

QUESTION No: W1/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details of the number of Trainees currently enrolled at both the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre and Engineering Trades Training Centre, providing details of the estimated completion date of such courses and the qualifications to be obtained upon successful completion of said courses?

ANSWER

Answer: Question for the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre

9 x NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Building Maintenance, multi-trade Repairs and Refurbishment Operations (Construction)

2 x NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing and Heating

Expected termination date: August 2023

1 x NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing and Heating

Expected termination date: 18/08/2023

26 x City & Guilds Level 1 Extended Certificate in Construction Skills

Completed course April 2022

20 x NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Building Maintenance, multi-trade Repairs and Refurbishment Operations (Construction)

6 x NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing and Heating

Expected termination date: May 2025



QUESTION No: W2/2022

Questioner: 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 March 2022?

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 Bank of New York, Bank of England and Gibraltar Banks had an average yield of around 0.6%. The Gibraltar Banks were Barclays Bank, National Westminster Bank, Trusted Novus Bank, Gibraltar International Bank, Kleinwort Hambros Bank and MoneyCorp Bank.

Floating Rates Notes and other Fixed Interest Notes guoted on the London Stock Exchange had an average yield of around 2.2%. These were issued by the following:- Westpac Banking Corp FRN, Leeds Building Society FRN, Skipton Building Society FRN, Nordea Eiendomskreditt FRN, Bank of China/London FRN, Banque Fed Cred Mutuel FRN, UK Muni Bonds Agency FRN, Aareal Bank AG FRN, Bank of Nova Scotia FRN, United Overseas Bank FRN, BMW Intl Investment BV, Swedbank AB, Wells Fargo & Company, Nationwide, Close Brothers Group PLC, Llovds Bk Corp Mkts PLC, HSBC Holdings PLC, Coventry Bldg Society, L-Bank BW Forderbank, Kommunekredit, Pfandbriefe Trad Hypotheken FRN, Royal Bank of Canada FRN, Investec PLC, Scania CV AB, Dexia Credit Local, VW, National Grid PLC, Banco Santander SA, General Motors Finl Co, Deutsche Bank AG, Bank of America Corp, Credit Suisse Group AG, Hammerson PLC, Oekb Oest, Kontrollbank, Goldman Sachs Group Inc, Nestle Holdings Inc, JP Morgan Chase & Co, Volkswagen Fin Serv, AT&T Inc, Barclays PLC, Lloyds Banking Group PLC, BP Capital Markets PLC, Siemens Financieringsmat, BNP Paribas, Kommunalbanken AS, Asian Development Bank.

HM Government of Gibraltar Debentures with Monthly Income Debentures at a 6% return and 5 Year Fixed Term Monthly Income Debentures with a return of 3.80%.

Limited Company Debentures each with a return of 3%, 4%, 4.5%, 5% and 6%.

The schedule of investments showing the position is attached.

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SAVINGS BANK FUND STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2022

