

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W70 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Culture and Heritage provide details of any changes there may have been in respect of persons employed by the Culture and Heritage Agency since the answer to Question No. W61 of 2013?

**ANSWER**

There have been no changes.

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**NO. W71 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Sport, Culture, Heritage and Youth provide updated details in respect of any changes there may have been since the answer provided through Written Question No. W62 of 2013; giving a breakdown by age, gender and nationality, of all trainees who have been on placements within the Ministries for which he has responsibility, indicating the Department, Agency or Authority where they are (were) placed, showing the type of work they are (were) undertaking and the date when their placements commenced and completed?

**ANSWER**

There have been no changes.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W72 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Sport, Culture, Heritage and Youth provide details, giving a breakdown by age, gender and nationality, of any trainee who, since the answer provided through Written Question No. W63 of 2013, has been on a placement within any of the Ministries for which he has responsibility and who has subsequently been employed, indicating the Department, Agency or Authority where they are now employed and the date when their employment commenced?

**ANSWER**

Since my answer to Written Question No. W63 of 2013 there has been no changes.

**NO. W73 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Further to the answer to Written Question No. W64 of 2013, can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of any additions or amendments which may have been made to the fixed bookings and/or allocations schedules in respect of all facilities falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority for the 2013 summer season?

**ANSWER**

Further to the answer to Written Question No. W64 of 2013, the following changes have been made:

**GSLA Swimming Pool**

The pool will now be closed at an earlier date of 20<sup>th</sup> July due to the extent of planned maintenance/development works needed to be completed before the September opening for school/general use.

**Summer use of facilities**

Sports Associations are offered the opportunity to continue use of the sports facilities at the Bayside Sports Centre through July and August, upon request.

The Rhythmic Gymnastics Association has been allowed 8 hours of use per day, 7 days a week in the Victoria Sports Hall in anticipation of their participation in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

The Table Tennis Association have also taken this up and offer playing opportunities on Mondays and Wednesdays on a more casual basis.

Public bookings are also offered for the remaining allocation spaces in the sports hall.

Football teams are also requesting pre-season use of the outdoor facilities for trials/training purposes.

**NO. W74 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Utilities, provide Parliament with an account of how AquaGib will include into its systems all the ex MOD properties that have been handed over to Government as a result of the 2011 Lands deal, inclusive of the works required, cost involved, and the timeline for the execution of the works?

**ANSWER**

AquaGib Ltd will be taking over the water supplies to ex MOD properties that have been handed over to Government as a result of the 2011 Lands deal as follows:

1. Any infrastructure which forms part of the land transfer is passed over from HMGOG to become AquaGib's responsibility as allowed for in the AquaGib contract with HMGOG.
2. Where AquaGib have water supply in the area of the land transfer, the properties will be disconnected from MOD supply and reconnected to AquaGib water supply infrastructure.
3. Where AquaGib have no water supply in the area of the land transfer, either of the following will result:
  - a. AquaGib will extend its network to supply the area.
  - b. Supply will continue to be provided from the MOD water system via a bulk meter arrangement.

In addition to the above all buildings within the land transfer areas normally require the installation of independent metered supplies as ex MOD properties are not independently metered. When this is required, AquaGib undertake the installation of such meters. In addition to this any related water installation modifications within individual properties required for independent metering are undertaken by Government, who appoint a contractor to undertake such works.

This is an ongoing project and final costs and completion dates are not yet known.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W75 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Government say if any consequence analysis has been carried out to determine the potential risks to developments, housing estates and the Airport runway due to the proposed new permanent power station, and, if so, could the Government provide Parliament with all documents in relation to this matter?

**ANSWER**

No consequence analysis has been carried out at this stage for the new power station.

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**NO. W76 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Government say if consequence risks analysis has been carried out for the purpose of the proposed new permanent power station, and state who has conducted them and explain how this is possible without knowing the fuel/gas and the amount expected to be used and stored onsite?

**ANSWER**

No consequence analysis has been carried out at this stage for the new power station.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W77 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Government say if no consequence analysis has been carried out for the new proposed permanent power station how has the nature and severity of the risks presented by the proposed power station to people in the surrounding area been assessed, and provide Parliament with all the documentation dealing with this question?

**ANSWER**

No consequence analysis has been carried out at this stage for the new power station.



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W78 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for Health & the Environment say in which ways does he think that the Epidemiological Study Report is flawed as stated by the Hon Minister in his Budget address of this year, and what measures will the Minister take to address such flaws in this financial year?

