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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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

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

Melvyn L Farrell  
Clerk to the Parliament

#### **QUESTION NO: 343/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Tourism indicate to this House its policy in respect of the long-term maintenance of Gibraltar's beaches, particularly those affected by severe weather during the 'off season'?

#### **QUESTION NO: 344/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port provide details of the new ideas it is formulating in the context of Gibraltar's tourism industry?

**QUESTION NO: 345/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port provide details of the submissions and views received in relation to the consultation exercise recently undertaken in connection with the Upper Rock as are relevant to tourism?

**QUESTION NO: 346/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port advise this House what plans the Government has to promote the continuation of growth in the number of cruise passenger arrivals?

**QUESTION NO: 347/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port advise the House when Royal Caribbean confirmed that its cruise liner, the Serenade of the Seas, would commence calls at Gibraltar?

**QUESTION NO: 348/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port inform this House whether a general manager has been appointed to the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited?

**QUESTION NO: 349/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port provide full details of the independent inquiry into the case surrounding the Gibraltar Bus Company and Mr Sardeña, to include who will be leading it; how it will be conducted; when it will commence; what its terms of reference will be; and when it is expected to complete?

**QUESTION NO: 350/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port provide details of the terms of engagement of Mr Albert Poggio including details of his role and position within the Gibraltar Office in London?

**QUESTION NO: 351/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port provide this House with details of usage of the GibiBikes for last three months, broken down by number of rentals, location of rentals, length of rentals and fault reports?

**QUESTION NO: 352/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port advise whether the Government is committed to completing the roll-out of the GibiBikes scheme to the rest of Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 353/2012**

Questioner: The Hon I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the Fire Brigade tell us if the new smoke extractor system has been installed at the City Fire Brigade?

**QUESTION No: 354/2012**

Questioner: The Hon I M Ellul Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the Fire Brigade tell us if the City Fire Brigade's audit has started and where the new Fire Station will be sited?

**QUESTION No: 355/2012**

Questioner: The Hon I M Ellul Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for Civil Contingencies tell us if the post of "Civil Contingencies and Departmental Press Officer" has been filled, how many people applied and if this is a newly created post?

**QUESTION No: 356/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of dates when the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority Board have met since his answer to Question No. 246 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 357/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of dates when the Gibraltar Sports Advisory Council, and/or any of its sub-committees, has met since his answer to Question No. 243 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 358/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of improvements which may be required to the existing football facilities in order to ensure that the Gibraltar Football Association meets its requirements in respect of their pending application for membership of the European Governing Body of the sport?

**QUESTION No: 359/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Heritage say how many times the Heritage Action Committee has met since his answer to Question No. 240 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 360/2012**

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**QUESTION No: 361/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state what changes he proposes to introduce to the OAP on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2012, as stated by the Hon. Minister in answer to Question No.125 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 362/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state if the OAP has been increased on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2012 and, if not when, if at all, does the Government intend to increase the OAP and by what amount?

**QUESTION No: 363/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Employment and Social Security state of the Gibraltarians registered unemployed as answered in Question No. 250 of 2012, how many of them are in receipt of any of the following: Social Assistance, Minimum Income Guarantee, the Community Officer's Wage, the Household Cost Allowance, and of any other source of income or none at all if this is the case?

**QUESTION No: 364/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state if the Minimum Income Guarantee has been increased on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2012 and, if not, when, if at all, does the Government intend to increase this benefit and by what amount?

**QUESTION No: 365/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security and Employment provide a statement of the payments made from the Statutory Benefits Fund, in respect of employers' insolvency, since this question was last asked, showing the amount paid due to redundancy pay obligations, the amounts paid in respect of other sums payable to employees, and the numbers of companies involved?

**QUESTION No: 366/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many times has the Minister for Employment met with Victor Ochello of Unite?

**QUESTION No: 367/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In his capacity as Minister for Employment, how many requests for meetings has he received from Unite officials, indicating on behalf of whom those requests were made?

**QUESTION No: 368/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many times has the Minister for Employment met with Unite officials in his capacity as Minister, identifying the persons he met with, the date of the meeting and its purpose?