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	PRICE / ACCRUED INTEREST %	VALUE / ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL VALUE ON 31/03/2022
WESTPAC BANKING CORP FRN 18/01/23	£1,000,000.00	100.074 0.140	£1,000,740.00 £1,397.50	£1,002,137.50
LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY FRN 15/04/23	£1,000,000.00	100.413 0.201	£1,004,130.00 £2,013.60	£1,006,143.60
SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY FRN 02/05/23	£1,300,000.00	100.079 0.131	£1,301,027.00 £1,707.95	£1,302,734.95
NORDEA EIENDOMSKREDITT FRN 18/06/23	£300,000.00	100.170 0.037	£300,510.00 £109.69	£300,619.69
BANK OF CHINA/LONDON FRN 10/08/23	£1,000,000.00	99.219 0.140	£992,190.00 £1,396.38	£993,586.38
BANQUE FED CRED MUTUEL FRN 26/01/25	£1,000,000.00	99.614 0.160	£996,140.00 £1,602.00	£997,742.00
UK MUNIBONDS AGENCY FRN 12/03/25	£300,000.00	101.060 0.063	£303,180.00 £188.09	£303,368.09
AAREAL BANK AG FRN 29/04/25	£1,300,000.00	101.655 0.231	£1,321,515.00 £3,009.20	£1,324,524.20
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA FRN 22/06/26	£1,200,000.00	102.197 0.040	£1,226,364.00 £484.12	£1,226,848.12
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK FRN 21/09/26	£1,000,000.00	102.411 0.044	£1,024,110.00 £443.01	£1,024,553.01
BMW INTL INVESTMENT BV 1.25% 11/07/22	£500,000.00	99.996 0.901	£499,980.00 £4,503.42	£504,483.42
SWEDBANK AB 1.625% 28/12/22	£1,000,000.00	100.033 0.414	£1,000,330.00 £4,140.41	£1,004,470.41
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY 1.375% 30/06/22	£1,400,000.00	99.967 1.032	£1,399,538.00 £14,450.68	£1,413,988.68
NATIONWIDE 1% 24/01/23	£1,000,000.00	99.199 0.181	£991,990.00 £1,808.22	£993,798.22
CLOSE BROTHERS GROUP PLC 2.75% 26/04/23	£1,250,000.00	100.432	£1,255,400.00 £14,732.14	£1,270,132.14
LLOYDS BK CORP MKTS PLC 1.5% 23/06/23	£1,000,000.00	99.254 0.404	£992,540.00 £4,038.46	£996,578.46
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC 2.175% 27/06/23	£1,000,000.00	100.036 1.651	£1,000,360.00 £16,506.16	£1,016,866.16
COVENTRY BLDG SOCIETY 1.875% 24/10/23	£1,000,000.00	99.334 0.814	£993,340.00 £8,138.74	£1,001,478.74
L-BANK BW FORDERBANK 1.375% 15/12/23	£1,000,000.00	99.450 0.399	£994,500.00 £3,993.15	£998,493.1
KOMMUNEKREDIT 0.375% 15/11/24	£1,100,000.00	96.320 0.140	£1,059,520.00 £1,536.99	£1,061,056.99
BANQUE FED CRED MUTUEL 1.875 13/12/22	£1,000,000.00	100.126 0.555	£1,001,260.00 £5,547.95	£1,006,807.9
BANK OF CHINA/LONDON FRN 10/08/23	£3,000,000.00	100.000 0.140	£3,000,000.00 £4,189.14	£3,004,189.1
PFANDBRIEFE TRAD HYPOTHEKEN FRN 29/09/23	£7,000,000.00	101.176 0.009	£7,082,316.85 £648.49	£7,082,965.3
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FRN 30/01/25	£2,000,000.00	100.481 0.146	£2,009,614.39 £2,916.12	£2,012,530.5
AAREAL BANK AG FRN 29/04/25	£6,000,000.00	102.174 0.231	£6,130,427.06 £13,888.63	£6,144,315.6
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK FRN 21/09/26	£3,000,000.00	103.140 0.044	£3,094,193.13 £1,329.04	£3,095,522.1
INVESTEC PLC 4.5% 05/05/22	£1,652,000.0	100.173	£1,654,854.25 £67,211.51	£1,722,065.7
SCANIA CV AB 1.875% 28/08/22	£7,000,000.0	100.303	£7,021,208.44 £99,246.58	£7,120,455.0
DEXIA CREDIT LOCAL 0.5% 22/07/23	£3,000,000.0	99.028 0.345	£2,970,838.43 £10,356.16	£2,981,194.5
VW 1.125 18/09/23	£7,000,000.0	İ	£7,025,250.70	£7,067,106.8
NATIONAL GRID PLC 3.625% 06/11/23	£5,000,000.0		£5,191,028.79	£5,263,032.2

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SAVINGS BANK FUND STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2022

