RKB	4
2RKB	8
3RKB	11
4RKB	14
5RKB	-
6RKB	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>

The breakdown with regards to the Medical and Social Lists is as follows:

	<b>Medical A+</b>	<b>Medical B</b>	<b>Social A</b>	<b>Social C</b>
<b>1RKB</b>			2	
<b>2RKB</b>		1	1	
<b>3RKB</b>			4	
<b>4RKB</b>	1		4	1
<b>5RKB</b>				
<b>6RKB</b>				

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W199 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing state how many applicants have been removed from the Government's Housing Waiting Lists, since his answer to Question No. 883 of 2012, due to purchasing their own homes and, if any, indicating if they pertained to either the social or Medical Waiting Lists?

**ANSWER**

Since the answer given to Question No. 883 of 2012, two applicants have been removed from the Waiting Lists due to purchasing their own homes. Neither pertained to the Social or Medical List.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W200 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to A & K General Builders, since his reply to Written Question No. W161 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
2 November 2012	Internal refurbishment	£24,201.30

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W201 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to CIAP Construction, since his reply to Written Question No. W162 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

Nil.



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W202 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to Profield Contractors, since his reply to Written Question No. W163 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
30 October 2012	External refurbishment	£4,219.23

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W203 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to SFA Interiors, since his reply to Written Question No. W164 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
2 November 2012	Internal refurbishment	£15,791.78

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W204 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to On the Level, since his reply to Written Question No. W165 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
2 November 2012	Internal refurbishment	£8,739.60

**WRITTEN****NO. W205 OF 2012****THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to Koala Construction Contractors, since his reply to Written Question No. W166 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
30 October 2012	Emergency works	£215.21
30 October 2012	External works	£6,319.46
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,534.67</b>

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W206 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to AMCO, since his reply to Written Question No. W167 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
2 November 2012	Internal refurbishment	£81,176.33

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W207 OF 2012**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a full and detailed breakdown of payments made to GJBS, since his reply to Written Question No. W170 of 2012, showing all dates of payments made together with, as detailed as possible, descriptions of the works undertaken?

**ANSWER**

Nil.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W208 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Housing tell Parliament the total number of lifts that will be installed during this financial year and the location of such?

**ANSWER**

No lifts are envisaged to be installed this financial year.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W209 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Housing provide the current figure of elderly persons living in a Government flat awaiting the installation of a shower unit, showing the date on which they made such request?

**ANSWER**

There are no outstanding bath to shower conversions.

However, there are a total of 16 pending OT cases awaiting the installation of a shower unit being undertaken by the Ministry for Housing, as follows:

<b>DATE REQUEST MADE</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
06.12.11.	2
23.01.12.	2
06.02.12.	1
13.02.12.	1
01.03.12.	3
21.03.12.	1
10.04.12.	1
06.08.12.	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W210 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state if advice given to employers, trade unionists and others, by the Factories Inspectors, is a new service which is being provided since the arrival of the current Government, or has that advice by them always been given from time immemorial?

**ANSWER**

In the past, advice has generally not been given to employers outside the remit of an inspection / site meeting.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W211 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Does the Minister for Health & Safety agree with Mr Robertson of IOSH when he said recently, as reported in a local newspaper, that:

- (a) our Health & Safety legislation should go further and allow union representatives to have the right to inspect the workplace;
- (b) to oblige employers to hand over documentation to union inspections, such as past inspections reports and accidents records, as is the case in the UK; and
- (c) what plans, if any, are being considered by the Government in order to provide such rights to union representatives?

**ANSWER**

The Government is at present not considering any plans to provide such rights to union representatives.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W212 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Does the Minister for Health & Safety share the view of Mr Robertson of IOSH that our current Health & Safety legislation is too cumbersome for employers and trade unionists to manage and, if so, are there any plans to consolidate the current legislation into a more friendly-user format?

**ANSWER**

The first part of the question is asking for an opinion.

The legislation has been in place since 1956 and was therefore in place from 1996-2011 when the Hon Member was in Government.

