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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

Notice has been received from hon Members of the following oral and written questions to be asked at the Meeting of the Gibraltar Parliament to be held on Thursday 15th November 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melvyn L Farrell'.

Melvyn L Farrell
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION NO: 927/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Public Transport advise the House whether the Government is now committed to the further roll out of GibiBikes scheme?

QUESTION NO: 928/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Public Transport provide details of the individuals employed by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited, as at 9th December, 2011, and what the position is now, with details of the promotions or demotions since 9th December, 2011, and the earnings of the individuals both before and after the promotions?

QUESTION NO: 929/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Public Transport advise the House which company and if not a company, the individual which/who now provides advertising on the bus fleet of the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited?

QUESTION NO: 930/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism advise the House whether it is the Government's policy to continue with the direction issued by the previous Government in relation to the trade licensing of items sold at supermarkets other than foodstuffs, domestic consumables, beverages and tobacco?

QUESTION No: 931/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the City Fire Brigade inform this House when the new Smoke Extractor System for the Fire Station was installed and, if not yet done, when it will be installed?

QUESTION No: 932/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the City Fire Brigade state when the full audit of the City Fire Brigade was completed, how much it cost and what the findings were?

QUESTION No: 933/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the City Fire Brigade state when Government will be starting work on the new Fire Station and where it will be located?

QUESTION No: 934/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure state if he has, since his answer to Question No. 843 of 2012, held discussions with the Gibraltar Cricket Association and/or the Gibraltar Rugby Football Union in respect of providing renewed facilities for the playing, teaching and development of their respective sports and, if so, provide details of any agreements reached?

QUESTION No: 935/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of payments made, since his answer to Question No. 844 of 2012, in respect of 'Sports Grants' for the following:

- (a) Grants to Sporting Societies;
- (b) International Competitions;
- (c) Sports Development Projects; and
- (d) Hosting of Special Sports and Leisure Events?

QUESTION No: 936/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure confirm if the new playing surface recently installed at Pitch Number 1 at the Victoria Stadium also enjoys, or will very soon enjoy, full approval and certification by the International Rugby Board (IRB) for the playing of international rugby matches?

QUESTION No: 937/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure explain why no allocations have been offered to the Gibraltar Rugby Football Union at either of Pitch Number 1 or 2, within the Victoria Stadium complex, during weekdays after 6pm so that adults can attend to coach junior players or train in the sport themselves?

QUESTION No: 938/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to his answer to Written Questions No. W144 of 2012, can the Minister for Sport, Culture, Heritage and Youth state the following:

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

QUESTION No: 939/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to his answer in reply to Question No. 836 of 2012, is the Minister for Culture now in a position to provide a full and detailed breakdown of expenses in respect of his Ministry's £28,000 sponsorship of the International Symposium on the 'History of the Spanish Masonry' which was held in Gibraltar during the month of October 2012?

QUESTION No: 940/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to his answer in reply to Question No. 838 of 2012, is the Minister for Culture now in a position to provide a full breakdown of payments made, or committed to make, in favour of Axel Media and Word of Mouth in respect of the production and organisation of the 2012 Gibraltar Music Festival?

QUESTION No: 941/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture provide details of further Cultural Grants awarded, if any, since his answer to Question No. 839 of 2012?

QUESTION No: 942/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture state what financial contributions, if any, Government has made towards the exhibition held recently at Clarendon Fine Art Gallery in Mayfair, London?

QUESTION No: 943/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide details to this House about progress, if any, made in relation to the building of a new power station and any steps it is taking to provide Gibraltar with a stable and predictable source of power for the future?

QUESTION No: 944/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment tell this House when the Government expects the Commonwealth Park to be completed?

QUESTION No: 945/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment say, in light of the extension of works on the Commonwealth Park to the rest of Commonwealth Parade, whether the contract for the works has now been awarded?

QUESTION No: 946/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment say when double the number of car parking spaces which were available at Commonwealth Parade will be made available to residents of Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 947/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment confirm, further to his indication in the October session of Parliament of the imminence of its completion, that the Barbary Macaque Management Plan is now in place and provide the date by when he expects its implementation will begin?

QUESTION No: 948/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment confirm whether or not there has been any progress with the exportation of Barbary Macaques from Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 949/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide details to this House of the population of Barbary Macaques in Gibraltar further to Question No. 207 of 2012?