**ANSWER**

A number of shortcomings were identified by the Environmental Safety Group at the time, some of which were upheld after further study. Those are the flaws the Minister was referring to.

As the study was completed some years ago, and prepared by consultants of the Government of the time, it is now too late to correct that particular study.

**NO. W79 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Following his Budget address, can the Minister for the Environment say how many companies or other entities have benefited from the £1 million grant for projects that will assist in the reduction of our carbon footprint, stating the following:

- (a) A summary of the project and the location;
- (b) The name of the company or entity;
- (c) The amount given by the Government towards the project, and whether such amount was the total for completing the project, if not, then providing both the total amount for the project and the amount given by the Government; and
- (d) The names of current projects being considered but not yet started, the location, and name of the company or entity?

**ANSWER**

The following payments have been made which may assist in reduction of our carbon footprint:

1. Provision and installation of 3 meteorological stations for further understanding of Gibraltar's unique microclimate: £28,490, total cost of project paid to Ricardo-AEA.
2. Assessment of the current energy performance of buildings standards and methodology to determine whether these levels are cost optimal and how they could be improved to enhance the energy efficiency of Gibraltar's building stock: £42,900 paid to Building Research Establishment Ltd. (Total cost of the project will be £69,500, second instalment to be paid at completion of works).
3. Development of e-reporting tools necessary for formal data submissions to the European Commission for data monitoring from 2013 onwards: £9,500, total costs paid to Environmental Agency Ltd.
4. Replacement of lights at Bayside School gym with LEDs: £2,500 total cost paid to the Gibraltar Electricity Authority.
5. Replacement of batteries for the carbon dioxide analyser located at Ragged Staff: £296, total cost paid to Marine Industrial Services Ltd.
6. Assessment and report on waste disposal options for Gibraltar: £38,155.99, total cost paid to Ramboll.

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7. Updating and expanding of Gibraltar's Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) inventories: £21,000, total cost paid to Environmental Agency Ltd.
8. Revamping of Eastside water catchment tank to allow for further planting in the area: £8,543, total cost paid to AquaGib Ltd.
9. Consumption based carbon footprint analysis for Gibraltar based on FES and Imports & Exports data: €20,000, total cost paid to MiSA AS.
10. ADCP current measurements at two locations in BGTW: £89,800 total cost paid to Van Oord (Gibraltar) Ltd.
11. Solar thermal design tender specification and monitoring of pilot study at various sites: £17,760 paid to E&M Consulting Eng. (Total costs of the project will be £45,000, paid in instalments as stages are completed.)

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**NO. W80 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Following his Budget address, can the Minister for the Environment say in which specific ways of expertise and funding will the Primate Protection League, and the Born Free Foundation assist the Government in delivering the macaque plans?

**ANSWER**

These are currently being discussed.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W81 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Following his Budget address, will the Minister for Health and the Environment say what are the possibilities alluded to in his Budget address as a result of the Government plans for the new power station in relation to the alternative sources of power, and how will this exceed the European Union's target for renewable energy?

**ANSWER**

The Government has signed 3 Memoranda of Understanding with 3 different companies for the provision of wave power and other innovative technologies. Government is also in discussions with a further 2 companies in relation to photovoltaic and underwater sea currents. Given the commercial sensitivity of these discussions I am unable to disclose further details at this time.

It is envisaged that if these technologies are all fully successful, the full deployment of them could potentially produce up to 13MW of peak output. This would equate to almost 30% of our total energy needs, double the EU target.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W82 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment say on how many occasions has the Gibraltar Climate Change Forum met since the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2011, providing dates on which it has met?

**ANSWER**

The Climate Change Forum has met on 5 occasions since the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011. These are:

9<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**NO. W83 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment say if the Government has decided on a particular site for the purpose of providing an Environment Park and, if so, provide the name of the location and the different waste streams that members of the public will be able to dispose in the Park and by when does the Government think that the Park will be operational?

**ANSWER**

The Department is currently identifying sites which would be suitable for this purpose. A site has not yet been formally designated.

