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NO. W120 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of all the costs related to the Government's attendance at the World Travel Market in London this month?

ANSWER

The information requested is contained in the Schedule below.

World Travel Market 3rd – 6th November 2013

SUBSISTENCE	416.45
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION	3705.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES	8.40
STAND COSTS	33180.00
FLIGHTS	2174.00
MISC	1418.00
LESS PARTICIPATION FEES	-7500.00

NO. W121 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of the persons who attended Gibraltar related events at the World Travel Market in London this month, of these how many were invited by the Government and whether it was at a cost to the Government?

ANSWER

The persons invited by the Government who attended Gibraltar related events at the World Travel Market in London this month were as follows:

Miss Gibraltar 2013 – Maroua Kharbouch – at a cost of £362.57 to the Government.

Two members of the Gibraltar Re-Enactment Society – at a total cost of £1035.42 to the Government

A student to dress up as the Gib ape “Rocky” – at a cost of £120 to the Government

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NO. W122 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Tourism state on what basis he can substantiate his assertion that there were 'solid increases' in visitors to the Rock?

ANSWER

I believe the Hon Gentleman is referring to my comment in a press release following the last meeting of the UK Gibraltar Tourism Association (UKGTA). If that is indeed the case then I can tell him that there is an item on every agenda of the UKGTA where all the tour operators, airlines, hotels, local operators etc deliver their own update reports. In these reports all of the operators reported solid growth.

NO. W123 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for the Port provide the House with full details of the infrastructure projects which are currently underway at the Port?

ANSWER

The following infrastructure projects are currently underway within the Port:-

- Introduction of better CCTV coverage around the Port
- Enhancement to lighting around container berth
- Enhancements to fenders around the Port Estate
- Upgrade to the Port IT infrastructure including software and hardware enhancements and better wireless access and ensuring that resilience is built into all its systems
- Introduction of new Port Calls Database (VMS) linked to EU Safeseanet and Customs Asycuda System
- Introduction of new SAGE Accounting system linked in to the new VMS system
- VTS – microwave link to avoid severe interference on the channel
- VTS Resilience programme linked to an upgrade of whole
- New Port Building and VTS Centre (Port Lookout Tower)
- New Security post and barriers
- Implementation of an oil tracking radar system
- Installation of Thermal Imaging cameras
- Introduction of Lamor Brush Skimmers
- Introduction of Entropy software
- Resurfacing of parts of the port estate

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NO. W124 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Tourism provide the House with full details (to include a breakdown) of the expenditure incurred by the Government in relation to the Literary Festival?

ANSWER

The information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO W124/2013

LITERARY FESTIVAL 2013

COST INCURRED BY THE GOVERNMENT

ASSOCIATED COSTS LEADING TO THE FESTIVAL	AMOUNT
Sponsorship of Oxford Lit Festival Green Room 2013	5,000
Travel Expenses	14,459
Accommodation	10,247
Advertising	17,853
Entertainment	6,552
Subsistence	619
Fee Festival director and special advisor	80,000
Feasibility Study	5,000
Misc	6,322
FESTIVAL WEEKEND COSTS	AMOUNT
Travel Expenses (Authors & Festival Team)	51,771
Accommodation (Authors & Festival Team)	9,230
Entertainment Lunches and dinners	20,383
Cost of design and print Festival programmes	13,497
Misc	4,610

CASH SPONSORSHIP RECEIVED 165,000

TICKET SALES REVENUE 15,352

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SUPPORT RECEIVED IN
PRODUCTS AND SERVICES 160,000

CURRENT BALANCE

ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

LESS INCOME AND SUPPORT -94,809

NO. W125 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for the Port provide details of the online services which the GMA will be providing, when he expects these services to be available and what the cost to the Government is in the setting up of the services and their continuing provisions?

ANSWER

I am pleased to report that the GMA are progressing well with this project and can confirm the following services, which are being developed in three areas:

- 1) e-payments
- 2) Yacht registry
- 3) Seafarer certification

Under e-payments, the GMA will be one of the first Government sections to offer clients the opportunity to pay invoices online via WorldPay. The GMA is presently testing the billing system. The next phase will be approval by Treasury and HM Government Audit Office.

The Gibraltar Yacht Registry will introduce three services:

- a. Name search and reservation
- b. Online Yacht Transcripts
- c. Renewal of Yacht Registrations

The module is ready and has been tested on the government internal network. External testing will start shortly. Commencement of these services will be tied in with the e-payment system.

The Gibraltar Ship Registry will be offering customers the facility to apply and pay online for Recognition Endorsements for seafarers. The module data set is ready, online forms and electronic reports still need to be created, with a view to commencing external testing by the end of January 2014 latest.

The total development cost of all of the above services for the Gibraltar Maritime Administration has been £7,536. There is a maintenance cost of £74 per calendar month (or £888 for a full financial year) for the new modules.

The GMA expects all services to go online by June 2014.

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NO. W126 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Honourable the Minister for Tourism state how the Forecast Outturn figure for 2012/2013 of £908,000 described as “marketing, promotion and conferences” in Head 30 of the Estimates Book under Tourism is arrived at providing a detailed breakdown?

ANSWER

The information requested is contained in the schedule attached.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO W126/2013**Marketing Expenditure as at 31.03.13.**

<u>UK MARKET</u>	AMOUNT
LITERATURE	39186
TRAVEL TRADE ACTIVITY	22233
MEDIA PR ACTIVITY	1750
CONSUMER ADVERTISING	169360
TRADE SHOW/FAIRS	37765
CONSUMER SHOW/FAIRS	1910
TRADE & CONSUMER SHOW/FAIRS	13245
TRAVEL EXPENSES ALL EVENT	34246
OTHER COSTS	24341

<u>GIBRALTAR</u>	
ONLINE ADVERTISING	1300
CONSUMER ADVERTISING	25556
EVENTS	47239
OTHER COSTS	14208
ROUTE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT	20623

<u>AIRLINE JOINT MARKETING</u>	
AIRLINE JOINT MARKETING	163336

<u>SPAIN</u>	
MEDIA PR ACTIVITY	122
CONSUMER ADVERTISING	24273
TRADE & CONSUMER FAIRS	25332
OTHER	641

<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>	
La Roca Film	115139
Misc expenditure	13020
Misc No 6 Adverts	49490

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NO. W127 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Tourism state how the Forecast Outturn figure for 2012/2013 of £45,000 described as 'Marketing and Official Visits' in Head 29 of the Estimates Book under Port and Shipping is arrived at providing a detailed breakdown?