**QUESTION No: 369/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many times has the Minister for Employment met officials of any other trade union in his capacity as Minister, identifying the person, his or her Union, the date of the meeting and its purpose?

**QUESTION No: 370/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Was the meeting with the Hon Member held recently at the GASA club premises where he addressed some fifty individuals, a meeting held in his capacity as Minister for Employment?

**QUESTION No: 371/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Was the Minister for Employment invited by Unite to the Workers Memorial day event organised by Unite in the Lobby of Parliament and by Unite or the Government on the May Day rally?

**QUESTION No: 372/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many people have applied for the security and immigration post recently advertised with the Borders and Coastguard Agency?

**QUESTION No: 373/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many companies have signed contracts with Employment and Training Company Limited agreeing to pay back the wages of a trainees if that trainee is not employed permanently by that company since the last question and answer session of parliament?

**QUESTION No: 374/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state whether there is a Human Resources Department of the GDC, the number of GDC employees in that department and the grades of those employees?

**QUESTION No: 375/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many people were registered unemployed on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 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: 376/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many job vacancies have been filled since the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and how many of those vacancies have been filled by people who were registered as 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: 377/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment please provide details of the scheme announced to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales on the payment of £16,000 a year to graduates who wanted to change careers?

**QUESTION No: 378/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment say whether it is true that some people who have gone to the ETB to enquire about applying for jobs with a government agency have been told that they were not eligible to apply because they were already working and had to be unemployed to be eligible?

**QUESTION No: 379/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

When will the Future Job Strategy be open to the unemployed?

**QUESTION No: 380/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many trainees under the Future Job Strategy are temporarily filling vacant jobs within the GDC?

**QUESTION No: 381/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide this House with details of trees planted in Gibraltar since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, including details of costs, suppliers and tender processes relevant to their procurement?

**QUESTION No: 382/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment confirm whether any geotechnical surveys have been conducted in the area of the proposed Commonwealth Park?

**QUESTION No: 383/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

In light of the Government's stated ambition, as set out in its 2011 election manifesto, to deliver a carbon neutral Gibraltar and despite its acknowledgment that it may not be able to deliver that in four years, can the Minister for the Environment provide details to the House of Gibraltar's current carbon footprint, the measures it considers necessary and, how long it considers it would take to achieve this objective?

**QUESTION No: 384/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide details to this House of any EU funding sought since 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in respect of renewable energy strategies as referred to in its manifesto?

**QUESTION No: 385/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Have any opportunities for the use of solar powered lighting been identified by the Government and, if so, can the Minister for the Environment provide details of same?



**QUESTION No: 386/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide details of the arrangement/arrangements currently in place between the Government and Wildlife (Gibraltar) Limited in respect of the maintenance and management of the Alameda Botanical Gardens, specifically in relation to costs, term of agreement and whether the Government plans to make any changes to this arrangement and, if so, what changes and when?

**QUESTION No: 387/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment confirm the cost to Government of the management of macaques for the last three years, whether the re-costing of the Barbary macaque management plan has been carried out and, if so, how much the plan is due to cost over and above the current expenditure?

**QUESTION No: 388/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment confirm whether it has been able to streamline the process by which the public can file complaints and/or lodge their concern about ape behaviour, including but not limited to, threatening behaviour, ape loitering, defecation on motor vehicles and other personal property as well as the general nervousness the presence of large numbers of wild apes in residential areas around Gibraltar are causing?

**QUESTION No:389/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment confirm the number of ape bite incidents recorded over the last 5 months at St Bernard's Hospital?

**QUESTION No: 390/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain which equipment, worth £75,000, was donated to the Red Crescent for use in Morocco?

**QUESTION No: 391/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain where the nine public access defibrillators will be placed in Gibraltar, how they will work and how much they will cost?

**QUESTION No: 392/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain, as per the Government's press release 158 of 7<sup>th</sup> March after the Minister's visit to the UK, which advice, services and training the GHA is exploring for the UK to provide?

