

NO. W1 OF 2020

THE HON E J REYES

Can the Minister for Housing provide this House with updated details as to how many applicants are on the Housing Waiting Lists, providing a breakdown by category, i.e. General, Medical and Social lists, and by reference to rooms composition of entitlements by applicants?

ANSWER

Updated details of applicants currently on the housing waiting list, including a breakdown of those on waiting list with a Medical and/or Social category is as follows:

- 1RKB, 672 active applicants of which 61 have a medical category and 37 have a social category.
- 2RKB, 75 active applicants of which 16 have a medical category.
- 3RKB, 102 active applicants of which 13 have a medical category and 15 have a social category.
- 4RKB, 73 active applicants of which 7 have a medical category and 6 have a social category.
- 5RKB, 4 active applicants of which 1 has a medical category.

6RKB, 1 active applicant.

NO. W2 OF 2020

THE HON E J REYES

Further to the answer provided to Question No.W18 of 2019, can the Minister for Sports provide details of fixed bookings and/or allocations made for the 2019/2020 winter season in respect of the 25 Metre GASA Swimming Pool, Accessible Pool and The Mount Tennis Court as previously provided for in past years (e.g. as provided in answer to Question No. W27 of 2018)?

ANSWER

I enclose schedule with the fixed bookings/allocations for the 25 metre and accessible GSLA swimming pools as from November 2019. Due to a computer glitch, it was erased from the answer to Question W18 of 2019.

Please be advised that The Mount is no longer allocated by the GSLA but done directly through Sandpits Lawn Tennis Club.

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Allocation	Day	Time	Association/School
25 Metre GASA Swimming Pool	Monday	7.00 - 9.00AM	PUBLIC SWIM
		9.00AM - 1.00 PM	SCHOOL USE
		1.00 - 1.30PM	DR GIRALDI
		1.30 - 2.30PM	LIFEGUARD TRAINING
		2.30 - 3.30PM	SCHOOL USE
		3.30 - 5.00 PM	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
		5.00 - 7.30 PM	GASA
		7.45 - 8.30 PM	WATERPOLO ASSTN
		8.30 - 10.00 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
		Tuesday	7.00 - 9.00AM
	9.00 - 10.30 AM		SCHOOL USE
	10.30 - 11.30 PM		LADIES ONLY
	11.30 - 2.30 PM		PUBLIC SWIM
	2.30 - 3.30 PM		SCHOOL USE
	3.30 - 5.00 PM		PUBLIC SWIM
	5.00 - 7.30 PM		GASA
	7.30 - 10PM		WATERPOLO
	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00AM	PUBLIC SWIM
		9.00 - 12.30PM	PUBLIC SWIM
		12.30 - 1PM	DR GIRALDI
		1.00 - 4.00 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
		4.00 - 5.00PM	SCHOOL USE
		5.00 - 7.30 PM	GASA
		7.30 - 9PM	GLSA
		9.00 - 10PM	PUBLIC SWIM
	Thursday	7.00 - 9.00AM	PUBLIC SWIM
		9.00 - 12.30PM	SCHOOL USE
		12.30 - 2PM	PUBLIC SWIM
		2.00 - 3.30 PM	SCHOOL USE
		3.30 - 5.00PM	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
		5.00 - 7.30 PM	GASA
		7.30 - 10PM	WATERPOLO

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Friday	7.00 - 9.00AM	PUBLIC SWIM
	9.00 - 10.30AM	SCHOOL USE
	10.30 - 2.30 AM	PUBLIC SWIM
	2.30 - 3.30 PM	SCHOOL USE
	3.30 - 5.00 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
	5.00 - 7.30 PM	GASA
	7.30 - 8.30 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
	8.30 - 10.00 PM	GLSA
Saturday	7.00 - 9.00AM	PUBLIC SWIM
	9.00 - 1.00 PM	GASA
	1.00 - 5.00 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
	5.00 - 7.30PM	GASA
	7.30 - 10.00 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
Sunday	7.00 - 7 PM	PUBLIC SWIM
	7- 10PM	MAINTENANCE