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK		NOMINAL VALUE	PRICE / ACCRUED INTEREST %	VALUE / ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL VALUE ON 31/03/2022
BANCO SANTANDER SA 1.375% 31/07/24		£5,000,000.00	99.678 0.915	£4,983,879.59 £45,770.55	£5,029,650.14
GENERAL MOTORS FINL CO 06/09/24		£7,000,000.00	102.909 1.270	£7,203,662.58 £88,890.41	£7,292,552.99
DEUTSCHE BANK AG 2.625% 16/12/24		£7,000,000.00	103.794 0.755	£7,265,588.00 £52,859.59	£7,318,447.59
BANK OF AMERICA CORP 2.3% 25/07/25		£5,000,000.00	103.542 1.569	£5,177,077.92 £78,452.05	£5,255,529.97
CREDIT SUISSE GROUP AG 2.125% 12/09/25 .		£7,000,000.00	102.413 1.164	£7,168,881.32 £81,506.85	£7,250,388.17
HAMMERSON PLC 3.5% 27/10/25		£7,000,000.00	105.172 1.486	£7,362,024.57 £104,041.10	£7,466,065.67
OEKB OEST. KONTROLLBANK 0.5% 15/12/25		£1,800,000.00	99.878 0.145	£1,797,798.84 £2,613.70	£1,800,412.54
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 1% 16/12/25		£7,000,000.00	99.958 0.288	£6,997,046.67 £20,136.99	£7,017,183.66
NESTLE HOLDINGS INC 0.625% 18/12/25		£2,000,000.00	99.758 0.176	£1,995,152.93 £3,527.40	£1,998,680.33
JP MORGAN CHASE & CO 0.991% 28/04/26		£7,000,000.00	100.203 0.915	£7,014,196.21 £64,048.47	£7,078,244.68
VOLKSWAGEN FIN SERV 1.125% 05/07/26		£3,000,000.00	99.518 0.829	£2,985,525.76 £24,873.29	£3,010,399.05
AT&T INC 2.9% 04/12/26		£4,500,000.00	106.145 0.930	£4,776,540.52 £41,831.51	£4,818,372.03
BARCLAYS PLC 2.375% 06/10/23		£7,000,000.00	101.481 1.145	£7,103,698.16 £80,164.38	£7,183,862.54
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY 1.375% 30/06/22		£4,500,000.00	100.335 1.032	£4,515,056.86 £46,448.63	£4,561,505.49
LLOYDS BK CORP MKTS PLC 1.5% 23/06/23		£1,000,000.00	99.256 0.404	£992,564.33 £4,038.46	£996,602.79
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC 2.175% 27/06/23		£7,000,000.00	100.759 1.651	£7,053,114.00 £115,543.15	£7,168,657.15
L-BANK BW FORDERBANK 1.375% 15/12/23		£7,000,000.00	101.538 0.399	£7,107,655.22 £27,952.05	£7,135,607.27
LLOYDS BANKING GROUP PLC 2.25% 16/10/24		£1,500,000.00	103.256 1.023	£1,548,840.72 £15,349.32	£1,564,190.04
BP CAPITAL MARKETS PLC 2.03% 14/02/25		£2,400,000.00	103.650 0.252	£2,487,588.85 £6,056.35	£2,493,645.20
SIEMENS FINANCIERINGSMAT 1% 20/02/25		£3,000,000.00	100.985 0.107	£3,029,543.48 £3,205.48	£3,032,748.96
BNP PARIBAS 3.375 23/01/26		£5,000,000.00	108.211 0.620	£5,410,550.95 £30,976.03	£5,441,526.98
SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY 2% 02/10/26		£5,000,000.00	102.437 0.989	£5,121,836.27 £49,450.55	£5,171,286.82
KOMMUNEKREDIT 0.375% 15/11/24		£4,000,000.00	99.940 0.140	£3,997,585.09 £5,589.04	£4,003,174.13
KOMMUNALBANKEN AS 1.5% 15/12/23		£5,000,000.00	102.192 0.436	£5,109,579.80 £21,780.82	£5,131,360.62
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK 1% 15/12/22		£4,500,000.00	100.442 0.290		£4,532,952.35
BANK OF NEW YORK GBP A/C		£460,726.85	100.000	£460,726.85 £51,754.52	£512,481.37
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURES ISSUED ON 1 OCTOBER 2014		£147,700,000.00	100.000	£147,700,000.00 £752,663.01	£148,452,663.01
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014		£100,000,000.00	100.000	£100,000,000.00 £2,991,780.82	
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 10 OCTOBER 2024 ISSUED ON 10 OCTOBER 2019	U	£75,000,000.00	100.000	£75,000,000.00 £233,835.62	£75,233,835.62

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SAVINGS BANK FUND STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS ON 31 MARCH 2022