QUESTION No: 950/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment say whether the Government is extending its policy position against culling of wildlife to the feral cat population in the Upper Rock?

QUESTION No: 951/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment say whether the Government is currently exploring any large scale alternative/clean energy production solutions for Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 952/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment tell this House how many tickets were sold for the Thinking Green Conference, broken down by ticket class and not including tickets allocated to sponsors as part of the sponsorship arrangements nor the seats allocated to pupils from schools who attended free of charge as well as tickets issued by Government to employees in the Civil Service and other community representatives?

QUESTION No: 953/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Will the Minister for the Environment now provide this House with details of the extent of the sponsorship of the Thinking Green Conference by the Nature Group and Hassans?

QUESTION No: 954/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide a full account to this House of the expenses incurred by the Government in the hosting of the Thinking Green Conference in October?

QUESTION No: 955/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide details of those companies which have expressed an interest in establishing or investing in Gibraltar as a direct result of the Thinking Green Conference held in October this year?

QUESTION No: 956/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment say what was the cost of the Gibraltar registered Toyota Priuses used for the purposes of ferrying dignitaries and guests from and to Gibraltar Airport and the Tercentenary Hall and St Michael's Cave on the occasion of the Thinking Green Conference and Gala Dinner?

QUESTION No: 957/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Will the Minister for the Environment provide details to this House of the deployment of the Gibraltar registered Toyota Priuses, first seen on the occasion of the Thinking Green Conference, within the Government fleet and in what capacity they will be deployed?

QUESTION No: 958/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment explain the tender process through which the Gibraltar registered Toyota Priuses, first seen in Gibraltar, were acquired and when the acquisition occurred?

QUESTION No: 959/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment explain why the Gibraltar registered Toyota Priuses seen on the occasion of the Thinking Green Conference were emblazoned with the logo of an Algeciras registered Toyota dealership, namely Automocion Tomax, despite being registered on Gibraltar number plates?

QUESTION No: 960/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Further to his answer to Written Question No. 156 of 2012, can the Minister for Health state the following:

- (a) until when will the training periods in which the 13 trainees placed within the GHA last;
- (b) what training is being provided within the 'Type of Work' undertaken by the trainees;
- (c) what accredited qualifications, if any, will the trainees attain at the end of their training period/placements?

QUESTION No: 961/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health provide this House with an inventory of any alterations made to the former government's plans for the new Mental Health facility and the cost of these changes?

QUESTION No: 962/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health advise whether he will consider the request by the Gibraltar Senior Citizens Association to open up St Bernard's Hospital seafront garden to patients and visitors?

QUESTION No: 963/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Is the Minister for Health now in a position to say which IVF Clinic will be offering their services to GHA patients and how the referral system will work?

QUESTION No: 964/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health inform this House when the electronic health technology for health records will be going out to tender?

QUESTION No: 965/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health advise when the next GHA Board meeting in public will take place?

QUESTION No: 966/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing and the Elderly provide details, giving a breakdown by age, gender and nationality, of all trainees on placements with any of the Ministries for which he has responsibility, indicating the Department, Agency or Authority where they are placed and indicating the type of work they are currently undertaking?

QUESTION No: 967/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing and the Elderly state the following in respect of all trainees, if any, currently in a placement with any Ministries for which he has responsibility:

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

QUESTION No: 968/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide an updated list of all Government buildings used for rental accommodation which currently have scaffolding, including dates when the scaffold was first erected, the cost incurred to date and estimated date of dismantling?

QUESTION No: 969/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many times any of the two lifts at Alameda House, Alameda Estate, have broken down since 1st October 2012 and provide details of how long the repairs have taken to be fully completed since the report was first lodged?

QUESTION No: 970/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many times any of the two lifts at Bow Wave House, Mid-Harbour Estate, have broken down since 1st October 2012 and provide details of how long the repairs have taken to be fully completed since the report was first lodged?

QUESTION No: 971/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state when the works to extend the reach of lifts within each block of flats at Harbour Views Estate into the parking garages will commence, together with estimated completion dates?

QUESTION No: 972/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details in respect of the number of times lifts pertaining to Government rental homes have required corrective maintenance/repairs, since the information provided at Table H28 on the Government's website updated 2nd October 2012, indicating who carried out the maintenance/repairs together with a full and detailed breakdown of costs?