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Allocation	Day	Time	Association/School
Accessible Pool	Monday	9 - 12.30am	SENIOR SESSIONS
		12.30 - 2.30 PM	LIFEGUARD TRAINING
		2.30 - 4PM	GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
		4- 5 PM	GSLA PARENT & BABY
		5- 7PM	GASA
		7 - 8.30 PM	AQUA AEROBICS ASSTN
		8.30 - 10PM	GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
		Tuesday	9 - 11.00am
	11 - 12 PM		SENIOR SESSIONS
	12 - 1PM		GHA - PARENT & TODDLER
	1 - 2.30 PM		SENIOR SESSIONS
	2.30 - 5 PM		GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
	5 - 7 PM		GASA
	7 - 8.30 PM		AQUA AEROBICS ASSTN
	8.30 - 10 PM		GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
	Wednesday	9 - 10.30am	SCHOOL USE
		10.30 - 12am	ST BERNADETTE'S
		12 - 1 pm	GHA PARENT & TODDLER
		1 - 2 PM	GSLA PARENT & BABY
		2 - 4 pm	PAAMOA
		4 - 5 PM	GASA PARENT & TODDLER
		5 - 7 PM	GASA
		7 - 8.30 PM	AQUA AEROBICS ASSTN
	Thursday	8.30 - 10pm	GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
		9 - 10.30 pm	SENIOR SESSION
		10.30 - 12.00 PM	ST BERNADETTE'S
		12.00 - 1.00 PM	GHA PARENT & TODDLER
		1.00 - 2.30 PM	SENIOR SESSION
2.30 - 5 PM		GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES	
5 - 7 PM		GASA	
7 - 8.30 PM		AQUA AEROBICS ASSTN	
Friday	8.30 - 10pm	GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES	
	9 - 1.00pm	PAAMOA	
	1 - 3PM	SENIOR SESSION	

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	2 - 3 PM	SENIOR SESSION
	3 - 4 PM	GHA - MOTHER & TODDLER
	4 - 5pm	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
	5 - 8.00pm	GASA
	8 - 10 pm	SENIOR SESSION
	9 AM - 12 PM	GHA - PARENT & TODDLER
Saturday	12 - 3 PM	SENIOR SESSIONS
	3 - 7PM	GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
	7 - 10 PM	MAINTENANCE
Sunday	9 - 11 AM	GSLA PARENTS & BABY
	11 - 2PM	SENIOR SESSION
	2 - 6 PM	GHA REHAB / USERS WITH- DISABILITIES
	6 - 10 PM	SENIOR SESSION

NO. W3 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government please provide a breakdown of where and how all the monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank have been invested and the rate of return on each of these investments as at 31 October 2019?

ANSWER

The average yield in respect of the different categories of investment vehicles held by the Savings Bank Fund for the month in question are as follows:-

On-call accounts with the Lloyds Bank, the Bank of New York, Bank of England and Gibraltar Banks had an average yield of around 0.7%. The Gibraltar Banks were Barclays Bank, National Westminster Bank, Jyske Bank, Gibraltar International Bank, Kleinwort Hambros Bank and MoneyCorp Bank.

Floating Rates Notes and other Fixed Interest Notes quoted on the London Stock Exchange had an average yield of around 1.4%. These were issued by the following:- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking FRN, Bank of Nova Scotia FRN, Canadian Imperial Bank FRN, Leeds Building Society FRN, TSB Bank PLC FRN, Lloyds Bank PLC FRN, BNP Paribas, Daimler Intl Finance BV, FCE Bank PLC, Deutsche Bank AG, UBS AG London, Volkswagen Fin Services NV, FCA Bank SPA Ireland, Investec PLC, Credit Suisse GP Funding Ltd, Barclays PLC, Virgin Money PLC, Sky PLC, Close Brothers Group PLC, HSBC Holdings PLC, Yorkshire Building Soc, BAT International Finance PLC, Government of Gibraltar Debentures.

Monthly Income Debentures with a 6% return, 3 Year Fixed Term Monthly Income Debentures with a return of 3%, 5 Year Fixed Term Monthly Income Debentures each with a return of 3.8%, 4%, 5%, 6%, and preference shares in Credit Finance with an average dividend of 5%.

The schedule of investments showing the position is attached.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION W3
SAVINGS BANK FUND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 OCTOBER 2019