**QUESTION No: 393/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain why the vacancy adverts for that of a Nurse Practitioner, a Health Visitor Level 1 Nurse, a Junior Occupational Health Therapist and that of Physiotherapists Senior II state the contracts are only for a 10 month period?

**QUESTION No: 394/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health tell us if he has met with the Student Nurses from the School of Health Studies and if their bursary concerns have been addressed?

**QUESTION No: 395/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health tell us how many new emergency ambulances have arrived for use by the GHA and whether any Patient Transfer Vehicles have been ordered?

**QUESTION No: 396/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health tell us how many health clinics or health services providers expressed interest and who will be providing the GHA with a full range of IVF treatments?

**QUESTION No: 397/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health tell us if the GHA will be providing a Sexual Health Advisory service as a precursor to offering IVF treatment for GHA patients, or at least in tandem with the IVF service?

**QUESTION No: 398/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain the new one month advance appointment system and the group system, at the Primary Care Centre, which will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012?

**QUESTION No: 399 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government state how many persons there are with a debilitating disease, either occupying a bed in St Bernard Hospital, the Care Agency, in the community, or in the UK, specifying their medical condition (albeit on a confidential basis), broken down by age bands of those under 17 years, between 17-59 and over?

**QUESTION No: 400/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state when will the Government be in a position to implement the EU Directive 2010/18/EU which implements the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave, and could the Hon. Minister provide a brief outline of the Government scheme for the transposition of the said Directive?

**QUESTION No: 401/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the Government Press Release with regard to Dementia (No. 241/2012), will the Minister for Social Services state which aspects of the World Health Organisation report has the Government introduced already, which ones are envisaged that they will implement in due course and which ones, if any, they think they will not be in a position to implement, at all?

**QUESTION No: 402/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if there have been any recordable acts of violence in any of the Care Agency residential homes, since this question was asked in Question No. 286 of 2012 to date, and, if so, could the Minister provide a breakdown showing the date of the incident or incidents, whether the incident or incidents were between children or between children and staff and whether, as a result of the incident, medical attention was required either in the Home or in the Hospital and for what purpose?

**QUESTION No: 403/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services say if any of the Looked After Children in the care of the Care Agency who absconded, as provided in answer to Question No. 286 of 2012, had absconded in Spain, and in relation to the one child who had absconded 16 times, how many times, if at all, had the Care Plan for this child been reviewed and changed to reflect this constant situation?

**QUESTION No: 404/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social services state if there have been any Looked After Children in the care of the Care Agency in any of their residential homes who have absconded since this question was asked in Question No. 287 of 2012 and, if so, could the information be provided on a monthly basis and stating how long the absconding lasted, whether the absconding was in Gibraltar or Spain, and whether any of these children have a track record of engaging in acts of violence against any other Looked After Children or staff members?

**QUESTION No: 405/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Is the Minister for Social services now in a position to answer the supplementary to Question No. 169 of 2012 which sought to know if the incidents of violence stated in the February session of Parliament are the same of those stated in the January session of Parliament. Also, if the same is true for the figures given in the March session of Parliament?

**QUESTION No: 406/2012**

Is the Minister for Social services now in a position to state if the six Looked After Children referred to in Question No. 171 of 2012 have now been provided with training programmes and, if so, what will the training consist of, what was the start date in which the training began, and who will be providing such training?

**QUESTION No: 407 /2012**

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**QUESTION No: 408/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services say if the Care Agency Board did meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and, if so, what issues did it discuss, and if consideration has been given to having the possibility of open meetings in the future?

**QUESTION No: 409/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if the Care Agency has been changing the terms of contract to contract staff members and reducing such contracts to 11 months and, if so, could the Minister state how many staff members are affected by this measure, broken down by grade and location?

**QUESTION No: 410/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if the previous requirement for applicants for the posts of Care Workers to have at least two GCSEs has now dropped and, if so, do we have any new entrants to the Care Agency as Care Workers who have been employed and do not have two GCSEs?

**QUESTION No: 411/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many of the 962 applicants on the Government's Housing Waiting Lists as at 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, have since that date been allocated a flat, giving a breakdown of the size of home and indicating which housing category type they pertained?