QUESTION No: 973/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of any agreements Government may have entered into with developers in respect of building affordable homes, on a scheme of purchases guaranteed by Government, as previously signified it is their intention to do and stated through Press Release No. 530/2012 dated 22nd August 2012?

QUESTION No: 974/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port advise as to progress of the resurfacing works being undertaken at the site of the old Ice Box building?

QUESTION No: 975/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic advise the House when the Government expects that Dudley Ward tunnel will be open to the public?

QUESTION No: 976/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic provide details of the cost of the installation and any other related costs of the solar powered lamps in the area by the frontier?

QUESTION No: 977/2012

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Following Question No. 890 of 2012, is the Government now in a position to advise this House whether the payment of £41,242.44 made in respect of the setting up costs of the solar powered lamps at the Queensway Quay Car Park was made by the Government?

QUESTION No: 978/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state why the vacancy of Defence Transfer Advisor was advertised externally to the GDC and why no academic qualifications were necessary requirement for applicants?

QUESTION No: 979/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment confirm that a selection board interviewed candidates and made a recommendation in relation to the vacancies advertised earlier on in the year in the GDC in respect of four information officers, one vacancy in accounts and one of coach park attendant?

QUESTION No: 980/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Will the Minister for Employment state whether the Government has made a decision on whether GDC and former GDC, Civil Service, ring fenced staff will be able to apply for each other's vacant posts?

QUESTION No: 981/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state whether GDC employees working within the Housing Department will be offered the same package as civil servants have been offered for surrendering their status if the department or parts of it transfer into an agency?

QUESTION No: 982/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is there any intention on the part of the Government to replace GDC grades with the same grades that are currently used within the Civil Service?

QUESTION No: 983/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment please state when the GDC is likely to appoint a Human Resources Manager for the GDC?

QUESTION No: 984/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister For Employment explain why he refuses to recognise that Albert Hewitt is the official Unite the Union Convenor of the GDC and treats him accordingly?

QUESTION No: 985/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many Future Job Strategy trainees placed with the private sector since 1st February 2012, have had their training terminated by those businesses?

QUESTION No: 986/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment confirm that those companies who had not signed contracts with ETCL despite having trainees placed with them, have now signed such contracts?

QUESTION No: 987/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Further to Question No. 848 of 2012, is the Government now in a position to identify the employers, who have signed contracts with Employment Training Company Limited in respect of the Future Job Strategy trainees, and have the benefit of a contract with the Government, any public authority or Government owned company for the provision of goods and/or services with a value in excess of £2,000?

QUESTION No: 988/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Will the Minister with responsibility for the Gibraltar Savings Bank please state whether in considering the proposed extension of the activities of that institution it has taken into account the relevant EU Directives and does the Government consider that those Directives impose an obligation in respect of independent regulatory oversight or licensing?

QUESTION NO: 989/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Further to his answer to Written Question No. 177 of 2012, can the Minister for Education state the following:

- (a) until when will the training periods in which the 6 trainees placed within the Department of Education last;
- (b) what training is being provided within the 'Type of Training' undertaken by the trainees;
- (c) what accredited qualifications, if any, will the trainees attain at the end of their training period/placements?

QUESTION NO: 990/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education advise how the Department of Education streamlines the process for handling teachers who underperform or are inadequate?

QUESTION No: 991/2012

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Chief Minister say whether the Government is willing to publish details of the use of the Chief Minister's official car, registration plate G1, and provide details to this House in respect of same?

QUESTION No: 992/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Chief Minister accept the United Kingdom's publicly expressed position that the referendum on the 2006 Constitution constituted an act of self-determination?

QUESTION No: 993/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What further devolution, if any, did the Chief Minister envisage when he said in an interview with Canal Sur, that Gibraltar can take further steps down the road of constitutional development?

QUESTION No: 994/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is the Chief Minister in a position to provide details of the potential investors to Gibraltar, which he said prior to the Election he was in discussions with, together with the investment they will be making bearing in mind that in answer to Question No. 81 of 2012 he said that those discussions had already borne fruit?

QUESTION No: 995/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Did the Chief Minister obtain advice as to whether the Census Act (2012 Census) Order 2012 was constitutional before enacting it?