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	PRICE / ACCRUED INTEREST %	VALUE / ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL VALUE ON 31/10/2019
SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING FRN 07/09/20	£5,000,000.00	99.961 0.159	£4,997,550.00 £7,955.88	£5,005,505.88
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA FRN 11/08/21	£500,000.00	100.078 0.159	£500,390.00 £796.68	£501,186.68
CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK FRN 28/10/22	£4,700,000.00	100.093 0.010	£4,704,371.00 £460.36	£4,704,831.36
LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY FRN 15/04/23	£5,000,000.00	100.540 0.058	£5,027,000.00 £2,917.26	£5,029,917.26
TSB BANK PLC FRN 15/02/24	£5,000,000.00	101.087 0.334	£5,053,350.00 £16,675.23	£5,070,025.23
LLOYDS BANK PLC FRN 16/05/24	£6,000,000.00	100.090 0.267	£6,005,400.00 £16,002.49	£6,021,402.49
BNP PARIBAS 2.375% 20/11/19	£5,000,000.00	100.064 2.245	£5,003,200.00 £112,243.15	£5,115,443.15
DAIMLER INTL FINANCE BV 1.25% 05/09/22	£4,000,000.00	99.624 0.000	£3,984,960.00 £0.00	£3,984,960.00
FCE BANK PLC 2.759% 13/11/19	£3,500,000.00	100.035 2.661	£3,501,210.35 £93,125.70	£3,594,336.05
DEUTSCHE BANK AG 1.875% 28/02/20	£10,000,000.00	99.966 1.259	£9,996,612.18 £125,856.16	£10,122,468.34
FCE BANK PLC 3.25% 19/11/20	£6,000,000.00	101.536 3.081	£6,092,189.28 £184,849.32	£6,277,038.60
UBS AG LONDON 1.25% 10/12/20	£10,000,000.00	99.762 1.113	£9,976,191.36 £111,301.37	£10,087,492.73
DAIMLER INTL FINANCE BV 1.5% 18/08/21	£5,000,000.00	99.832 0.303	£4,991,606.61 £15,163.93	£5,006,770.54
VOLKSWAGEN FIN SERVICES NV 1.875% 07/09/21	£5,000,000.00	99.862 0.277	£4,993,097.19 £13,831.97	£5,006,929.16
FCA BANK SPA IRELAND 1.625% 29/09/21	£10,000,000.00	99.136 0.142	£9,913,574.23 £14,207.65	£9,927,781.88
INVESTEC PLC 4.5% 05/05/22	£7,050,000.00	104.552 2.201	£7,370,930.39 £155,157.79	£7,526,088.18
CREDIT SUISSE GP FUNDING LTD 3% 27/05/2022	£7,000,000.00	102.334 1.287	£7,163,412.42 £90,081.97	£7,253,494.39
VOLKSWAGEN FIN SERVICES NV 1.625% 09/06/22	£5,000,000.00	100.149 0.639	£5,007,447.62 £31,967.21	£5,039,414.83
BARCLAYS PLC 2.375% 06/10/23	£5,000,000.00	100.871 0.163	£5,043,569.39 £8,133.56	£5,051,702.95
VIRGIN MONEY PLC 2.25% 21/04/20	£1,000,000.00	100.205 1.186	£1,002,052.09 £11,864.75	£1,013,916.84
SKY PLC 2.875% 24/11/20	£9,000,000.00	101.504 2.686	£9,135,338.89 £241,736.30	£9,377,075.19
CLOSE BROTHERS GROUP PLC 2.75% 26/04/23	£10,000,000.00	100.425 0.038	£10,042,544.66 £3,756.83	£10,046,301.39
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC 2.175% 27/06/23	£8,000,000.00	101.282 0.749	£8,102,536.37 £59,901.64	£8,162,438.01

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DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	PRICE / ACCRUED INTEREST %	VALUE / ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL VALUE ON 31/10/2019
YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOC 4.125% 20/11/24	£9,725,000.00	100.090 3.899	£9,733,710.49 £379,175.09	£10,112,885.58
BAT INTERNATIONAL FINANCE PLC 1.75% 05/07/21	£10,000,000.00	100.242 0.564	£10,024,211.75 £56,420.77	£10,080,632.52
LLOYD'S BANK GBP CALL A/C	£259,062.76	100.000	£259,062.76	£259,062.76
BANK OF NEW YORK GBP A/C	£208,970.33	100.000	£208,970.33	£208,970.33
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURES ISSUED ON 1 OCTOBER 2014	£147,700,000.00	100.000	£147,700,000.00	£147,700,000.00
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014	£100,000,000.00	100.000	£100,000,000.00	£100,000,000.00
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 10 OCTOBER 2024 ISSUED ON 10 OCTOBER 2019	£75,000,000.00	100.000	£75,000,000.00	£75,000,000.00
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 MARCH 2019	£9,250,000.00	100.000	£9,250,000.00	£9,250,000.00
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARES	£9,250,000.00	100.000	£9,250,000.00	£9,250,000.00
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 3 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2022	£10,000,000.00	100.000	£10,000,000.00	£10,000,000.00
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2024	£65,000,000.00	100.000	£65,000,000.00	£65,000,000.00
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2024	£40,750,000.00	100.000	£40,750,000.00	£40,750,000.00
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2024	£275,000,000.00	100.000	£275,000,000.00	£275,000,000.00
VISA - SHAREHOLDING	£7.92	4831398.737	£382,646.78	£382,646.78
GSBA LTD - ORDINARY SHARES	£11,000,000.00	100.000	£11,000,000.00	£11,000,000.00
GIBTELECOM LTD - ORDINARY SHARES	£15,000.00	503985.271	£75,597,790.66	£75,597,790.66
BANK OF ENGLAND	£41,041,371.66	100.000	£41,041,371.66	£41,041,371.66
BARCLAYS BANK PLC	£44,592,074.57	100.000	£44,592,074.57	£44,592,074.57
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER OFFSHORE LTD	£181,948,538.97	100.000	£181,948,538.97	£181,948,538.97
JYSKE BANK	£431,313.40	100.000	£431,313.40	£431,313.40
GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	£76,896,774.62	100.000	£76,896,774.62	£76,896,774.62
KLENWORT HAMBROS BANK	£20,309,525.27	100.000	£20,309,525.27	£20,309,525.27
MONEYCORP BANK	£2,032,044.74	100.000	£2,032,044.74	£2,032,044.74
CASH	£12,122,841.04	100.000	£12,122,841.04	£12,122,841.04

NO. W4 OF 2020**THE HON R M CLINTON**

Can the Government please provide a breakdown with maturity details, monetary amount and interest rates of Gibraltar Savings Bank Debentures or other debt security as at 31 October 2019?