**QUESTION No: 412/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many of the 962 applicants on the Government's Housing Waiting Lists as at 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, have since that date been removed from the waiting lists due to purchasing their own homes?

**QUESTION No: 413/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many homes have been allocated to applicants who registered for housing after 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, giving a breakdown of the size of home allocated broken down into the categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stocks and indicating whether they were assigned on the advice of the Housing Allocation Committee or for any other reasons?

**QUESTION No: 414/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many applicants are presently on the Government's Housing Waiting Lists, giving a breakdown of their housing size requirements and in which housing category type they are registered?

**QUESTION No: 415/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing indicate by what date he expects the housing Pre-Waiting list will be eliminated?

**QUESTION No: 416/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many flats in total have become empty and therefore available for reallocation since 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011?

**QUESTION No: 417/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many flats are currently empty and awaiting repairs, giving a breakdown in respect of Pre-War and Post-War flats, flat size composition, the dates as from when these flats have been empty and the category/type of repairs required before they may be reallocated?

**QUESTION No: 418/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many tenants are currently listed as requiring works to be done by Government as Landlords, broken down into categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stock?

**QUESTION No: 419/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many of the 149 empty flats awaiting repairs, as identified in answer to Question No. 290 of 2012, have now been repaired and allocated to applicants on the Housing Waiting Lists, giving a breakdown in respect of Pre-War and Post-War flats and their size composition?

**QUESTION No: 420/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many housing allocations have been made to homeless persons, since his answer to Question No. 292 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 421/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many applications from homeless persons are currently being dealt with, giving a breakdown of dates as from when these applications were made?

**QUESTION No: 422/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many tenants, since his collective answer to Question Nos. 295 to 298 of 2012, have had their pending repairs completed, giving a breakdown of how many were internal or external repairs, broken down into categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stock?

**QUESTION No: 423/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many jobs, since his collective answer to Question Nos. 295 to 298 of 2012, have been completed in respect of Government rental flats, giving a breakdown of how many were internal or external repairs and the nature of works undertaken broken down into the categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stocks?

**QUESTION No: 424/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many new jobs have been added to the list requiring the attention of the Housing Ministry, since the answer given to Question No. 298 of 2012, stating the nature of the work required to be undertaken and broken down into categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stock?

**QUESTION No: 425/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many jobs have been contracted out, stating the date, nature of work, estimated cost and to which companies, by the Housing Ministry since the answer given to Question No. 299 of 2012 and broken down into categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stock?

**QUESTION No: 426/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state if he has, since his answer to Question No. 301 of 2012, held meetings with any Management Companies of Co-Ownership Housing Estates in order to address the issue of increasing service charges and/or other concerns?

**QUESTION No: 427/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many jobs are currently listed as pending or incomplete in Government rental flats, giving a breakdown of internal and external repairs as well as stating the nature of these works and by whom they are or will be carried out, broken down into the categories of both Pre-War and Post-War housing stock?



**QUESTION No: 428/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many reports of unsafe dwellings are currently pending to be completed and how many of these require urgent decanting of tenants due to health and safety considerations?

**QUESTION No: 429/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Does the Ministry for Housing have specific response time targets in respect of the different categories/types of repairs to be undertaken and are these targets presently being met?

**QUESTION No: 430/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state how many employees have retired or transferred, indicating effective dates, from the Housing Agency since 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and how many new employees have been engaged by the Agency since then in accordance with the agreement reached between Government and the Unions?

**QUESTION No: 431/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say which employee is presently in charge of the Housing Agency, stating his/her grade, salary scale and date of appointment?

**QUESTION No: 432/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services state how many applications are pending the provision of parking spaces by Gibraltar Car Parks Limited?

**QUESTION No: 433/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services advise the House whether the Government has any intention of installing a pelican crossing at Europa Road in the area of Brympton/Mount Road?

**QUESTION No: 434/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services advise the House whether the Government has plans to set up a pelican or zebra crossing by the access road to Coaling Island?