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK	NOMINAL VALUE	PRICE / ACCRUED INTEREST %	VALUE / ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL VALUE ON 31/03/2022
GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 29 JUNE 2025 ISSUED ON 29 JUNE 2020	£50,000,000.00	100.000	£50,000,000.00 £155,890.36	£50,155,890.36
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 MARCH 2019	£9,250,000.00	100.000	£9,250,000.00 £39,280.72	£9,289,280.72
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 MARCH 2021	£3,750,000.00	100.000	£3,750,000.00 £19,109.64	£3,769,109.64
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 3 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2022	£10,000,000.00	100.000	£10,000,000.00 £25,479.52	£10,025,479.52
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2024	£65,000,000.00	100.000	£65,000,000.00 £220,821.99	£65,220,821.99
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2024	£40,750,000.00	100.000	£40,750,000.00 £173,047.89	£40,923,047.89
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 5 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 APRIL 2024	£275,000,000.00	100.000	£275,000,000.00 £1,401,369.88	£276,401,369.88
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD FIXED TERM 3 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 FEBRUARY 2025	£5,000,000.00	100.000	£5,000,000.00 £19,109.64	£5,019,109.64
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 DECEMBER 2021	£9,250,000.00	100.000	£9,250,000.00 £47,137.05	£9,297,137.05
GIBRALTAR NATIONAL MINT LTD FIXED TERM 3 YEAR MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE 1 MAY 2023	£500,000.00	100.000	£500,000.00 £1,698.63	£501,698.63
GSBA LTD MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 DECEMBER 2019	£10,000,000.00	100.000	£10,000,000.00 £50,958.90	£10,050,958.90
GSBA LTD MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 MARCH 2020	£10,000,000.00	100.000	£10,000,000.00 £50,958.90	£10,050,958.90
GIBRALTAR PROPERTIES LTD MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 DECEMBER 2019	£20,000,000.00	100.000	£20,000,000.00 £50,958.90	£20,050,958.90
GIBRALTAR PROPERTIES LTD MONTHLY INCOME DEBENTURE ISSUED ON 1 MARCH 2020	£10,000,000.00	100.000	£10,000,000.00 £25,479.52	£10,025,479.52
GIBTELECOM LTD - ORDINARY SHARES	£15,000.00	503985.271	£75,597,790.66	£75,597,790.66
GSBA LTD - ORDINARY SHARES	£11,000,000.00	100.000	£11,000,000.00	£11,000,000.00
VISA - SHAREHOLDING	£7.92	3057052.399	£242,118.55	£242,118.55
CREDIT FINANCE COMPANY LTD - SHAREHOLDING ACCOUNT	£1.00	109.000	£1.00	£1.00
BANK OF ENGLAND	£41,181,739.47	100.000	£41,181,739.47 £722.07	£41,182,461.54
BARCLAYS BANK PLC	£7,541.26	100.000	£7,541.26	£7,541.26
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER OFFSHORE LTD	£263,101,250.71	100.000	£263,101,250.71 £24,404.89	£263,125,655.60
TRUSTED NOVUS BANK	£432,975.49	100.000	£432,975.49	£432,975.49
GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	£105,528,957.42	100.000	£105,528,957.42 £36,070.51	£105,528,957.42
KLEINWORT HAMBROS BANK	£20,560,937.08	100.000	£20,560,937.08 £366.15	£20,561,303.23
MONEYCORP BANK	£7,097,585.02	100.000	£7,097,585.02 £8,813.47	£7,106,398.49
CASH IN HAND	£12,169,300.88	100.000	£12,169,300.88	£12,169,300.88



QUESTION No: W3/2022

Questioner: 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 March 2022?

ANSWER

As at the 31 March 2022 the maturity rates and interest rates were:

Security	Interest Rate
One Month Debenture Debenture 2022 Debenture 2023 Debenture 2024 Debenture 2025 Debenture 2026 Debenture 2027 Debenture 2028 Debenture 2029 Debenture 2030 Debenture 2031 Debenture 2032	0.75%, 2% and 2.5% 2%, 3% and 4% 2%, 3% and 5% 1.5%, 3% and 5% 1.5%, 3% and 5% 2.5% and 5% 2.5% and 5% 5% 5% 5% 5% 5% 5%
Ordinary Deposits	0.5%
Bonds 2022 Bonds 2023 Other Bonds	12% (var) 12% (var) 5%, 8% and 11%
On Call Investment Accounts	0%

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	Amount
Debentures On Call Investment Accounts Ordinary Deposits	£1,073,467,700 £ 107,200,519 £ 108,616,050
Bonds	£ 225,550,783



QUESTION No: W4/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

- 31 August 2021
- 30 September 2021
- 31 October 2021
- 30 November 2021
- 31 December 2021
- 31 January 2022
- 28 February 2022
- 31 March 2022

ANSWER

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

31 August 2021	£	82,013,293.34
30 September 2021	£	80,158,309.54
31 October 2021	£	91,735,665.96
30 November 2021	£	73,368,174.32
31 December 2021	£	66,371,224.70
31 January 2022	£	70,480,421.52
28 February 2022	£	74,911,735.92
31 March 2022	£	95,311,615.74



QUESTION No: W5/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

31 August 2021

30 September 2021

31 October 2021

30 November 2021

31 December 2021

31 January 2022

28 February 2022

31 March 2022

ANSWER

Government deposits with the Gibraltar International Bank were:-

31 August 2021	£ 1,008,729.75
30 September 2021	£ 783,545.66
31 October 2021	£ 206,302.82
30 November 2021	£ 1,345,403.36
31 December 2021	£ 34,153.74
31 January 2022	£ 3,165,325.67
28 February 2022	£ 462,853.17
31 March 2022	£ 3,260,841.55



QUESTION No: W6/2022

Questioner: 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 dates?