ANSWER

This subhead is the marketing and official visits for the Gibraltar Maritime Administration, Financial Year 2012/2013.

A detailed breakdown of expenditure is contained in the schedule attached.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO W127/2013

PORT AND SHIPPING-HEAD 29-2(2) (B) MARKETING AND OFFICIAL VISITS

EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 12/13

MARKETING AND OFFICIAL VISITS	
	£14,023.83
ADVERTISING	
	£12,143.13
COURSES	
	£6,552.71
QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION ISO	
	£3,908.11
HOSTING FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS	
	£2,226.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
	£1,663.56
SEMINARS	
	£1,603.79
YACHT CONFERENCES AND SHOWS	
	£4,373.38

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NO. W128 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Tourism please provide the House with the total number of Upper Rock Nature Reserve visitors for the months of August, September and October, 2013?

ANSWER

August	89,079 visitors
September	82,916 visitors
October	79,196 visitors

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NO. W129 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. W99 of 2013?

ANSWER

There have been no changes.

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NO. W130 OF 2013

THE HON E J REYES

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of any changes there may have been in respect of fixed bookings and/or allocations made for facilities falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority for the 2013/2014 winter season, since the answer to Question No. W100 of 2013?

ANSWER

There have been no changes since my last answer, to the fixed bookings and allocations made in respect of all facilities under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority for the 2013/2014 winter season.

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NO. W131 OF 2013

THE HON E J REYES

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of any changes there may have been in respect of persons employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority since the answer provided to Question No. W101 of 2013?

ANSWER

There have been recent changes to the staff complement of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority. The staff complement of the GSLA as at 1 November 2013 is contained in the written schedule.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION NUMBER W131 OF 2013

PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY
AS AT 1 NOVEMBER 2013

NO.	TITLE	GRADE	DEPT	SEX	NATIONALITY
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	Admin and Resources Manager	3	Admin	Female	British
1	Facilities Manager	3	Facilities	Male	British
1	Sports Development and Training Officer	3	Admin	Female	British
1	Accounts Executive	4	Admin	Male	British
1	Asst Facilities Manager	4	Facilities	Male	British
1	Asst Sports Development and Training Officer	4	Sports Dev.	Male	British
1	Asst Admin Manager	4	Admin	Female	British
5	Centre Managers	5	Facilities	Male	British
1	Centre Manager	5	Facilities	Female	British
1	Pool Manager (pth)	5	Facilities	Male	British
1	Technical Officer	5	Facilities	Male	British
1	Administrative / Clerk	6	Admin	Female	British
1	Supervisory Groundsman	7	Facilities	Male	British
25	Sports and Leisure Officers	8	Facilities	Male	British
2	Sports and Leisure Officers	8	Facilities	Female	British
3	Secretarial / Typist	9	Admin	Female	British
1	Support	11	Admin	Female	British
1	Support	11	Admin	Male	British
1	Asst Pool Manager	11	Facilities	Male	British
1	Pool Operative / Lifeguard	13	Facilities	Male	British
2	Pool Operatives / Lifeguards	13	Facilities	Female	British
1	Cleaner (part-time)	13	Facilities	Female	British
1	Sports and Leisure Asst. (40 hr wk)	13	Facilities	Male	British
1	Sports and Leisure Asst. (37 hr wk)	13	Facilities	Male	British
1	Sports and Leisure Asst. (37 hr wk)	13	Facilities	Female	British

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NO. W132 OF 2013

THE HON E J REYES

Further to Question No. 571 of 2013, can the Minister for Culture say when the position of Caretaker at John Mackintosh Hall will be filled?

ANSWER

The Culture & Heritage Agency has still to decide when the vacancy will be filled.

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NO. W133 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Further to Question No. 573 of 2013, can the Minister with responsibility for Utilities state when did the Hazard Identification Analysis, the Control of Major Accident Analysis, the Environmental Impact, and the Construction Design & Management Regulation Analysis commence respectively, and by when will the Minister envisage that each one will be completed, also if these documents have been released to members of the DPC, and will the Hon Minister provide Parliament with a copy to enable the Opposition to monitor this important project with the necessary information in sufficient time?

ANSWER

The dates for the completion of any studies associated with the new power station will not be available until the successful contractor for the new power station is selected and they provide design details and project plans.

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NO. W134 OF 2013

THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND

Can the Minister for Health provide an update of Table GHA 24 on the Government's website, i.e. the 'number of people on the GHA waiting lists for operations at St Bernard's Hospital with a breakdown by the type of surgical discipline' from September 2013 to November 2013?

ANSWER

The number of people awaiting operations, by surgical category, for the months of September 2013 to 14th November 2013 are listed in the attached table.

Number of people on the GHA waiting lists for operations at St Bernard's Hospital with a breakdown by the type of surgical discipline									
Month	General surgery	Minor operations general surgery	Surgical discipline						Plastic surgery
			Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	ENT			
September 2013	324 (*68)	92 (*12)	72 (*25)	100 (*34)	169 (*47)	88 (*20)	149(0*)		
October 2013	307 (*50)	111 (*9)	68 (*12)	97 (*30)	172 (*36)	94 (*15)	135 (*9)		
November 2013 (to 14 November)	234 (*24)	118 (*16)	74 (*17)	99 (*46)	165 (*31)	96 (*24)	117 (*11)		

Note:

* Scheduled Operations

Source: Gibraltar Health Authority

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NO. W135 OF 2013

THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND

Can the Minister for Health state the cost of sending Sponsored Patients to Xanit hospital, per month, from January 2012 to date?

ANSWER

The cost of sending Sponsored Patients to Xanit Hospital, per month, from January 2012 to date is detailed in the attached table.