**QUESTION No: 435/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services provide this House with details of the provision the Government will be making in respect of parking at Eastern Beach and how soon it is expected this provision will be made?

**QUESTION No: 436/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services advise the House how many parking slots have been allocated for use by vehicle importer companies at the Devil's Tower Road multi storey car park pursuant to the licence agreement it has recently negotiated and consequently how many are available for public use?

**QUESTION No: 437/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services provide this House with details of the average waiting time it takes vehicular traffic to cross the frontier broken down on a monthly basis over the preceding 5 months?

**QUESTION No: 438/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services, provide this House with details of the manpower deployed at the frontier area over the last 5 months to include the number of RGP police officers and Highway Enforcement Officers; the hours spent policing by these officers; and the consequential costs incurred as a result of such deployment?

**QUESTION No: 439/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state if a register of asbestos in public buildings, which would be a public document that people can refer to at any time in accordance with their manifesto commitments, has started?

**QUESTION No: 440/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the comments made by the Hon. Minister for Health and Safety on the launch of IOSH Branch in Gibraltar on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2012, in that the work of the Factories Inspector was solely reactive, what plans does the Minister have to make their work pro-active?

**QUESTION No: 441/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Has the Minister for Health and Safety a target date for the transposition of the EU Directive 2009/104 on the inspection of work equipment?

**QUESTION No: 442/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Is the Minister for Health and Safety now in a position to answer Written Questions Nos W5 of 2012, W6 of 2012, W7 of 2012, W8 of 2012, W9 of 2012, W11 of 2012, W12 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 443/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state how many inspections during March and April 2012 did the Factories Inspectors conduct, showing the industry group targeted, whether any possible breach to the Factories Act or any subsidiary legislation may have been committed by any private company, at a Gibraltar Government or MOD workplace and whether legal advice is being sought?

**QUESTION No: 444/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state if there have been any reported accidents during the months of March and April 2012, showing the industry group involved and stating which ones were reportable, major and fatal, if any?

**QUESTION No: 445/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state how many site meetings and advice were given by the Factories Inspectors during the months of March and April 2012, broken down by month and industry group?

**QUESTION No: 446/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state how many prohibitions and improvement notices were issued in the months of March and April 2012, if any, broken down by month and industry group, and specifying the reason or reasons for issuing the notice in this period which may have brought operations to a halt, until the inspector was satisfied that the correct standard had been duly complied with?

**QUESTION No: 447/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state if new Factories Inspectors have been employed recently and, if so, could the Minister state if such vacancies were trawled through the Civil Service Bulletin or not, if not what was the recruitment process involved and the qualification criteria used if any?

**QUESTION No: 448/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety state if, as a result of my letter to the Senior Factory Inspector with regard to the unsafe practices at the KGV works, he has inspected the site and, if so, has he seen any breaches to the Factories Act or any of its subsidiary legislation, and whether he has recommended any improvements to the work environment?

**QUESTION NO: 449/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education state whether the schools' health and safety audit has been completed, and what the findings are?

**QUESTION NO: 450/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education tell us what the plans are for the setting up of a University of Gibraltar?

**QUESTION NO: 451/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education tell us how many more secretaries, or the equivalent, are being employed to service the schools on a full-time basis and how much will this cost?

**QUESTION NO: 452/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education explain how the 47 new teaching posts have been distributed among the schools and the Department of Education?

**QUESTION NO: 453/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education tell us what the Government's policy on maintaining an optimum number of children in classes at each level of the education system is, what these numbers are for each school and year, and how any shortfalls will be addressed?

**QUESTION NO: 454/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education tell us how many self-funded students undergoing postgraduate studies in the UK, which started this academic year in September 2011, have been reimbursed under the Government's new policy of all postgraduate studies being granted as a mandatory entitlement, as for first degrees, and how much this has cost?

**QUESTION NO: 455/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education explain what plans he has for the re-housing of St Bernard's School?

**QUESTION NO: 456/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Justice state how many Maintenance Court Orders are in breach for non-payment since this question was asked in Written Question No. 31 of 2012, broken down by sex and length of time, and in how many of these cases are the Courts intending to enforce the Order in accordance with Part V of the Magistrates' Court Act?