At present there are no immediate plans to consolidate the current legislation although this is not to say that HM GOG will not consider reviewing the legislation in the future.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W213 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Health & Safety confirm that the two seconded Health & Safety Advisors from the Housing Works Agency still remain seconded with the Factories Inspectors, as stated in Hansard, and that their grade remains the same as when seconded?

**ANSWER**

I can confirm at the time of answering the question that the two seconded H & S Advisors from the Housing Agency still remain seconded with the Factories Inspectors.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W214 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Health & Safety state, from the figures uploaded on the Government website updated on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2012, Table HS.1, in relation to Inspections/Site Meetings/Advice for the month of September, how many of the total of 32 were in relation to Inspections as asked for in Written Question No. 172/2012, and how many were for Site Meetings/Advice as asked for in Written Question No. 174/2012?

**ANSWER**

Out of the total for the month of September as uploaded on the Government Website Table (HS.1), 24 were for Inspections and 1 for Site Meetings/Advice.

The Government has carried out a major review of the way in which data is compiled and collected for inclusion in Table HS.1 online. The computer program which had been ordered has now been installed. The Factories Inspectorate has now computerised the data. This has revealed a number of inconsistencies between the information which was made available in the past and that now shown on the computer. The Factories Inspector responsible has apologised to me for their inconsistency. The data available online has been adjusted in line with the information supplied by the Factory Inspectorate and has been backdated to the beginning of the year.

**NO. W215 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

In respect of the one Prohibition Notice in the Wholesale Trade issued by the Factory Inspector during September 2012, as reflected on the Government website (updated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012, Table HS.3), can the Minister for Health & Safety:

- (a) provide the name of the company (as this is missing from Table HS.5, which was updated on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012);
- (b) give the specific reason/s why, in the opinion of the Factory Inspector, there might have been an offence committed against the Factories Regulations, as stated on the Government webpage; and
- (c) the period which may have brought operations to a halt, if at all?

**ANSWER**

- (a) The policy of the Government is not to provide the name of the companies. This has been confirmed by the Speaker of Parliament on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012, in answer to question 786 and specifically to paragraph 2345 of Hansard as follows:

2345     *“Mr Speaker: I think I should just remind Members, we all enjoy parliamentary privilege here and we should always be very careful in naming individuals or entities, because even though prohibition notices have been issued, they could be erroneously issued and the party concerned has a right of recourse in terms of challenging those notices. So we must be careful when we start bandying names or persons and entities in this house.”*

- (b) The specific reasons are as posted on the Government Website under Table HS.5.
- (c) The period which may have brought operations to a halt cannot be determined as it is standard procedure to give companies a one month period to allow them to remedy the breach identified.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W216 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Health & Safety explain why, on the Government website, the information provided under the heading of 'Reasons for Factories Inspectors issuing Improvement and Prohibition Notices, including the names of the companies involved' (as updated on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012, Table HS.5), under the column of 'Company' it states: 'Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations' and not the name of the companies, as the title of the column alludes to in relation to the Improvements and Prohibition Notices issued?

**ANSWER**

The answer to the first part of the Question is provided in answer to Question W215/2012 part (a).

In answer to the second part, it is clearly evident that the reference to "Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations" has erroneously stepped into the adjacent column.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W217 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state if any Health & Safety audits have been carried out at the Waterport, OESCO and the MOD power stations during the course of 2012 and, if so, could the Hon Minister provide a copy of the said audits to the Opposition?

**ANSWER**

No, Health & Safety audits have been carried out at the Waterport or OESCO Power Stations.

In respect to the MOD Power Station – this question should be forwarded to the MOD.



**NO. W218 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Given that the Health & Safety figures for the month of October 2012 have not yet been uploaded on the Government website in time for the submission of Questions to Parliament, can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many Prohibitions and Improvement Notices were issued in the month of October 2012, specifying the name of the company/ies involved, the site/s, the reason/s for issuing the notice/s, and the period which may have brought operations to a halt, until the inspectors was satisfied that the correct standard had been duly complied with?

**ANSWER**

**Prohibition Notices issued                      1**

This was issued under the Others classification sector.