The intention is to have the following waste streams processed at the park:

1. Bulky Items
2. Mattresses
3. Tyres
4. Batteries
5. Electrical and electronic equipment
  - a. Large household equipment
  - b. Small household equipment
  - c. IT & Telecoms Equipment
  - d. Consumer Equipment
  - e. Lighting Equipment
  - f. Gas discharge lamps
  - g. Electrical and electronic tools
  - h. Toys, leisure & Sports equipment
  - i. Medical devices
  - j. Monitor & control equipment
  - k. Automatic dispensers
6. Paint
7. Waste cooking oils
8. Metal scrap
9. Ozone depleting substances
10. Computer consumable (ink cartridges, toners etc)

This list is not definitive and could change.

**NO. W84 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment say how the Government is affording protection to wildlife, both in terrestrial and marine environments in order to discharge its responsibilities under the Habitats and Birds Directives?

**ANSWER**

The Department is discharging its responsibilities in relation to the question in the following manner:

- Increasing the monitoring regime of flora and fauna both marine and terrestrial.
- Looking into the possibility of creating new habitats as well as habitat restoration where necessary.
- Looking into the possibility of reintroduction of flora and fauna.
- Encouraging and supporting NGO work.



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W85 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, in relation to the Government's proposal for a small boats marina?

**ANSWER**

The EIA for the Small Boat Marina has already been discussed at length during the last DPC meeting. A copy of the report will be sent electronically to the hon. Member today.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W86 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment carried out in relation to the new proposed permanent power station?

**ANSWER**

The EIA cannot be provided as it has not yet been undertaken. The assessment will not be finalised until the exact details of the new power station design are known. This will not be for some time yet as the tender documents have only recently been issued.

**NO. W87 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Given the employment in the DOE of two new technical posts at PTO grade and the installment of a laboratory which contains specialised equipment for on-site monitoring of soils and waters, can the Minister for the Environment say what tests and sites have now been examined, providing a summary of the test conducted and the result thereof?

**ANSWER**

Four PTOs have been employed and not two.

The departmental soil and water analysing equipment consists of:

- Site Lab UVF 3100 – Tests soil and water samples for: Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons, Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons & Extended Diesel Hydrocarbons.
- Thermo Scientific – Niton Analyser XRF – Tests soils for heavy metals.

This equipment is used as an indicator of the potential status of soils and or water so as to limit the number of samples sent abroad for in-depth laboratory analysis. The Department use it to test areas in a random fashion or when there may be cause for concern. Sampling is conducted internally for the Department's own benefit and investigation. Both sets of equipment are not used in any of the department's EIA or environmental screening processes, as both procedures require thorough analyses conducted by an accredited laboratory.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W88 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the screening report conducted on behalf of the Town Planners for the Floating Hotel in Marina Bay?

**ANSWER**

The Town Planner did not prepare a screening report but considered EU Directive 2011/92/EC and its corresponding transposition and informed the Department that in their view an EIA was not needed.

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W89 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with all environmental documentation submitted either to Government or the DPC in which in accordance with the Minister's recent letter to me stated that the Town Planners decided that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the Floating Hotel project in Marina Bay?

**ANSWER**

There is no such documentation.

**NO. W90 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Minister for the Environment say on how many occasions has the Nature Conservancy Council met since the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2011, providing the following information:

- (a) The dates on which the Council has met;
- (b) The issues which have been discussed at such meetings;
- (c) Whether there have been occasions in which, outside the confines of the formal meetings, the Minister has had to rely on a round robin exercise in order to make any sudden or urgent decision and, if so, provide the dates on which this occurred and the topic discussed?

**ANSWER**

The Nature Conservancy Council is an independent body in which the Government is not represented, and therefore Government does not know how many times it has met, nor the matters discussed at their meetings.

Similarly, Government is not aware whether or when the NCC has chosen a “round robin” as a way of discussing any matter.

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**NO. W91 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Has the Minister for the Environment now received legal advice in relation to my request to have copies of the minutes of the Gibraltar Nature Conservancy Council under the freedom of access of information to the Environment Regulation 2005 and, if so, provide a summary of the outcome of such advice?

**ANSWER**

Yes. The advice is that Government is not obliged to release details of advice received from the Nature Conservancy Council.

**NO. W92 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Government say if the EU Seveso II Directive and in particular its land use planning aspects has taken into consideration at the time of selecting a location for the siting of the proposed new permanent power station and, if so, could the Government provide Parliament with all documentation to this effect?