**QUESTION NO: 457/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Minister for Justice accept that there can be complex or exceptionally difficult criminal cases other than fraud cases?

**QUESTION NO: 458/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

When does the Minister for Justice envisage that the Government will be in a position to commence the Crimes Act and the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act?

**QUESTION NO: 459/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to introduce legislation allowing for confiscation proceedings to be brought to court depriving defendants living a criminal lifestyle of the financial benefit that he or she has obtained from criminal conduct?

**QUESTION No: 460/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Government provide details to this House of the works currently on-going at the East Side reclamation?

**QUESTION No: 461/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

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

**QUESTION No: 462/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Chief Minister still believe that the Government is on course to meet his party's predication at the last election of 50 per cent economic growth over the next four years?

**QUESTION No: 463/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is the Chief Minister in a position to update this House on any progress he may have made with the European investors he said he had up his sleeve, since he answered Question No. 81 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 464/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister confirm whether someone has been selected for the post of Defence Transfer Advisor?

**QUESTION No: 465/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister give a breakdown by debenture issues as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 of that part of the Aggregate Public Debt which comprises Government Debentures?

**QUESTION No: 466/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say whether as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, any of the Aggregate Public Debt comprises debt due other than to banks or holders of Government Debentures that are unrelated to the Government?

**QUESTION No: 467/2012**

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 that have been issued by the Gibraltar Savings Bank and remain outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012?

**QUESTION No: 468/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say what is the Government's intention as to who will manage the expanded Gibraltar Savings Bank for which they have purchased the ex Marrache & Co office building in Main Street, and who will make decisions on such things as the making of loans to businesses or the issuing of credit guarantees to businesses?

**QUESTION No: 469/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say how much has been collected in respect of each of (i) Corporation Tax and (ii) Personal Income Tax during the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 (a) in respect of the current tax year and (b) in total; and will the Chief Minister confirm that all monies collected during the financial year just ended are included in the forecast outturn of Consolidated Fund revenue for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012?

**QUESTION No: 470/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what is the current status of the agreement between the Government and the UK Ministry of Defence relating to the commercial use of the airfield?

**QUESTION No: 471/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister give details of all persons, if any, employed by, or promoted to a more senior position within the Government, the GDC, or any Government Company, Agency or Authority without a public advertisement of vacancy followed by a selection board?

**QUESTION No: 472/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what has been the total cost to Government of the May Day and Workers Memorial Day events, and how much of that represents expenditure the cost of which has been shared with Unite; and in respect of the latter what proportion of those costs did the Government bear?



**QUESTION No: 473/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say how long he envisages that the consultancy arrangement with former Chief Secretary Mr E Montado will endure?

**QUESTION No: 474/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether the Government envisages that it will build a new power station at Lathbury Barracks or elsewhere?

**QUESTION No: 475/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say when the Government envisages that it will be in a position to decide whether it will proceed with the tunnel under the runway?

**QUESTION No: 476/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether the Government intend to proceed with the previous Government's plan to purchase bigger boats for the RGP?

**QUESTION No: 477/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister provide a breakdown of the annualised operating revenue and expenditure that it envisages for the new air terminal once it is open for both arrivals and departures, and the existing air terminal closes?

**QUESTION No: 478/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say on what date the new air terminal will open for departures?

**QUESTION No: 479/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say in what respect he believes that the content of the 1999 Fishing Agreement contravened the laws of Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 480/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether the UK Government has raised with him its intention to designate environmental zones in the Overseas Territories?

**QUESTION No: 481/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom has provided him with a copy of the long letter which Sr. Margallo has recently said he has sent in response to Mr. Straw's final letter to Sr. Moratinos, and is the Chief Minister aware whether the FCO has replied to that letter?

**QUESTION No: 482/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether he has received the express assurance of the FCO that it has not expressed to Spain any degree of contentment or acceptance of, or acquiescence in Spain's unilateral renunciation of the Trilateral Forum?