QUESTION No: 996/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state out of the 40 AA vacancies advertised in the Civil Service; (a) how many have been employed in that grade; (b) of those employed in the grade how many were on the unemployment list and for how long and/or employed by Employment Training Company Limited under the Future Job Strategy scheme?

QUESTION No: 997/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what was (i) the gross public debt; (ii) the cash reserves; and (iii) the net public debt at each of 30th September and 31st October 2012?

QUESTION No: 998/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister give a breakdown, by bank and amount, of that part of the aggregate public debt which comprises bank debt, as at each of 30th September and 31st October 2012?

QUESTION No: 999/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what were the cash balances held in each Government Company, Agency or Authority as at each of 30th September and 31st October 2012?

QUESTION No: 1000/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister give a breakdown, by debenture issue, of that part of the aggregate public debt which comprises Government debentures, as at each of 30th September and 31st October 2012?

QUESTION No: 1001/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister give a breakdown by nominal value and issue of the debentures or other debt security issued by the Gibraltar Savings Bank and outstanding as at each of 30th September and 31st October 2012?

QUESTION No: 1002/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister give a breakdown of the investments (including cash advances, if any) of the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at each of 30th September and 31st October 2012?

QUESTION No: 1003/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Further to Written Question No. 128 of 2012, will the Chief Minister say what is the cost in one full year of the employment since 10th December 2011 of the following persons:

- (a) 58 Civil Servants;
- (b) 35 GHA staff;
- (c) 9 GDC staff;
- (d) 23 Care Agency Staff;
- (e) 6 Gibraltar Bus Co. Staff;
- (f) 3 Gibraltar Defence Estates & General Services Ltd staff;
- (g) 3 Gibraltar Cleaning Services Ltd staff;
- (h) 54 Gibraltar Research & Development Co. staff; and
- (i) 531 Employment Training Co. staff?

QUESTION No: 1004/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether Mr Glyn Ford, previously a Labour MEP for the South West and Gibraltar region, has been or is engaged by the Government or any Government entity, for any consultancy or other work?

QUESTION No: 1005/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say how the Government expects that GBC's funding will become "entirely self sufficient"?

QUESTION No: 1006/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say if the Government has requested of those that have posted them, the removal from the internet of photographs of Spanish policemen on duty at the Spanish side of the frontier, and if it has not, does it intend to do so?

QUESTION No: 1007/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what matters, other than (i) the supposed re-establishment of the rule of law; and (ii) environmental sustainability, does the Government consider relevant to the resolution of the current fishing dispute with Spanish fishermen?

QUESTION No: 1008/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Mr Speaker, the UK Permanent Representative at the United Nations recently told the Fourth Committee that "The United Kingdom therefore stands ready to explore new ways of taking forward dialogue and co-operation on issues of mutual importance by any means that fully reflect the interests, rights and responsibilities of the people of Gibraltar". Will the Chief Minister confirm that it is the policy and position of the Government that to be acceptable to the Gibraltar Government, such "new ways" would have to be (i) trilateral, in the sense that the Gibraltar Government would have to be present in its own right; (ii) not expose Gibraltar to the possibility of agreements being reached against the Gibraltar Government's wishes; and (iii) not be predetermined on any issue of Sovereignty?

QUESTION No: 1009/2012

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what has been the text of this year's consensus decision on Gibraltar in the United Nations, and will he lay a copy of it in this House?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W180/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W181/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W182/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W183/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W184/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W185/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W186/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W187/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W188/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No:W189/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W190/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W191/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W192/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W193/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No:W194/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W195/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W196/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No:W197/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W198/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W199/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W200/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W201/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W202/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W203/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W204/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W205/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W206/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W207/2012

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: W208/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W209/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W210/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W211/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W212/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W213/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W214/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W215/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W216/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W217/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W218/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W219/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W220/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W221/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W222/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W223/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W224/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

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

QUESTION No: W225/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W226/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

QUESTION No: W227/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

QUESTION No: W228/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

QUESTION No: W229/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

(a) by nationality; and

(b) by industry sector?

QUESTION No: W230/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

(a) by nationality; and

(b) by industry sector?

QUESTION No: W231/2012

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

QUESTION No: W232/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

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

QUESTION No: W233/2012

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

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

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

QUESTION No: W234/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W235/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W236/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W237/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

QUESTION No: W238/2012

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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