- 1 September 2021
- 1 October 2021
- 1 November 2021
- 1 December 2021
- 1 January 2022
- 1 February 2022
- 1 March 2022

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.



QUESTION No: W7/2022

Questioner: 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 dates?

- 1 September 2021
- 1 October 2021
- 1 November 2021
- 1 December 2021
- 1 January 2022
- 1 February 2022
- 1 March 2022

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.



QUESTION No: W8/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a list of Government Ministers (including the Chief Minister) and Officials who have flown Club Class in the period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 giving details of cost and destination?

ANSWER

The Government believes that this information is available on the Government Website.

Oral question No. 1/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W9/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state in detail Gibraltar's road resurfacing schedule?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

At this moment in time the Technical Services Department is working on preparing its road resurfacing schedule for the Financial Year 2022/23.

Once this has been completed we will be happy to provide you with further details.

Oral question No. 2/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W10/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state what is its rationale for the removal of parking spaces at South Barrack Ramp?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

The aim of this initiative is to provide safe passage for pedestrians, especially school children, so that walking may be considered a viable option by all in this area.

The new walkway will improve pedestrian accessibility to and from the nearby schools, bus stops and residential properties.

This was set out in Press Release 282 dated the 21st April 2022.

Oral question No. 3/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W11/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state why a floor of the Devils Tower Car Park remains empty and what the plans are for the future of this significant parking opportunity?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

The Government is currently exploring the different options available to make better use of Devil's Tower Car Park.

Oral question No. 4/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W12/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether it is reviewing bus routes and whether the provision of a Night Bus will be reinstated?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

The Government is currently not reviewing bus routes. However, the Hon. Member may wish to learn that the Night Bus was reinstated after COVID-19 and has remained fully operational since 4th June 2021.

Oral question No. 5/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W13/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government update the House on what steps it is currently taking to electrify Gibraltar's bus fleet?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

The Government continues to look at the different options available for the bus fleet, with the purpose of procuring a bus that will meet all of Gibraltar's requirements, in terms of range, power, seating capacity and size etc.

Oral question No. 6/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W14/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm how many taxis in Gibraltar are electric or hybrid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

I have been informed by the Gibraltar Taxi Association that there is one Hybrid vehicle in their fleet.

Oral question No. 7/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W15/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government update this House on the position as regards the regulation of E-Scooters?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

The regulation of E-Scooters, which will be known in law as The Personal Light Electric Transporters Act 2022 (PLET) is now in its final stages and will be brought before Parliament in due course.

Oral question No. 8/2022 converted into written answer in accordance with Standing Order 16(2)



QUESTION No: W16/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

How is the Government going to deal with the challenge presented by lower gear polluting motor vehicle traffic caused by increased e-scooters and encouraging the use of lower polluting modes of transport?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

E-scooters are becoming commonplace in most modern cities and they are being considered as another mode of personal sustainable transport.

The vast majority of roads in Gibraltar have speed limits set at 30km/h which is in keeping with urban streets in most other cities.

In Gibraltar today, traffic density, means that vehicles seldom exceed 30km/h even on faster roads, especially during peak times. More often than not, vehicles are caught up in traffic jams. It is fact that, e-scooters, e-bicycles, bicycles and especially mopeds and motorbikes, are managing to keep moving more fluidly amidst the dense and congested roads and are hence more effective modes of transport.

E-scooters have a maximum permissible speed of 25km/h in most cities. In fact, slower speeds as a result of slow moving traffic or lower speed limits, are more inline with the speed of e-scooters and bicycles and hence they make for a safer environment, as the differential speed between different forms of transport is reduced.

Therefore, Government does not consider that these forms of electric powered personal vehicles are of major concern or a challenge in the context of this question at this time. As cycle infrastructure is rolled out over the coming years, e-scooters may find a place within cycle lanes and cycle streets but this would need to be considered at the appropriate juncture.

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QUESTION No: W17/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm why it is not considering banning two stroke motorbikes in town and elsewhere and encouraging electric motorbikes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Speaker,

The sale of two-stroke motorbikes is already banned and no more petrol mopeds will be imported as from 2023, as per the Gibraltar Climate Change Strategy.

In addition to this Mr Speaker, there are grant provisions for the purchase of electric motorcycles and electric bicycles.