**QUESTION No: 483/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether the Government intends to proceed with the Coastguard Agency role of the Borders & Coastguard Agency?

**QUESTION No: 484/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister say whether the Government intends to allow the sullage plant to reopen on the North Mole?

**QUESTION No: 485/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Can the Chief Minister explain the nature and circumstances of the error that led to people being charged for renewals of and changes to Gibraltar Identity and Civilian Registration cards?

## **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION No: W78/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health state how many operations have been cancelled from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 to date, including the reasons why?

### **QUESTION No: W79/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide detailed schedules in respect of allocations for the summer months in respect of the 25 metre indoor swimming pool as well as the pool for the teaching of swimming and use by the elderly and disabled?

### **QUESTION No: W80/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government state if there have been changes to the breakdown of persons employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority, since the answer given to Written Question No. 76 of 2012 and, if so, provide an updated breakdown by grade, sex, nationality and department?

### **QUESTION No: W81/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government state if there have been any changes to the breakdown of persons employed by the Culture and Heritage Agency, since the answer given to Written Question No. 77 of 2012 and, if so, provide an updated breakdown by grade, sex, nationality and department?

### **QUESTION No: W82/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Government provide details of arrangements currently in place for the collection and disposal of refuse in Gibraltar including details of costs, contractors and contract renewal dates?

**QUESTION No: W83/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state how many persons applied for Industrial Death Benefit since this question was asked in Written Question No. 16 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: W84/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security provide a breakdown of the number of pensioners who have been granted the MIG, showing the number receiving the single and married rates in bands of £5.00 to the full amount, and by different nationalities residing in Gibraltar, since this question was asked in Written Question No. 24 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: W85/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state what was the monthly income, expenditure and balance of the Statutory Benefits Fund since this question was asked in Written Question No. 29 of 2012 up to the end of April broken down on a monthly basis?

**QUESTION No: W86/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state how many persons are receiving Social Assistance to date since this question was last asked in Question No. 249 of 2012, and how many have been employed since, broken down by age and sex and showing the period in which such individuals had been in receipt of Social Assistance prior to employment?

**QUESTION No: W87/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services provide a breakdown of all successful adoptions, specifying whether local or overseas, and fostering, that has emerged since this question was asked in Written Question No. 48 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: W88/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services provide the total number of outstanding applications for adoption and fostering since this question was asked in Written Question No. 47 of 2012, showing the date when the applicant first applied, the number requesting local adoptions, overseas adoptions and fostering?

**QUESTION No: W89/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state on how many occasions the Multi-Agency Child Protection Committee has met since this question was asked in Written Question No. 46 of 2012, and stating for what specific issues?

**QUESTION No: W90/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Is the Minister for Social Services currently considering the circumstances of any case that may warrant consideration to include on the list of persons who should not work with children, since this question was asked in Written Question No. 45 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: W91/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state the total number of Looked After Children in the care of the Care Agency since this question was asked in Written Question No. 43 of 2012, showing a breakdown of those in the Community, the Care Agency Residential Homes (i.e. either in Tangier Views or elsewhere), their ages and sexes, how many are siblings and whether these children were on an emergency, voluntary or court order?

**QUESTION No: W92 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Has the Care Agency now prepared the new training programme to start at the commencement of the new financial year as stated in answer to Written Question No. 42 of 2012 and, if so, could the Hon. Minister for Social Services provide a copy of such?

**QUESTION NO: W93 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services provide a breakdown for the Respite and Sitting Service provided for the Care Agency throughout its various locations, specifying the Client Group, the number of beneficiaries per group and the cost on a monthly basis since this question was asked in Written Question No. 41 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: W94/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state how many elderly citizens are presently waiting for a place at Mount Alvernia, since this question was asked in Written Question No. 38 of 2012, and how many of these are:

- (a) for residential needs;
- (b) for medical/social needs, giving a breakdown of either a mild or urgent need;
- (c) occupying a bed at St. Bernard's hospital, John Cochrane Ward, or Calpe Ward;
- (d) expressing a future need for admission; and
- (e) the date of application of the last person admitted to Mount Alvernia?