ANSWER

As at the 31st October 2019 the maturity rates and interest rates were:

<u>Security</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
One Month Debenture	1%, 2% and 2.5%
Debenture 2019	5%
Debenture 2020	2%, 2.5%, 3%, 4% and 5%
Debenture 2021	2%, 3%, 4% and 5%
Debenture 2022	2%, 3%, 4% and 5%
Debenture 2023	3% and 5%
Debenture 2024	3% and 5%
Debenture 2025	5%
Debenture 2026	5%
Debenture 2027	5%
Debenture 2028	5%
Debenture 2029	5%
Ordinary Deposits	0.5%
Bonds 2022	8% and 9% (var)
Bonds 2023	8% (var)
Other Bonds	5%, 8% and 11%
On Call Investment Accounts	0%
	<u>Amount</u>
Debentures	£944,265,262
On Call Investment Accounts	£ 65,224,314
Ordinary Deposits	£ 93,219,296
Bonds	£207,989,323

WRITTEN

NO. W5 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government advise the monetary value of Government deposits with the Savings Bank for the following date?

30 November 2019

ANSWER

The monetary value of Government deposits with the Savings Bank were:-

30 November 2019

£58,322,026.09

WRITTEN

NO. W6 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government advise the monetary value of Government deposits with the Gibraltar International Bank for the following date?

30 November 2019

ANSWER

Government deposits with the Gibraltar International Bank were:-

30 November 2019

£3,046,026.77

NO. W7 OF 2020**THE HON R M CLINTON**

Can the Government please provide the total Gross Debt, Aggregate Debt after application of the sinking fund to Gross Debt, Cash Reserves and Net Debt figures for Public Debt for the following date?

1 November 2019

ANSWER

The Gross Public Debt and the General Sinking Fund are as previously stated. The Aggregate Debt has been as stated previously till March 19 and £435.6M since April 19. The Cash Reserves and Net Debt in £M by months has been:

	Cash Reserves	Net Debt
1 November 2019	44.9	390.7

WRITTEN

NO. W8 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government please advise the total liquid reserves figure and its constituents namely Consolidated fund, Improvement and Development Fund, Government Owned Companies, deposits, contingencies and other funds for the following date?

1 November 2019

ANSWER

The position as regards the total liquid assets composition, when, where and how these are invested on a particular date chosen by the Member opposite, continues to be as previously stated.

WRITTEN

NO. W9 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government please advise how total liquid reserves are invested / held given details of all bank / savings bank accounts and cash held for the following date?

1 November 2019

ANSWER

The position as regards the total liquid assets composition, when, where and how these are invested on a particular date chosen by the Member opposite, continues to be as previously stated.

WRITTEN

NO. W10 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government advise the balance on the General Sinking fund on the following date?

1 November 2019

ANSWER

The balance on the General Sinking fund on 1 November 2019 was as previously stated.

Oral Question No. 52/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W11 OF 2020

THE HON E J REYES

Further to the answer provided to Question No. W23 of 2019, can Government update this House in respect of what actions are being taken to recover debts outstanding from students who have not completed the courses for which they were granted scholarships and are failing to make regular repayments in order to clear their debts?

ANSWER

Debtors who fail to keep up with repayments due under an agreement with the Department of Education are referred to the Central Arrears Unit.

Oral Question No. 53/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W12 OF 2020

THE HON E J REYES

Can the Minister for Education state how many pupils have been excluded and/or suspended from schools since the answer provided to Question No. 235 of 2019, indicating the number of separate incidents involved which resulted in these pupils being suspended and/or excluded, together with details of any education provided during the period of non-attendance at school?

ANSWER

Since the answer to Question No 235 of 2019, no students have been excluded and/or suspended.

Oral Question No. 54/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W13 OF 2020

THE HON E J REYES

Can the Minister for Education inform this House of any changes since the answer provided to Question No. 239 of 2019 in respect of vacant teaching posts, identifying the school/establishment where these may exist and indicating which ones are being covered in an acting capacity together with details of when these posts are expected to be filled on a permanent basis?

ANSWER

Two teachers have retired since Question 239/2019 was answered. Two additional teachers have been recruited and the resulting vacant TLR posts have been fulfilled in an acting capacity.