**Improvement Notices Issued                      16**

Bank Finance Insurance sector                      2

Hotel Trade sector                      7

Medical and Health Services sector                      2

Other classification sector                      1

Repair consumer goods sector                      1

Wholesale Trade sector                      3

The reasons for issuing all the above notices, were for offences under the Factories (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment) Regulations.

In relation to the Improvement notices issued, the period which may have brought operations to a halt is determined by the company, if they so wish to rectify the offence quickly or not. However a one month period is given to these companies, to allow them to remedy the offence.

In relation to the Prohibition Notice issued, it is my understanding that the company does not want to repair the lifting equipment and therefore the Prohibition Notice will stand indefinitely.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W219 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Given that the Health & Safety figures for the month of October 2012 have not yet been uploaded on the Government website in time for the submission of Questions to Parliament, can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many inspections during the month of October 2012 did the Factories Inspectors carry out, stating the names of the companies or public sector organisations inspected, whether any possible breach to the Factories Act or any subsidiary legislation has taken place, and whether legal advice is being sought?

**ANSWER**

There were 78 Inspections carried out during the month of October 2012.

All breaches identified, were for offences under the Factories (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment) Regulations that has been answered in question W218/2012.

No legal advice had been sought.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W220 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Given that the Health & Safety figures for the month of October 2012 have not yet been uploaded on the Government website in time for the submission of Questions to Parliament, can the Minister for Health & Safety state if there have been any reported accidents during the month of October 2012, showing the industry group and the name of the company, and state which ones were reportable, major and fatal, if any?

**ANSWER**

It is premature to provide an answer to this question as the collating of the notification of accidents reports, for the month of October has not been completed as these are produced more or less two months in arrears.

WRITTEN

**NO. W221 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Given that the Health & Safety figures for the month of October 2012 have not yet been uploaded on the Government website in time for the submission of Questions to Parliament, can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many site meetings and advice were given by the Factories Inspectors during the month of October 2012, stating the name/s of the company/ies or public sector organisation?

**ANSWER**

The figures for the month of October 2012 have been uploaded on the Government website. A copy of Table HS.1 for the month of October is attached.

In relation to provide the names of companies the policy of this Government is not to provide the name of the companies. This has been confirmed by the Speaker of Parliament on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012, in answer to question 786 and specifically to paragraph 2345 of Hansard as follows:

*“2345 Mr Speaker: I think I should just remind Members, we all enjoy parliamentary privilege here and we should always be very careful in naming individuals or entities, because even though prohibition notices have been issued, they could be erroneously issued and the party concerned has a right of recourse in terms of challenging those notices. So we must be careful when we start bandying names or persons and entities in this house.”*

The Government has carried out a major review of the way in which data is compiled and collected for inclusion in Table HS.1 online. The computer program which had been ordered has now been installed. The Factories Inspectorate has now computerised the data. This has revealed a number of inconsistencies between the information which was made available in the past and that now shown on the computer. The Factories Inspector responsible has apologised to me for their inconsistency. The data available online has been adjusted in line with the information supplied by the Factory Inspectorate and has been backdated to the beginning of the year.

Table HS.1

## Monitoring Activities, 2012

Industry Sector	October						Total
	Meetings	Advice	Complaints	Inspections	Follow-ups	Accident Investigations	Others
Air Transport Related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank, Finance, Insurance	-	2	-	2	-	-	4
Construction	1	-	1	12	-	-	14
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity Supply/Related	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Horticulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hotel Trade	-	7	-	7	1	-	15
Manufacture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical & Health Services	2	1	-	4	-	-	7
Other	-	2	-	3	1	-	6
Police, Security, Fire Services	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Post & Communications	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Public Admin & Natl Defence	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Repairs Consumer Goods	-	1	-	13	3	-	17
Restaurants, Bar etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Trade	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
Road Transport Related	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
Sanitary Services	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Sea Transport Related	1	-	-	10	-	-	11
Shipbuilding/Marine Repairs	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supply/Related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade	1	3	-	14	4	-	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113</b>
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Source: Ministry for Traffic, Health &amp; Safety and Technical Services

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W222 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Employment state how many persons are employed or seconded to 'Supported Employment Company Limited', apart from Ms Joanna Hernandez, if any, and whether any seconded person/s is/are employees of the GDC, Civil Service or from another employer?