**ANSWER**

The Seveso II Directive and the requirements of Part IIA Public Health Act will only apply to the new permanent power station if the following requirements are met:

- (a) The fuel used is listed as a 'dangerous substance' in Part 2 Schedule 6 of the Public Health Act;
- (b) The quantities of the stored fuel are at or exceed the limits stipulated in Part 2 Schedule 6 Public Health Act; and
- (c) Fuel is stored on the site of the proposed power station.



**NO. W93 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Can the Government say if the EU Seveso II Directive has been transposed into Gibraltar laws and, if so, state:

- (a) Who is the competent authority;
- (b) How would Hazardous Substances Consent be granted in Gibraltar; and
- (c) Who would be the Hazardous Substances Authority and who would be the statutory consultees?

**ANSWER**

1. The Environmental Agency is the Competent Authority.
2. Council Directive 96/82/EC on the Control of Major-Accidents Hazard is commonly known as the Seveso II Directive. This replaced the original Seveso Directive 85/501/EEC. This Directive was implemented into Gibraltar legislation by Part IIA Public Health Act.

There are no requirements for Hazardous Substances Consent under the Directive or the Public Health Act. There are procedures that apply to establishments where 'dangerous substances' are present. 'Dangerous substances' are defined in the Directive Annex 1 and in the Public Health Act Schedule 6.

3. There is no Hazardous Substances Authority. Both the Directive and the Public Health Act refer to Competent Authority.

There are various statutory consultees, namely:

- (a) Persons employed in the 'establishment' and the emergency services on the preparation of the on-site emergency plan (Sec 95(H)(3)) [by the 'operator' of the establishment].
- (b) The Competent Authority by the operator on the preparation of the on-site emergency plan (Sec 95(H)(4)).
- (c) The operator, the emergency services, the Gibraltar Health Authority and such members of the public as it considers appropriate on the preparation of the off-site emergency plan – (by the Competent Authority) [Sec 95(i)(6)]
- (d) On the testing of emergency plans, the Competent Authority shall consult such members of the public as it considers appropriate. (Sec 95J(1) Review and testing of emergency plans).

- (e) The Competent Authority by the operator in respect of information required under Sec 95(M) (Consultation regarding information given to the public).

**NO. W94 OF 2013****THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide details in respect of all repairs undertaken to lifts servicing Government rental homes, since the reply to Question No. W66 of 2013, showing:

- (a) Location of lift requiring repairs;
- (b) Date and time when the lift breakdown was first lodged; and
- (c) Date and time when the lift was duly repaired and, therefore, fully functional?

**ANSWER**

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<b>ORSOVA HSE</b>	20/06/13 17:45:00	20/06/13 19:11:00	OTIS
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<b>CATHAY HSE</b>	02/07/13 12:40:00	02/07/13 21:04:00	OTIS
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**WRITTEN**

**NO. W95 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of how many tenants required urgent decanting from their homes, since the answer to Question No. W67 of 2013, indicating the reasons why, the dates when said decanting became necessary and the dates when these tenants were able to return to their homes?

**ANSWER**

None.

**NO. W96 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing say how many residential homes have been, since his answer to Question No. W68 of 2013.

(a) Allocated; and

(b) Assigned,

showing the room composition of the respective homes?

**ANSWER**

Twenty-four flats have been allocated and assigned as follows:

<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
1RKB – 3	1RKB – 1
2RKB – 1	2RKB – 5
3RKB – 7	3RKB – 3
4RKB – 1	4RKB – 2
5RKB – 0	5RKB – 1
<u>6RKB – 0</u>	<u>6RKB – 0</u>
<u>Total = 12</u>	<u>Total = 12</u>

**WRITTEN**

**NO. W97 OF 2013**

**THE HON J J NETTO**

Given that the Minister for Health & Safety did not say a single word about Health & Safety in his recent Budget address, will he provide Parliament with an indication of what policies will be implemented during the current financial year, and which other ones are currently being considered that will have the effect of developing Health & Safety in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

It is not for the Opposition to decide or suggest what should be put in or left out of a Minister's budget speech, any more than it was prior to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011. When there are new policies which the Government decides requires an announcement in Parliament, it will then be made.



**WRITTEN**

**NO. W98 OF 2013**

**THE HON E J REYES**

Further to the answer provided to Written Question No. W69 of 2013, can the Minister for Education provide details in respect of any changes there may have been in respect of trainees undergoing training within the Ministry of Education?

**ANSWER**

Further to the answer provided in Written Question No. 69 of 2013, there have been no changes in respect of trainees undergoing training with the Ministry of Education.