**Oral Question No. 57/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W14 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Further to question 244/2019 can the Government advise the respective percentage ownership interests in Town Range Developments Limited of the beneficial owners disclosed?

ANSWER

This is not information the government can reliably provide. This is information the Hon gentleman should seek from Town Range Developments Ltd if he wishes.

**Oral Question No. 58/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W15 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can Government confirm that it is the legal owner of the site of the current Hebrew School and advise what does it intend to do with the site once vacant?

ANSWER

The site of the current Hebrew School is held by the trustees of the Hebrew Poor Fund. A lease was granted to the trustees in 1990 for 21 years. This expired on 31 December 2010 but it was never either formally terminated or renewed. It is the Government's intention to negotiate the lease in the concept of the school moving to new premises. Earlier leases to the Trustees of the Hebrew Poor Fund for this site date back over 100 years.

**Oral Question No. 59/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W16 OF 2020

THE HON R M CLINTON

Can the Government advise on what terms is the car parking space underneath the new University accommodation block being used for the storage of vehicles?

ANSWER

With effect from 13 November 2019 thirty-six car parking spaces underneath the accommodation block at Europa Point have been rented to Bassadone Motors on a total monthly rental fee of £5,000.

The rental arrangement is on a monthly basis with the current arrangement ceasing on 15 February 2020. A request to extend this to the 15 March 2020 has been accepted.

**Oral Question No. 60/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W17 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the answer to question 248 of 2019 can the Minister please update the figure for social assistance, child welfare and minimum income guarantee until the 31st December 2019?

ANSWER

The updated figures as at 31 December 2019 are as follows:

Social Assistance – 499

Child Welfare Grant – 1138

Minimum Income Guarantee – 360 people made up of 328 singles persons and 16 couples

**Oral Question No. 61/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W18 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the answer to question 248 of 2019 please state how many were in receipt of more than one of these benefits in the year 2019, indicating which ones?

ANSWER

181 people have been in receipt of both Child Welfare Grant and Social Assistance in the year 2019.

**Oral Question No. 62/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W19 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the answer to question 248 of 2019 please state how many of those in receipt of social assistance for 2019 (updated to 31st December 2019) had previously been in receipt of unemployment benefit?

ANSWER

16 people who were in receipt of social assistance as at the end of 2019 had previously been in receipt of unemployment benefit in 2019.

**Oral Question No. 63/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W20 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the answer to question 250 of 2019 please update the figure for 2019 to the end of December 2019.

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W21 to W26.

**Oral Question No. 64/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W21 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the answer to question 250 of 2019 please state of those in receipt of disability benefit in 2019, how many are unemployed, in a sheltered employment schemes or otherwise employed?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W20 and W22 to W26.

**Oral Question No. 65/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W22 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

Following from supplementary questions to question 251 of 2019, can the Minister confirm that any allowances paid under the Government Training Scheme to disabled people prior to December 2011 were disregarded and not taken into account (or otherwise reduced) when considering eligibility to disability benefit?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W20, W21 and W23 to W26.

**Oral Question No. 66/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W23 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the figures provided in answer to question 251 of 2019 on applications for disability benefits for the years 2015-2019, how many of those applications were rejected?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W20 to W22 and W24 to W26.

**Oral Question No. 67/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W24 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

In relation to the figures provided in answer to question 251 on applications for disability benefit for the years 2015-2019, how many of those applications did the applicants contend they suffered from an autism related disability?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W20 to W23, W25 and W26.

Oral Question No. 68/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W25 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

How many disabled people had their benefits removed or reduced in 2012 because of their employment or participation in a Government Training Scheme?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W20 to W24 and W26.

Oral Question No. 69/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W26 OF 2020

THE HON D A FEETHAM

For the year 2019, how many people in receipt of disability benefit have had their benefit reduced because they are employed or otherwise earning from being trained either in the public or private sector?

ANSWER

As at the end of December 2019, 391 persons were in receipt of disability benefit.

Of the 391 persons, 244 were not in employment, 77 were under the age of 18 and not in employment and 70 were employed of which 33 by Supported Employment Company.

Of the 70 persons employed who are in receipt of disability benefit, 42 are in employment for over 20 hours a week and receive 25% of the benefit and 28 are in employment for 20 hours or less a week and receive 62.5% of the benefit.

The individual mentioned by the honourable member in his supplementary was not someone in employment in 2011 as he stated. Had he been the whole of his disability allowance would have been removed by the GSD government as they had done to others.

He was someone treated as a vocational cadet under the Vocational Training Scheme, without an employment contract even though he was not being provided with any training at the time.

He received the disability allowance which had not been removed because he was not in employment and was receiving a trainee allowance well below the national minimum wage. When we gave him an employment contract in 2012 his trainee allowance was replaced by a salary at the national minimum wage and because of the new policy adopted by the GSLP government following its manifesto commitment, his disability allowance was not removed but reduced. The reduced disability allowance and the national minimum wage paid as his salary together provided him with an income that was considerably higher than the income paid in 2011 with the allowance as a trainee and the full disability allowance.