Period	Supplier	Sponsored Patients Fees	Medical Departments EEG's
Jan 2012	Xanit Hospital	£64,387.83	
Feb 2012	Xanit Hospital	£9,736.21	£560.78
Mar 2012	Xanit Hospital	£96,856.65	£304.74
Apr 2012	Xanit Hospital		
May 2012	Xanit Hospital	£266,513.33	
Jun 2012	Xanit Hospital	£104,793.95	
Jul 2012	Xanit Hospital	£115,844.94	£737.35
Aug 2012	Xanit Hospital	£209,719.15	£343.69
Sep 2012	Xanit Hospital	£3,423.26	
Oct 2012	Xanit Hospital	£144,132.01	
Nov 2012	Xanit Hospital	£53,201.23	£149.97
Dec 2012	Xanit Hospital	£178,863.07	
Jan 2013	Xanit Hospital	£208,560.01	£599.76
Feb 2013	Xanit Hospital	£190,316.12	£249.95
Mar 2013	Xanit Hospital	£162,387.03	£299.94
Apr 2013	Xanit Hospital	£128,653.85	
May 2013	Xanit Hospital	£217,441.48	£454.77
Jun 2013	Xanit Hospital		
Jul 2013	Xanit Hospital	£234,208.43	
Aug 2013	Xanit Hospital	£224,614.77	
Sep 2013	Xanit Hospital	£90,162.27	
Oct 2013	Xanit Hospital	£494,701.22	
1-14 Nov 2013	Xanit Hospital	£431,026.82	

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NO. W136 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Minister for the Environment state if any Dog Parks have been created in accordance with the Government's Manifesto commitments and, if so, can The Hon. Minister provide details of the location and if not, state whether suitable places are already earmarked?

ANSWER

No dog parks have been created to date. One site has been proposed at West Place of Arms and went through the planning process on 12th November 2013.

NO. W137 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Minister for the Environment state which recommendations of the Fishing Report have already been implemented, which ones will be implemented over the next 12 months, the following 12 months, which recommendation the Government feel it will not be able to implement and why?

ANSWER

The Government is in the final stages of drafting the Marine Protection Regulations that will form the backbone of the management strategy for marine living resources in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters. The recommendations of the fishing report have been considered by Government and some of the recommendations that will be implemented over the next 12 months will form part of the Marine Protection Regulations. This is a continuing process and decisions on specific recommendations will be made at the appropriate time.

In the interim, I can nevertheless confirm that some of the recommendations of the fishing report have already been implemented to some extent, namely:

1. The expansion of artificial reefs in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters;
2. Investigating the practicability of improving water flows in the harbour;
3. Reviewing the list of protected species under the Nature Protection Act;
4. Engaging with the European Commission, such as DG Environment and DG Mare, particularly by way of attending Technical Workshops in relation to the management of the marine environment, to ensure greater consideration of Gibraltar in technical and legal processes;
5. Revising and coordinating monitoring requirements that form part of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the Habitats Directive, the Birds directive and the Water Framework Directive.

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NO. W138 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many trees have been planted in Gibraltar since the commencement of the present Government, broken down by months, place and species of trees?

ANSWER

Since the present Government took office, we have planted approximately 300 trees.

Details are provided in the attached schedule.

Contd. Answer to Question W138/2013

DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	QUANTITY
Mar-12	Glacis Estate	Leylandii	1
Mar-12	Waterport - Flower Bed	Ceiba Insignis	2
Mar-12	GASA	Erythrina Lysistemon	4
Mar-12	Queensway Car Park	Tamarisk	1
Mar-12	Morrisons Roundabout	Populus Nigra Italica	2
Mar-12	Adjacent to public toilets opposite sundial	Erythrina Caffrum	4
Mar-12	Ocean Village	Erythrina Lysistemon	1
Mar-12	Corral Road	Erythrina Lysistemon	3
Mar-12	Corral Road	Erythrina Caffrum	3
Mar-12	Waterport - Centre Reservation	Cupressus Sempervirens Stricta	18
Mar-12	Lower Red Sands Estate	Quercus Robur	4
Mar-12	Varyl Begg Estate	Ficus Nitida	3
Mar-12	Waterport - Gun embrasures	Quercus Hex	10
Mar-12	Laguna Estate	Lagunaria	4
Mar-12	Edinburgh Estate	Salix Babylonica	4
Mar-12	Edinburgh Estate	Robinia Pseudoacacia	3
Mar-12	Winston Churchill Avenue - Near Pedestrian Bridge - Glacis Side	Corymbia Fisifolia	17
Mar-12	Glacis Estate	Leylandii	22
Feb-13	Cathedral Square	Langunaria Patersonii	1
Feb-13	Jumpers	Tipuana	6
Mar-13	North Front Cemetery	Tamarisk	15
Mar-13	North Front Cemetery	Cupressus	20
Mar-13	Rosia Bay	Tamarisk Africana	12
Mar-13	Watergardens	Ficus Nitida	1
Mar-13	Edinburgh Estate	Magnolia Grandiflora Standard	17
Mar-13	Edinburgh Estate	Cupressus Arizonica	2
Mar-13	Edinburgh Estate	Schinus Molle	2
Mar-13	Edinburgh Estate	Salix Babylonica	1
Mar-13	Supreme Court	Pachira Aquatic	1
Mar-13	Trafalgar Cemetery	Stenocarpus	1
Mar-13	Trafalgar Cemetery	Cedrus Atlantica Glauca Pendula	1
Mar-13	Trafalgar Cemetery	Spathodea Campanulata	1
Mar-13	Trafalgar Cemetery	Photinia Red Robin Standard	1
Mar-13	Upper Red Sands Estate	Magnolia Grandiflora Standard	35
Mar-13	Lower Red Sands Estate	Quercus Suber	31
Mar-13	Saluting Battery	Quercus Suber	2
Mar-13	Camp Bay	Tamarisk Africana	6
Mar-13	Landport Car Park	Schinus Molle	1
Mar-13	Main Street	Citrus Aurantiacum	1
Mar-13	Main Street	Platanus Orientalis	2
Mar-13	Library Street	Schinus Molle	1
Mar-13	Glacis Estate	Lagunaria	9
Mar-13	Eastern Beach	Metrosideros	2
Jul-13	Line Wall Road	Metrosideros	1
Oct-13	The Mount	Quercus	1
Nov-13	Cumberland Road	Oaks	4

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NO. W139 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Minister for the Environment state how much recycled paper has been introduced into Government Departments, Authorities and Agencies as a percentage of the total purchased?