**ANSWER**

None.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W223 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Employment state if there are any trainees placed in 'Supported Employment Company Limited' and, if so, provide date/s of commencement, the number of trainees placed, and the type of work undertaken?

**ANSWER**

The policy is for SEC employees initially to be deemed in training for 6 months although these have been given indefinite contracts from the start of this employment. In a number of cases where the individuals had already spent several years under VTS previously, this has not been applied.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W224 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Employment state, since Ms Joanna Hernandez has been providing a service to the Employment Service since July 2012, through 'Supported Employment Company Limited':

- (a) how many individuals, either on their own or with their families, have gone for advice, and of those;
- (b) how many have now obtained either supported or sheltered employment and if so;
- (c) provide a list of those individuals that come under a supported or sheltered employment job on:
  - (i) a monthly basis;
  - (ii) the location of the placement within any organisation/employer;
  - (iii) whether such employment is on an indefinite or definite contract; and
  - (iv) type of work undertaken?

**ANSWER**

- (a) Some 300 callers have been seeking advice;
- (b) Of which 16 required supported employment, which has been provided.
- (c) The names of individuals will not be provided.
  - (i) October 12  
November 4
  - (ii) Public: 7 Private: 9
  - (iii) Indefinite contracts
  - (iv) 9 general administration, 1 maintenance, 2 nurseries, 2 retail, 1 hairdressing and 1 operative.



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W225 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Minister for Employment state the number of persons in supported or sheltered employment prior to the commencement of services by 'Supported Employment Company Limited'?

**ANSWER**

None.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W226 OF 2012**

**THE HON D A FEETHAM**

Further to Question No. 847 of 2012, is the Minister for Employment now in a position to provide the names of employers who have signed contracts with Employment & Training Company Limited in respect of Future Job Strategy employees?

**ANSWER**

The employers that have agreed to have their names being provided are as follows:

- Acehoba Ltd.
- Music Copyright (Gibraltar) Services Ltd.
- Hammonds
- SFA Total Refurbishments
- A & K General Builders Ltd.

There are 3 more companies who have no objection, provided the information is kept confidential by you. If you write to the Director of Employment confirming that the information will be treated as confidential it will be released to you.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W227 OF 2012**

**THE HON D A FEETHAM**

Can the Minister for Employment please state how many people were registered unemployed as at 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012 between (a) 0-3 months; (b) 3-6 months; (c) 6-12 months; (d) 12-24 months; and (e) above 24 months?

**ANSWER**

The information requested will be provided on a quarterly basis.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W228 OF 2012**

**THE HON D A FEETHAM**

Can the Minister for Employment please state, since this question was last asked, how many job vacancies have been filled by people who were registered as unemployed between (a) 0-3 months; (b) 3-6 months; (c) 6-12 months; (d) 12-24 months; and (e) above 24 months?

**ANSWER**

The information requested will be provided on a quarterly basis.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W229 OF 2012**

**THE HON D A FEETHAM**

Can the Minister for Employment state how many notices of termination of employment have been received by the ETB since this question was last asked divided:

- (a) by nationality; and
- (b) by industry sector?

**ANSWER**

The information requested will be provided on a quarterly basis.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W230 OF 2012**

**THE HON D A FEETHAM**

Can the Minister for Employment state how many notices of engagement of employment his department has received from employers in the private sector since this question was last asked divided:

- (a) by nationality; and
- (b) by industry sector?

**ANSWER**

The information requested will be provided on a quarterly basis.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W231 OF 2012**

**THE HON D A FEETHAM**

Can the Minister for Employment state how many notices of termination of employment and notices of engagement have been received by the ETB from the public sector (including for the avoidance of doubt Government owned companies and authorities) since this question was last asked divided by nationality?

**ANSWER**

The information requested will be provided on a quarterly basis.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W232 OF 2012**

**THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND**

Can the Minister for Education provide a list of the findings from the schools' audit broken by schools, undertaken over the last 10 months, stating how and by when concerns will be addressed or actioned?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Education is awaiting an overarching report containing the main recommendations and findings. This document will be prepared by the officer undertaking the individual school audits at the end of the audit cycle. Further information can be provided once the overarching report is received.