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This improved income was provided to him and 47 others.

All these so-called trainees remained after 2011 in the placements where they had been previously undertaking the same activities as before but now as employees with employment contracts and employment rights, on a much higher level of income. This improvement was at the time welcomed by the honourable questioner when it was introduced in 2012 with a reduction in the disability allows but a much higher level of total income.

The number of applications for disability benefit rejected between 2015 and 2019 were 44 in 2015, 38 in 2016, 49 in 2017, 35 in 2018 and 21 as at the end of 2019. It should be noted that with regard to applications received in 2019, 28 applications are pending assessment and there are 10 appeals pending so the figure for 2019 may change.

Of all applications received, 8 referred to an autism related disability in 2015, 9 in 2016, 8 in 2017, 13 in 2018 and 13 in 2019.

In 2012, no one had their disability allowance reduced for participating in a Government training scheme. 16 people had their disability benefit reduced because they were in employment.

In 2019, 4 people were in receipt of disability benefit and had it reduced due to their subsequent employment of which:

- 2 people were employed for over 20 hours a week and now receive 25% of the benefit
- 2 people were employed for 20 hours or less a week and now receive 62.5% of the benefit.

In 2019, 11 new cases were approved from people who were already in employment of which:

- 9 people are employed for over 20 hours a week and receive 25% of the benefit
- 2 people were employed for 20 hours or less a week and receive 62.5% of the benefit.

**Oral Question No. 70/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W27 OF 2020

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for the Port advise whether any progress has been made in connection with the provision of low cost hotel rooms for crew?

ANSWER

The Government is exploring options for the provision of low cost hotel rooms to be used for crew. As with all manifesto commitments, this will be delivered within this term of office. Government is currently considering one proposal in connection to this issue.

**Oral Question No. 71/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W28 OF 2020

THE HON D J BOSSINO

Can the Minister for Aviation advise whether the recommendations set out in paragraphs 3.13.1 to 3.13.6 of the report of the Principal Auditor for the financial year ended 31st March 2016 have been implemented?

ANSWER

In respect of points 3.13.1 and 3.13.3 to 3.13.6, the recommendations from the Principal Auditor have been taken into account and implemented. In the case of point 3.13.2, the Memorandum of Understanding is still being discussed by HM Government of Gibraltar.

**Oral Question No. 72/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W29 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Can government confirm whether ALL diesel power generating plants have been decommissioned as per its manifesto pledge of doing so by the end of 2019?

ANSWER

The Old OESCO Diesel Power Plant in the South District is decommissioned and the ex-MOD Diesel Power Station is no longer running and is in the process of de-commissioning.

Waterport Power Station is also in the de-commissioning phase and is available only as emergency back-up in case it is needed to support the final stages of commissioning of the new North Mole Gas Fired Power Plant.

**Oral Question No. 73/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W30 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Is the security system comprised of CCTV cameras in the new Bayside and Westside schools fully operational and presently active?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W31 to W34.

**Oral Question No. 74/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W31 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

How many people in total have access to the images from the security cameras at Bayside and Westside school?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W30 and W32 to W34.

Oral Question No. 75/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W32 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

What steps has HM Government taken to have a 100% assurance that there will not be any leaked images from the security cameras at Bayside and Westside schools of teachers or students to avoid incidents like those in the past? i.e. with the cameras at the frontier or Number 6 Convent Place?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W30, W31, W33 and W34.

**Oral Question No. 76/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W33 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Does HM Government have signage to alert students, staff and visitors that there are cameras around the buildings at Bayside and Westside schools?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W30 to W32 and W34.

**Oral Question No. 77/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W34 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Has HM Government drafted and implemented a policy governing the security cameras at Bayside and Westside schools as well as the remit of the security company employed at Bayside and Westside?

ANSWER

CCTV cameras in the new secondary schools are fully operational. There are signs to this effect in both schools.

Access to images is limited to senior management in the schools and JT Security Ltd who provide security services to the schools.

The use of the CCTV and any images generated by the CCTV is subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2004 and to guidance issued by the GRA under Guidance Note 17/07 entitled Guidance for Users of CCTV Systems.

The Guidance Note provides that in order to comply with the provisions of the Act and its underlying principles, there must be a fair and lawful basis for using CCTV systems. The Note gives examples of lawful bases allowed for in the Act as follows:

- Prevention, investigation and detection of crime
- Apprehension and prosecution of offenders
- Public and employee safety
- Security of premises

The use of CCTV in schools is subject to all the limitations, safeguards, enforcement procedures and remedies set out in the Act as well as the guidance contained in Guidance Note 17/07.

JT Security Ltd is subject to strict obligations of confidentiality and compliance with the law. Any failure to comply with this would amount to a serious breach of their agreement with Government and a gross dereliction of their duties.