ANSWER

Each department, authority and agency purchases its own paper, therefore Government only has a record of how much is spent on stationery as a whole, not on an itemised basis. I am therefore unable to provide the exact information requested, however, I can advise that the tender for provision of paper to Government was awarded to products that were made from 100% recycled paper in all cases except for coloured paper, where no 100% recycled offers were made available. Therefore 100% of the paper used in Government Departments acquired since the date of the tender, within the provision contained above, is recycled.

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NO. W140 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Minister for the Environment state how much solar lighting has been introduced specifying the areas covered for street lighting, what percentage of the total has been achieved so far, how much has been programmed for by the end of the term of office, and whether this is being done in-house by the Electricity Authority or contracted-out?

ANSWER

Solar street lighting has been installed at the frontier. This work was carried out solely by the GEA.

9 solar street lighting units have been installed at the RGYC car park carried out by GJBS.

Ten double lamp and four single lamp solar street lighting units were installed last year as part of the King's Wharf car park.

The policy for these types of works is that in new areas, especially where no electrical infrastructure is available, solar lighting will be considered and fitted.

The Government has not set a limit to the amount of solar lighting it will introduce.

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NO. W141 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Further to Written Question No. 79 of 2013, can the Minister for the Environment state whether the development of e-reporting tools necessary for the formal data submissions to the European Commission for data monitoring from 2013 has now been completed by the Environmental Agency and whether these reports can be viewed by the public?

ANSWER

The development of e-reporting tools necessary for the formal submissions of our air quality monitoring results to the EU has been conducted by Ricardo-AEA, through their contract with the Environmental Agency. This work does not generate a written report as such but rather a series of xml files which are uploaded onto the Central Data Repository. This website is open to the public.

A more accessible version of the air quality results is published in the Department of the Environment's annual report, the 2012 version of which is due to be released shortly.

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NO. W142 OF 2013

THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND

Can the Minister for Social Services say when the Chief Executive Officer of Social Services and the Care Agency will become a permanent position?

ANSWER

The post continues to exist in the complement as provided for in the budget of income and expenditure for the current year in the same way as it existed in previous years.

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NO. W143 OF 2013

THE HON E J REYES

Further to the information provided through Table H1, last updated on 9th October 2013, can the Minister for Housing provide details of the number of applicants on the housing waiting lists (inclusive of medical and social lists) as at 31st October 2013?

ANSWER

WAITING-LIST	1RKB	2RKB	3RKB	4RKB	5RKB	6RKB	TOTAL
31 st October 2013	1169	99	198	136	20	6	1628

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NO. W144 OF 2013

THE HON E J REYES

Further to the information provided through Table H2, last updated on 9th October 2013, can the Minister for Housing provide updated details of the number of applicants on the housing pre-list as at 31st October 2013?

ANSWER

PRE-LIST	1RKB	2RKB	3RKB	4RKB	5RKB	6RKB	TOTAL
31 st October 2013	325	20	53	23	7	-	428

NO. W145 OF 2013**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide a detailed monthly breakdown of arrears, as outstanding at the time, in respect of unpaid rents for Government rental homes from December 2011 to date?

ANSWER

MONTH	AMOUNT
December 2011	£4,084,457.48
January 2012	£4,116,225.86
February 2012	£4,078,883.95
March 2012	£4,064,262.99
April 2012	£4,213,736.00
May 2012	£4,186,228.82
June 2012	£4,314,987.34
July 2012	£4,318,510.03
August 2012	£4,359,464.52
September 2012	£4,398,244.43
October 2012	£4,382,890.39
November 2012	£4,394,323.56
December 2012	£4,486,812.00
January 2013	£4,454,787.24
February 2013	£4,485,979.53
March 2013	£4,486,681.82
April 2013	£4,516,464.43
May 2013	£4,542,882.59
June 2013	£4,704,317.66
July 2013	£4,719,252.33
August 2013	£4,710,241.47
September 2013	£4,788,630.13
October 2013	£4,832,956.68

NO. W146 OF 2013**THE HON E J REYES**

Can the Minister for Housing provide information, with details of grades and dates, in respect of employees of the Housing Works Agency who have been:

- (a) Retired;
- (b) Transferred; and
- (c) Seconded

either from or into of the Housing Works Agency since December 2011?

ANSWER

Since December 2011, 10 employees have retired, 6 employees have been transferred and 9 employees have been seconded as follows:-

Reasons for Leaving Agency	No of Employees Transferred/ Retired/Seconded	Grade	Date
Retired	2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Craftsman/COO Works Supervisor Craftsman Transport Officer Stores Officer Craftsman Works Supervisor Zone Support Officer Craftsman	31 December 11 13 March 12 6 April 12 30 June 12 21 August 12 26 August 12 14 March 13 16 April 13 9 June 13
Transferred Out	1 2 2	Chief Executive Craftsman/Works Supervisor Craftsman/Works Supervisor	6 February 12 14 March 12 19 March 12
Transferred In	1	Project Manager	3 July 13
Seconded	1 1 1 6	Craftsman Craftsman Works Supervisor Craftsman	3 October 12 5 September 13 21 October 13 4 November 13

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NO. W147 OF 2013

THE HON E J REYES

Further to Question No. 616 of 2013, can the Minister for Housing now provide details of the comprehensive review which Government is undertaking of the Housing Works Agency and the Ministry for Housing?

ANSWER

As previously advised the internal report was passed to Cabinet and is still under consideration.

NO. W148 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 answer to Question No. 622 of 2013?