**NO. W233 OF 2012**

**THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND**

Can the Minister for Education say whether the following works to various schools have been undertaken and, if not, by when they will be undertaken:

- (a) Bayside School – replacing two Year 8 classroom floor tiles, works to the Music area, painting of corridors;
- (b) Gibraltar College – refurbishing the library in order to create a new classroom;
- (c) Sacred Heart Middle School – water-proofing part of the roof, refurbishing two classrooms affected by rainwater ingress, replacing of timber shutters;
- (d) St Mary's First School – replacing the damaged lino on the ground floor corridor;
- (e) Governor's Meadow First School – installing a fire escape staircase to Block J;
- (f) St Joseph's First School – partitioning Headteacher's office for privacy reasons;
- (g) St Paul's First School – rendering facing brick walls to Year 1 corridor;
- (h) Notre Dame First School – replacing the taps;
- (i) St Martin's School – replacing the doors and windows on facade leading onto playground, refurbishing the bathroom?

**ANSWER**

(a) Bayside School	Replacing two Year 8 classroom floor tiles	Works completed
	Works to the Music area and painting of corridors	Works completed
(b) Gibraltar College	Refurbishing the library in order to create a new classroom	Works completed
(c) Sacred Heart Middle School	Water-proofing part of roof	Works completed
	Refurbishing two classrooms affected by rainwater ingress	Works completed
	Replacing of timber shutters	Works completed
(d) St Mary's First School	Replacing the damaged lino on the ground floor corridor	Works completed
(e) Governor's Meadow First School	Installing a fire escape staircase to Block J	Works completed

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(f) St Joseph's First School	Partitioning Headteacher's office for privacy reasons	Works completed
(g) St Paul's First School	Rendering facing brick walls to Year 1 corridor	Works completed
(h) Notre Dame First School	Refurbishing of taps	Works are ongoing and to be completed by March 2013
(i) St Martin's School	Replacing the floors and windows on facade leading onto playground	Works completed
	Refurbishing bathroom	Awaiting costing and works to be undertaken in 2013/2014.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W234 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Hon Chief Minister state if currently there are two or four Factories Inspectors in post?

**ANSWER**

At the time of answering this question there are two Factories Inspectors in post and two seconded.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W235 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Chief Minister state the current number of applications from Moroccan workers awaiting a decision for naturalisation, giving the date of application?

**ANSWER**

The number of applications of Moroccan workers awaiting a decision for naturalisation, as at 9 November 2012 is 304 as per attached list.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION W 235/2012**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Date of Application</u>
Applicant 1	04/07/2006
Applicant 2	09/02/2011
Applicant 3	05/10/2011
Applicant 4	05/10/2011
Applicant 5	13/10/2011
Applicant 6	13/10/2011
Applicant 7	26/10/2011
Applicant 8	02/11/2011
Applicant 9	12/11/2011
Applicant 10	15/11/2011
Applicant 11	15/11/2011
Applicant 12	16/11/2011
Applicant 13	21/11/2011
Applicant 14	23/11/2011
Applicant 15	24/11/2011
Applicant 16	26/11/2011
Applicant 17	02/12/2011
Applicant 18	05/12/2011
Applicant 19	06/12/2011
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Applicant 303	08/11/2012
Applicant 304	09/11/2012

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(DEFERRED CASE NO 7	26/10/2011
(DEFERRED CASE NO 8	25/03/2012

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W236 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Chief Minister state if the two Moroccan workers associations have given the Government their consent to the Government proposal to transfer current residents from their hostel to the floating ship?

**ANSWER**

The Government has not sought, nor is there any requirement for, “consent” from any association to transfer residents of the Government Hostels to the “Floatel” option.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W237 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Could the Chief Minister state what steps the Government is taking to ensure that the proposed residential floating ship for Moroccan workers satisfies all necessary legal requirements?

**ANSWER**

The Government would not act in any manner that did not satisfy all necessary legal requirements.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W238 OF 2012**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Chief Minister state whether the proposed new residential home for Moroccan workers abides by international standards for migrant workers?

**ANSWER**

Yes.