In addition to the legal and contractual frameworks, the Department of Education is in the process of drafting a policy for the governance of the use of CCTV systems in schools.

Oral Question No. 78/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W35 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Is the government still going ahead with the new College of Further Education at the proposed site of the Cross of Sacrifice, and if so, when does the government envisage breaking ground and completing the project?

ANSWER

Yes. As with other Manifesto commitments this will be completed within this term of office.

**Oral Question No. 79/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W36 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

What is the current Government policy for continuous professional development (CPD) for teachers to pursue tertiary education courses, for example Masters and PhD in education related subjects?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Question W37.

Oral Question No. 80/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W37 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Is there a mechanism for funding continuous professional development for teachers, similar to that available to other public sector workers, and is this different from the discretionary grants system available to the general public?

ANSWER

The Government's policy is to continue to provide multiple continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities for teachers.

CPD is not only an occasion for teachers to develop new knowledge and skills but also an opportunity to train to the latest and best methods of teaching our children, ensure that they become aware of curriculum and examination requirements and attend to the welfare and wellbeing of children and staff.

CPD is facilitated throughout the academic year and particularly during the 5 mandatory inservice (inset) days. CPD is managed and arranged by the Department of Education in accordance with the needs of the service and of schools.

All costs are specifically covered under the CPD training budget of £70,000 as reflected in the approved estimates for 2019/2020. Requests are submitted by schools and recommended by Headteachers as they are needs led.

As also appears in the approved estimates, the Department of Education has a further training budget this year of £156,000 to cater for a teaching and learning initiative using digital technologies. In addition, the Department of Education manages a specific training and resource budget for Special Educational Needs (£30,000) and for the Educational Psychology department (£7,000).

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Standing Order 16(2)**

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The following is a non-exhaustive list of CPD training that the Department of Education has facilitated during 2019/2020:

Enhancing language learning through extensive processing instruction
Therapeutic Play and Creativity
Occupational Health and Safety in the Work Place
Developing high achieving, emotionally resilient and work ready sixth formers
Health and Safety Training for Design and Technology Workshops
Food and Hygiene for Catering
Standardisation training in Special Educational Needs
Developing the Strategic Manager
Management of Interpersonal Skills
Grievance, Discipline and Dismissal
Effective Negotiation Skills
Disability Language Etiquette
Managing Bereavement in the Workplace
Occupational Health
First Aid
Coaching and Mentoring
Helping children cope with bereavement and loss
Managing challenging behaviour
Strategic Development for Senior Leadership Teams
Teaching and Learning in a mixed ability context
Safeguarding Tier 1 training
Safeguarding Tier 2 training
Safeguarding Tier 3 training
Promoting emotional Well Being
An introduction to the Counselling Service
Dignified Care and Responsibility Training (DCRT)
Multi -Sensory teaching and Learning Opportunities in Mathematics
Using outdoor and indoor learning
Project Based Learning
Green Schools
Raising the profile of PSHE
Signs of Safety
Sexual exploitation and child abuse
Young gamblers education
Dyslexia awareness
Report Writing
Effective and standardised core subject moderation
Assessment for learning
Literacy and Phonics
Autism awareness
Mental Health: Adolescent and Child Mental Health
Mental Health: Special Needs and Mental Health
Mental Health: Staff Well being
Alcohol Education

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Vulnerable students : what is trauma informed training
Managing diversity and inclusion
Occupational Health and Safety for Headteachers

The Department of Education also manages an inter-departmental training budget for the public service of £450,000. This budget manages and facilitates training requests from other government departments. These requests for training are generally specific requests for mandatory up-skilling and are made by heads of department. Subject to availability of funds and the needs of the public service as reflected in the bids made by heads of department, it is a budget that is also available to the Director of Education to meet the Department's requirements for CPD. This can include training for teachers through tertiary education such as Masters or PhD in educational related subjects.

In addition, the Department of Education manages a discretionary scholarship budget which allows which all Gibraltar residents, including teachers, to apply on an individual basis for funding of courses.

**Oral Question No. 81/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W38 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Have the same pay adjustment differentials been maintained between teachers and SLT or are the differentials now smaller/larger and if so, by how much percentage-wise?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W39 to W41.

**Oral Question No. 82/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W39 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Head teachers and Deputy Head teachers have received a salary increase as a result of the pay adjustment for teachers. Can Government state what the maximum salary of Head teachers and Deputy Head teachers is and the criteria used to reach this maximum?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W38, W40 and W41.

**Oral Question No. 83/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W40 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

The pay adjustment claim for the teachers carried with it a set of additional demands and responsibilities for teachers by Government. What are the equivalent increases in demands and responsibilities for Deputy and Head Teachers to justify their salary increase?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Questions W38, W39 and W41.