ANSWER

Location	Date & time breakdown	Date & time functioning	Contractor
SEA WAVE HSE	17/09/13 18:02	17/09/13 20:59	OTIS
BLUE WAVE HSE	18/09/13 15:57	18/09/13 17:35	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	20/09/13 15:16	20/09/13 18:32	OTIS
ALAMEDA HSE	21/09/13 21:37	22/09/13 14:16	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	22/09/13 00:34	22/09/13 01:56	OTIS
IRONSIDE HSE	22/09/13 15:20	22/09/13 19:54	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	22/09/13 17:54	22/09/13 19:54	OTIS
BLUE WAVE HSE	24/09/13 09:59	24/09/13 10:41	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	24/09/13 10:46	24/09/13 12:25	OTIS

BOW WAVE HSE	25/09/13 09:27	25/09/13 10:33	OTIS
KINGSWAY HSE	25/09/13 13:31	25/09/13 14:23	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	25/09/13 21:17	25/09/13 21:52	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	26/09/13 13:52	26/09/13 14:27	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	26/09/13 14:55	26/09/13 15:59	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	27/09/13 11:50	27/09/13 13:44	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	27/09/13 18:41	27/09/13 21:03	OTIS
OCEAN WAVE HSE	28/09/13 10:01	28/09/13 12:59	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	28/09/13 17:44	28/09/13 19:45	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	30/09/13 16:21	30/09/13 17:45	OTIS
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ALAMEDA HSE	07/10/13 11:51	07/10/13 13:52	OTIS
GEORGE JEGER HSE	09/10/13 17:09	09/10/13 19:19	OTIS

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REPULSE HSE	11/10/13 13:20	11/10/13 16:34	OTIS
ARCHBISHOP AMIGO HSE	11/10/13 13:45	11/10/13 14:44	OTIS
MAURETANIA HSE	12/10/13 11:08	12/10/13 15:22	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	13/10/13 18:51	14/10/13 15:53	OTIS
GEORGE DON HSE	14/10/13 18:47	14/10/13 20:49	OTIS
ALAMEDA HSE	15/10/13 08:13	15/10/13 10:24	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	16/10/13 15:47	16/10/13 17:06	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	17/10/13 11:53	17/10/13 17:30	OTIS
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OCEAN WAVE HSE	18/10/13 20:09	18/10/13 21:41	OTIS
GEORGE DON HSE	19/10/13 14:30	19/10/13 16:20	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	20/10/13 19:23	20/10/13 20:09	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	21/10/13 14:53	21/10/13 16:11	OTIS
ROSS HSE	22/10/13 16:34	22/10/13 20:55	OTIS
CANTON HSE	25/10/13 10:32	25/10/13 16:03	OTIS
GOVERNORS MEADOW HSE	28/10/13 09:59	28/10/13 11:24	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	28/10/13 16:16	28/10/13 17:35	OTIS
OCEAN WAVE HSE	28/10/13 17:25	28/10/13 18:38	OTIS

REFERENDUM HSE	28/10/13 11:47	29/10/13 12:11	OTIS
ALAMEDA HSE	29/10/13 09:04	29/10/13 14:00	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	29/10/13 18:15	29/10/13 19:52	OTIS
ALAMEDA HSE	30/10/13 09:21	30/10/13 11:38	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	30/10/13 16:11	30/10/13 17:08	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	31/10/13 10:23	31/10/13 12:46	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	31/10/13 19:56	31/10/13 20:24	OTIS
ALAMEDA HSE	31/10/13 21:28	01/11/13 11:51	OTIS
OCEAN WAVE HSE	01/11/13 11:32	01/11/13 13:24	OTIS
ALERT HSE	01/11/13 19:25	01/11/13 21:27	OTIS
CANTON HSE	02/11/13 08:31	02/11/13 10:48	OTIS
BOW WAVE HSE	02/11/13 16:51	02/11/13 18:05	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	03/11/13 00:44	03/11/13 10:29	OTIS
CONSTITUTION HSE	03/11/13 18:23	03/11/13 22:29	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	04/11/13 08:18	04/11/13 09:34	OTIS
GEORGE DON HSE	04/11/13 09:12	04/11/13 10:51	OTIS
WHITE WAVE HSE	05/11/13 11:51	05/11/13 15:28	OTIS
WAVE CREST HSE	05/11/13 11:52	05/11/13 15:09	OTIS
REFERENDUM HSE	05/11/13 13:09	05/11/13 14:39	OTIS
OCEAN WAVE HSE	05/11/13 18:18	05/11/13 20:03	OTIS

VALIANT HSE	05/11/13 19:17	05/11/13 20:30	OTIS
BLUE WAVE HSE	06/11/13 07:39	06/11/13 13:26	OTIS
OCEAN WAVE HSE	09/11/13 16:25	09/11/13 17:32	OTIS
SEA WAVE HSE	12/11/13 13:35	12/11/13 16:47	OTIS
BLUE WAVE HSE	12/11/13 17:10	12/11/13 21:19	OTIS
KINGS WAY HSE	13/11/13 10:05	13/11/13 19:46	OTIS
WHITE WAVE HSE	13/11/13 12:34	13/11/13 16:04	OTIS
BISHOP CANILLA HSE	16/10/13 11:14	16/10/13 11:45	EMBARBA

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NO. W149 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Government state how many vehicles it has in total, broken down by department, authorities, and agencies, and from those how many are powered by non-polluting engines?

ANSWER

The information requested by the Hon. Member is contained in the attached schedule.

ANSWER TO QUESTION W149 OF 2013

Department	No.
Border and Coastguard Agency	3
Bruce's Farm	3
Building & Works	2
Care Agency	11
Customs	27
Department of Transport MVTC	6
Department of Transport (Transport Inspectors)	5
EDEC (Economic Development & Employment Company)	1
Education	5
Electrical Authority	46
Environmental Agency	1
Firebrigade	18
GGSSL	13
GHA	28
Gib Car Parks Ltd	29
GIC	11
Heritage and Culture Agency	1
Housing Works Agency	37
Human Resources	2
Magistrates	1
Ministry for Culture	3
Ministry for Education, Finance & Justice	2
Ministry for Housing	11
Ministry for Housing (Hostel)	3
Ministry Of Employment	9
Ministry Of Employment (Hostel)	1
Ministry Of Environment	10
No 6 Convent Place	5
Port Authority	6
Post Office	20
Prison	5
RGP	40
Social Security	1
Social Services Agency	16
Sport & Leisure Authority	3
Supreme Court	1
Technical Services	27
Technical Services (Garage)	6
Technical Services (Highways)	4
Technical Services (Safety Officer)	1
Technical Services (Sewers)	9
Tourist Office	12
Town Planning & Building Control	4
Town Planning & Building Control (DTI)	1
Training	3
Treasury	2
Youth	2

NO. W150 OF 2013**THE HON D J BOSSINO**

Since the answer to Question No. 638 of 2013, can the Minister for Employment provide current details of how many individuals are participating in the Future Job Strategy, with details of where they are carrying out their placement/training, to include private entities or individuals (such as private companies or partnerships) and in each case the names of such entities and names of the Government Departments, Companies, Agencies and Authorities?

ANSWER

The details of the distribution of trainees in the public service in the second and third quarter of the year as previously requested, is as follows:

June 30th 2013

Placements in Public Sector

Public Sector Placements	Number of Trainees
Care and Social Services	30
Education & Health	9
Training Centres	65
Treasury, Tax & Post Office	11
Human Resources & Employment	14
Tourism & Transport	10
Sports & Culture	12
Electricity Authority	1
Royal Gibraltar Police	6
Housing Department	1

September 30th 2013
Placements in Public Sector

Public Sector Placements	Number of Trainees
Care and Social Services	52
Education & Health	11
Training Centres	64
Treasury, Tax & Post Office	2
Human Resources & Employment	17
Tourism & Transport	8
Sports & Culture	11
Electricity Authority	1
Royal Gibraltar Police	6
Housing Department	1

The information for the fourth quarter of 2013 will be provided in January 2014.

WRITTEN

NO. W151 OF 2013

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Since the answer to Question No. 638 of 2013, can the Minister for Employment state how many individuals currently on the Future Job Strategy have guaranteed jobs following conclusion of their Future Job Strategy contracts?

ANSWER

The number of individuals currently in training that have a job guarantee is as stated in answer to Question 638.

NO. W152 OF 2013**THE HON D J BOSSINO**

Since the answer to Question No. 638 of 2013, can the Minister for Employment provide details of the numbers of individuals who are currently employed under the Future Job Strategy broken down into each of the Future Job Strategy companies they are employed by with the start and end dates of their contracts?

ANSWER

The information relating to Question 638 as regards contract length is as follows:

	Sector	3 Month	6 Month	11 month
CTCL	Public	0	0	64
	Private	16	0	60
ETCL	Public	2	36	68
	Private	51	1	34

The number of new entrants since Question 638 is 52 individuals all on a one month probationary period.

WRITTEN

NO. W153 OF 2013

THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND

Can Government say what penalties have been incurred, how much they have cost, for breach of contract between BV Homes and the Government of Gibraltar for non-vacation of Buena Vista Hostel, of the immigrant workers, by the end of June 2012?

ANSWER

No penalties are due by the Government for not handing over the Stone Block. However the payment of the sum of £2.7m (being the last tranche of the consideration) by the developers to the Government, which was due to have been paid by the 30th June 2012 had the handover of the Stone Block occurred, has not yet been paid by the developers. Effectively they are withholding this payment until they have vacant possession of the Stone Block.

WRITTEN

NO. W154 OF 2013

THE HON MRS I M ELLUL-HAMMOND

Can the Government advise what the role of the Welfare Officer for the Civil Service will be, as per their manifesto commitment?

ANSWER

The Welfare Officer is currently working from the Human Resources Department and offers a confidential service based on trust and discretion.

The Officer provides professional support and information on a wide range of issues, including work related problems, personal problems impacting on work, critical incident or trauma support, returning to work after prolonged absence, stress, bereavement and financial issues.

WRITTEN

NO. W155 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Government say whether any of the Dog Park projects will be funded wholly or partially (either directly or indirectly): (a) by Credit Finance Company Ltd, or (b) by the proceeds of monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank?

ANSWER

No such expenditure is funded by Credit Finance Company Limited or from the proceeds of deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank.

WRITTEN

NO. W156 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Government say whether any funds will be provided wholly or partially (either directly or indirectly): (a) by Credit Finance Company Ltd, or (b) by the proceeds of monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank for the implementation of the fishing report recommendations?

ANSWER

No such expenditure is funded by Credit Finance Company Limited or from the proceeds of deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank.

WRITTEN

NO. W157 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Government say whether any funds for the planting of trees in Gibraltar have been provided wholly or partially (either directly or indirectly): (a) by Credit Finance Company Ltd, or (b) by the proceeds of monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank?

ANSWER

No such expenditure is funded by Credit Finance Company Limited or from the proceeds of deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank.

WRITTEN

NO. W158 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Government say whether the funding of Solar lighting is being provided wholly or partially (either directly or indirectly): (a) by Credit Finance Company Ltd, or (b) by the proceeds of monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank?

ANSWER

No such Government expenditure is funded by Credit Finance Company Limited or from the proceeds of deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank.

WRITTEN

NO. W159 OF 2013

THE HON J J NETTO

Can the Government say whether the funding for the development of e-reporting tools is being provided wholly or partially (either directly or indirectly): (a) by Credit Finance Company Ltd, or (b) by the proceeds of monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank?

ANSWER

No such expenditure is funded by Credit Finance Company Limited or from the proceeds of deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 690/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state if since the 11th December of 2011 there has been any programme for spaying of feral cats carried-out by the Environmental Agency, the Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic or any other entity and, if so, provide the following information:

- (a) The name of the organisation that carried-out the spaying;
- (b) The number of cats spayed on a monthly basis;
- (c) The location/s from where cats were gathered for spaying?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

There has been no Government programme for spaying of feral cats, since or before December 2011.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 691/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state if there has been any culling of cats carried-out by the Environmental Agency, the Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic or any other entity since the 11th December 2011, and, if so, provide the following information:

- (a) The organisation that carried-out the culling;
- (b) The number of cats culled on a monthly basis;
- (c) The location/s from where cats were gathered;
- (d) The method used for the culling?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

The Animal Welfare Centre carry out the culls under a contract granted to them by the previous administration in Dec 2005.

Between December 2011 and October 2013, an average of 3.4 cats were culled per month. Requisition forms are only prepared on the basis of complaints made by members of the public based on serious hygiene issues.

All cats collected by the Animal Welfare Centre are checked for microchips before being euthanized. Should the cat have a microchip the owners are contacted.

In cases where healthy kittens are collected the Animal Welfare Centre will keep these and try to rehome them.

The list of areas tackled is in the schedule.

The Centre uses humane traps with a spring loaded entrance door.