Oral Question No. 84/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W41 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Does Government envisage pay increases for the management team at the Department of Education, including the Education Director and members of the advisory service?

ANSWER

Under the agreement between the Government and Gibraltar NASUWT on the teachers' pay adjustment claim, Government committed to respecting existing differentials between teachers and other Education roles. The agreement, therefore, applies to Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers as well as to teachers who form part of the management team at the Department of Education as much as it applies to all other teachers with a commitment to respect differentials existing at the time.

The maximum salary for Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers is determined by school groups. School groups are calculated by the size of the school and the age of its pupils.

The maximum salaries as at 1 September 2019 are as follows:

Group 2

Deputy Headteachers – £73,497

Headteachers - £ 84,699

Group 3

Deputy Headteachers – £77,180

Headteachers - £ 88,950

Group 4

Principal - £ 91,153

Group 7

Deputy Headteachers – £96,225

Headteachers - £116,911

All responsibilities or duties under the pay adjustment claim for teachers apply equally to Deputy Headteachers and Headteachers. Indeed, Deputy Headteachers and Headteachers have the added responsibility of managing the organisation and discharge of those responsibilities and duties by other teachers.

**Oral Question No. 46/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W42 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Does Government have any intentions to change the traditional fireworks it buys and sets off on National Day and New Year's Eve, to silent ones?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Question W43.

**Oral Question No. 47/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W43 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Does Government have any plans to tighten regulations on firework procurement and setting off by individuals, in order to minimize safety risks and nuisance to pets, infants and the elderly?

ANSWER

Government is considering options in relation to how we celebrate these occasions with a view to reducing negative environmental and social impact as much as possible while not diminishing the festive aspects of the celebrations.

**Oral Question No. 48/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W44 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

What measures are being taken to mitigate the negative effects on our shoreline from the invasive algae *Rugulopterix Okamurae* considering the disruption this can have on the upcoming bathing season and our marine ecosystems?

ANSWER

Scientists from the DESCCH continue to monitor the abundance and distribution of the invasive alga on a regular basis. The DESCCH is also in contact with regional experts who are also monitoring the spread of the alga in the wider Strait region. The most effective method of dealing with the alga at present is its physical removal from the shore. The current mitigation strategy is therefore reliant on its frequent removal using a combination of heavy machinery and manual labour where possible.

Oral Question No. 49/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W45 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

When will the new sewage treatment plant begin to be constructed and when is it expected for it to be operational?

ANSWER

Construction of the new sewage plant is subject to completion of the contractual arrangements. The plant should be operational 2 years after the date construction works begin.

Oral Question No. 122/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W46 OF 2020

THE HON MS M D HASSAN NAHON

Can Government confirm whether or not one-sided propaganda on the topic of abortion pervades during religion classes in Westside and Bayside Schools?

ANSWER

The GCSE Religious Studies examination specification requires students to study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical and ethical arguments relating to a number of issues, including abortion. The students also need to be aware of the impact of abortion and its influence on the modern world. The students are required to engage with the contrasting perspectives that exist in contemporary British society.

In A Level Religious Studies, the issue of human life is dealt with as part of the A Level RE course, according to published A Level specifications (OCR). Contrasting perspectives must be explored in order to enable the students to engage with materials presented in a critical and analytical manner.

Oral Question No. 55/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W47 OF 2020

THE HON E J PHILLIPS

Since the appointment of the four school counsellors in September 2019 can the Government confirm how many students have been seen by the counsellors and how many children have been referred onwards?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Question W48.

**Oral Question No. 56/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W48 OF 2020

THE HON E J PHILLIPS

Can the Government state the most common cause of mental health complaints being dealt with by school counsellors?

ANSWER

Eighty-three students have been seen by school counsellors since September 2019. Three students have been referred onwards.

The most common reason for referral to the school counselling service is anxiety. It is, however, to be noted that anxiety is not a cause of a mental health complaint but a symptom. It is too early to say what is the most common cause of the mental health issues of those being referred to school counsellors. Causes do not always manifest themselves until after engagement and some time spent with a counsellor.

**Oral Question No. 43/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with
Standing Order 16(2)**

WRITTEN

NO. W49 OF 2020

THE HON E J PHILLIPS

Further to Question 207/2019 can the Government state whether all permits have been granted to Eco Wave Power for the expansion of the Wave Farm to 5MW?

ANSWER

I will answer this question together with Question W50.

Oral Question No. 44/2020 converted to Written Answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)

WRITTEN

NO. W50 OF 2020

THE HON E J PHILLIPS

Further to Question 207/2019 can the Government state that the energy generated is fed into the grid and what this represents in percentage terms of the total electricity consumption of Gibraltar?

ANSWER

Answer to Question W49

No, Sir.

Answer to Question W50

The power generated by the Wave Generation Plant is indeed fed to the grid and it represents about 0.0003% of Gibraltar's total energy consumption in an average month.