Answer to Question 691/2013

List of locations:-

Alameda Estate,
Lynch's Lane,
Castle Ramp,
Tank Ramp,
Turnbull's Lane,
Engineer Lane,
Rosia House,
Vineyard House and
area around St. Joseph's School,
Buena Vista Villas,
Europa Road,
Flat Bastion Road,
Europa Business Centre.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 692/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to Written Question No. 79 of 2013, can the Minister for the Environment state whether the Solar thermal design tender specification and monitoring of pilot study at various sites has now completed, if so, provide Parliament with a summary of the study conducted?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

The solar thermal design specification has been completed and the tender has been published and awarded. Works are currently underway for the installation of the first pilot project at the Tercentenary Hall. The 12 month monitoring study will commence once the system is operational, therefore a summary will not be available until the end of next year.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 693/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to Written Question No. 79 of 2013, can the Minister for the Environment state if the water catchment tank at the Eastside has now been revamped and, if so, can the Minister state if planting in the area has now taken place and, if so, can the Hon Minister provide Parliament with the details of the project with regard to what habitat is being restored and how it is intended to restore such habitat?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

The water catchment tank in question was revamped by Aquagib's appointed contractors in September 2012 although further works are required in order to make the tank fully operational. No planting has taken place in the area since the original planting, as the vegetation is developing well.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 694/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to Written Question No. 79 of 2013, can the Minister for the Environment state whether the assessment and report on waste disposal options for Gibraltar prepared by the company Ramboll, is now complete and, if so, provide Parliament with a copy?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

The report was completed in January 2013.

The report is now on the Government website and a copy has been provided electronically to the Hon Member.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 695/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to Written Question No. 79 of 2013, can the Minister for the Environment say what other entities have benefitted 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;
- (d) The names of current projects being considered but not yet started, the location, and the name of the company or entity?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

Further to the information provided in Written Question No. 79 of 2013, additional payments made are contained in the schedule.

Answer to Question 695/2013

- (a) Import duty for parts and accessories of surveying instruments and apparatus, £1870.26 paid to Government General Account, Customs.
- (b) Professional fees for the design and consultancy work for the St Bernard's Hospital solar thermal pilot study and tender review, £14,743, E&M Consulting Engineers Ltd.
- (c) Driving allowance for taking and bringing a Department of the Environment official to Malaga airport in connection with a climate change workshop held in Brussels, £94.00, paid to Government drivers.
- (d) 1st instalments of tender for solar thermal installation at Tercentenary Hall, £29,803.76, paid to DesElec Ltd. Total costs for this project will come to £59,607.52 upon successful completion of installation.

Other projects currently being undertaken but not completed:

- (a) Installation of solar thermal system at Tangier Views (DesElec, £112,884.40).
- (b) Air quality modelling exercise to complement sustainable transport study (Ricardo-AEA, £26,000).
- (c) Development of web portal for met data collection (Ricardo-AEA, £16,000).
- (d) Provision of training on sustainable construction (The Green Register, £2,700).
- (e) Consultancy services for the implementation of elements of the energy performance of buildings directive and the energy efficiency directive (specifically nearly zero energy buildings and the development of an energy efficiency action plan) (Ecofys, £40,000).



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 696/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state if there has been any culling of feral pigeons in urban areas since 11th of December 2011 and, if so, state:

- (a) The place/s covered throughout Gibraltar;
- (b) The number of pigeons culled;
- (c) The method used for the culling;
- (d) Provide the figures on a monthly basis; and

Whether the culling was done with in-house staff, or outsourced to a private entity, and if so, could the Minister provide the name of the company, the cost so far?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

The Government culls feral pigeons under the Avian Flu Contingency Plan. The culling is undertaken by two employees from Gibraltar Support Services Ltd. Live trapping is used and the pigeons are then humanely euthanized by the Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic under their contract agreement with the Department of the Environment.

The information requested is contained in the schedules.

Answer to Question 696/2013

1. Areas:-

Arengo's Palace
Baker's Passage
Bayside School
Casemates Square
Central Police Station
City Mill Lane
College Lane
Cumberland Road
Europort
Europa Road
GASA
Glacis Estate
Governors Street
Flat Bastion Road
Hospital Steps
Irish Town
Kings Lines
Knights Court
Laguna Estate
Mount Alvernia
Notre Dame School
Parliament Lane
Prince Edwards Road
South District Power Station
Main Street
Varyl Begg Estate
Vineyard House
Watergardens
Willis' Road

2. The total number of pigeons culled:-

Since 11th December 2011 is 1347

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Contd Answer to Question 696/2013

4. Monthly breakdown of pigeons culled since 11/12/11:-

Dec-11	22
Jan-12	47
Feb-12	80
Mar-12	92
Apr-12	63
May-12	91
Jun-12	43
Jul-12	93
Aug-12	84
Sep-12	58
Oct-12	62
Nov-12	44
Dec-12	54
Jan-13	46
Feb-13	109
Mar-13	33
Apr-13	16
May-13	41
Jun-13	28
Jul-13	46
Aug-13	46
Sep-13	57
Oct-13	92



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 697/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the answer to Written Question No. 80 of 2013, can the Minister for the Environment state if the discussions with the Primate Protection League, and the Born Free Foundation now concluded, if so, state what their recommendations to Government are in relation to the Government's macaque plan?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

These discussions concluded some time ago. The main comments came from the Born Free Foundation and included, a preference for contraception over culling as a method of population control, the need for proper assessment before removing animals from groups, the importance of enforcement of the plan, the use of aversive conditioning and waste management, the need for health monitoring.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 698/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment consider placing a net over the Municipal waste collection depot at the Europa Advance Road, in order to put a stop to the amount of plastic being blown over the surrounding landscape and into the sea?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

Following discussions at the Litter Committee the Department of the Environment requested and is now considering proposals to put a stop to the longstanding problem of plastic being blown over the surrounding landscape. These proposals are being assessed to determine their technical and financial feasibility.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 699/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state if he is now in a position to address the issue of contamination of water at Western Beach, in order to allow sea bathers permanent use during the next year's summer season, and, if not, provide a statement of why not?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

The issue continues to be addressed but as the Honourable Member well knows the solution is largely outside our borders.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 700/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state whether the Department of the Environment has received reports in the last three months of persistent heavy air pollution associated with rotten eggs or sulphur smells in various districts and, if so, state where the affected areas are, and provide Parliament with a statement of the outcome of any investigation as to the causes of the smell and what, if any, solution is the department suggesting to eradicate such smells?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Speaker,

In the last three months there have been no persistent heavy air pollution incidents associated with 'rotten egg' smells or sulphur smells in various districts in Gibraltar. The Environmental Agency however received 4 isolated complaints.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 701/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government provide a project timeline in relation to when the new permanent power station showing all the various milestone elements within the project, inclusive but not limited to, end date for the tender process, the period for officials to consider the applications received, the awarding of the contract, mobilisation of contractors for the commencement of works, end dates for each milestone element completion of works, generators ready in place, gas storage tanks being ready for commencement?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SPORTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND YOUTH

Mr Speaker,

The tender project timeline presently envisaged is subject to change but is currently as follows:-

- Tender submission Thursday 13th December 2013
- Tender opening 1200 hrs Friday 14th December 2013
- Tender validity 120 days from date of opening of tender, i.e.
13/12/2013 + 120 days = Saturday 12 April 2014
- Contract award During the second quarter of 2014
- Forecast Taking over By the end of the last quarter 2015

Milestones for completion of work, generators ready in place will not be known until contract is awarded.

Gas storage will form part of a separate tender process which has still to be issued.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 702/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Education state how many schools have so far had a Health & Safety audit conducted, in which schools have the recommendations of the audit been carried-out, and will the Hon Minister provide Parliament with copies of the report in order to allow the Opposition to monitor progress in this important matter?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND JUSTICE

Mr Speaker,

Sixteen Educational Establishments (14 Schools, 1 College and 1 Nursery) have had Health & Safety audits conducted. Recommendations have been prioritised according to their nature and urgency. These have so far either been completed, are in progress or are scheduled to be undertaken.

Given that this is still work in progress, the Government does not propose to publish the reports at this stage.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 703/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the answer to Written Question No. 119 of 2013, can the Government give an explanation as to why no employers have been charged for breaches to the Factories Act or any of its subsidiary legislation since December 2011, when according to the Government's own statistics since December 2011 there have been breaches to the Health & Safety law by employers?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND
HEALTH & SAFETY**

Mr Speaker,

In accordance with established practice, legal action is only initiated if the enterprise found to be in breach does not take remedial action when required to do so by the Inspectorate. I am informed that there has been no case where this has happened since December 2011.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 704/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety provide the October 2013 statistics to Parliament of Health & Safety as these were unavailable on the Government website when the deadline to hand in the Opposition Question to Parliament expired?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH & SAFETY

Mr Speaker,

The statistics for October are now online and I am now providing the Honourable Member with the schedule.

Table HS.1

Monitoring Activities, 2013

Industry Sector	October							Total
	Meetings	Advice	Complaints	Inspections	Follow-ups	Accident Investigations	Site Visits	
Air Transport Related								0
Bank, Finance, Insurance								0
Construction	1	14	2	2	1		12	32
Education		1						1
Electricity Supply/Related								0
Horticulture								0
Hotel Trade								0
Manufacture		2					2	4
Medical & Health Services	1							1
Police, Security, Fire Services								0
Post & Communications								0
Public Admin & Natl Defence	7							7
Repairs Consumer Goods		3						3
Restaurants, Bar etc								0
Retail Trade								0
Road Transport Related								0
Sanitary Services								0
Sea Transport Related	2				3			5
Shipbuilding/Marine Repairs								0
Water Supply/Related								0
Wholesale Trade								0
Total	11	20	2	2	4	0	14	53

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Table HS.2

Occupational Reportable Accidents, 2013

Industry Sector	October		
	Minor	Major	Fatal
Air Transport Related			
Bank, Finance, Insurance			
Construction	2		
Education			
Electricity Supply/Related			
Horticulture			
Hotel Trade			
Manufacture			
Medical & Health Services			
Police, Security, Fire Services			
Post & Communications			
Public Admin & Natl Defence			
Repairs Consumer Goods			
Restaurants, Bar etc	1		
Retail Trade			
Road Transport Related			
Sanitary Services			
Sea Transport Related			
Shipbuilding/Marine Repairs			
Water Supply/Related			
Wholesale Trade			
Total	3	0	0

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Table No. 3

Enforcement Activities, 2013

Industry Sector	October	
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Air Transport Related	-	-
Bank, Finance, Insurance	-	-
Construction	-	-
Education	-	-
Electricity Supply/Related	-	-
Horticulture	-	-
Hotel Trade	-	-
Manufacture	-	-
Medical & Health Services	-	-
Police, Security, Fire Services	-	-
Post & Communications	-	-
Public Admin & Natl Defence	-	-
Repairs Consumer Goods	-	-
Restaurants, Bar etc	-	-
Retail Trade	-	-
Road Transport Related	-	-
Sanitary Services	-	-
Sea Transport Related	-	-
Shipbuilding/Marine Repairs	-	-
Water Supply/Related	-	-
Wholesale Trade	-	-
Total	0	0

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Table HS.4

Number of times legal advice has been sought during the month in relation to the number of inspections conducted, 2013

As at	Advice
October 2013	2
Total	2

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Table HS.5

Reasons for Factories Inspectors Issuing Improvement and Prohibition notices, 2013

As at	Industry Sector	Improvement Notices	Prohibition Notices	Reason
31 October 2013	-	-	-	-

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The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 705/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the collective answer to Question Nos. 668 to 672 of 2013, can the Government state which entity is the competent authority in Gibraltar that will provide the hazardous substance consent for the storage of oil, considering that this would exceed the quantity of 2500 tonnes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Speaker,

The application by Nature to rebuild the North Mole oil tanks remains a “live” application before the Development and Planning Commission. The position therefore remains the same as the answer provided to Questions 668 to 672. As the House was told last month, the Government does not want to inadvertently prejudice or predetermine the discussions of the DPC through any answer that it may provide in this House which is connected to this application.



The Gibraltar Parliament

QUESTION No: 706/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the collective answer to Question Nos. 668 to 672 of 2013, can the Government provide Parliament with a copy of the EIA screening report submitted by the Town Planner to members of the DPC, in order to allow the Opposition to monitor developments in this important matter and, if not, why not?

ANSWER

THE HON THE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Speaker,

The EIA screening report submitted by the Town Planner to members of the DPC is not a public document.