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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 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

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

Melvyn L Farrell  
Clerk to the Parliament

#### **QUESTION NO: 687/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Since Question No. 112 of 2012 was asked, is the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port now in a position to advise whether the position of Marine Officer has been filled?

#### **QUESTION NO: 688/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, provide details of the plans the Government has to promote and market the Mega Yacht registry?

#### **QUESTION NO: 689/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise this House what plans the Government has for the provision of facilities for small boat owners?

**QUESTION NO: 690/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, provide details of the works, which he has claimed are currently underway, in respect of the new Port building?

**QUESTION NO: 691/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise this House where the workers' hostel is to be berthed?

**QUESTION NO: 692/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise this House whether the post of director/manager of the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited has been filled?

**QUESTION NO: 693/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port provide details of the consultation process carried out in relation to the introduction of the new bus service to include matters such as when it commenced; the number of representations received; the nature of the representations; the sources of the representations made; and when the process closed?

**QUESTION NO: 694/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise the House how many drivers are employed by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited; the nationality of the drivers; how many of the drivers have been dismissed since 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011; and the nationality of the dismissed drivers?

**QUESTION NO: 695/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, provide this House with details of the cost, precise number, make and place of manufacture of the eco-friendly buses which are in the process of being acquired by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited?

**QUESTION NO: 696/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise who or which company provides consultation services to the Government in respect of airline business development in Gibraltar and can he provide this House with the full particulars of the nature of the services that are provided?

**QUESTION NO: 697/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise this House what the costs of the lifeboats and trailers, recently purchased, reportedly, by the Gibraltar Tourist Board was?

**QUESTION NO: 698/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, provide full details of the restructure that the Government has carried out at the Gibraltar Tourist Board?

**QUESTION NO: 699/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise this House what developments there have been, if any, in relation to the proposal to build a hotel by the NAAFI pool area?

**QUESTION NO: 700/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise what progress has been made, if any, in connection with the development of Lester Hotel, at Devil's Tower Road?

**QUESTION NO: 701/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise what progress has been made, if any, in connection with the development of the Hilton Hotel?

**QUESTION NO: 702/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise what the Government's plans are in relation to the cruise liner terminal and in particular whether it has the intention of proceeding with the construction of a larger and better resourced terminal?

**QUESTION NO: 703/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, advise whether he has come to a conclusion as to whether the Miami cruise convention provides value for money?

**QUESTION No: 704/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Heritage state what type of training has/will be undertaken, the cost of which has been/will be debited to the financial provision made in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2012/2013, Appendix K – sub section (45)?

**QUESTION No: 705/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Has the Minister for Culture and Heritage considered waiving "Entrance Fees" for all visitors to the Gibraltar Museum, save for openings during non-standard opening hours, so as to bring Gibraltar closer to ever increasing international trends which seek to promote heritage and historical matters?

**QUESTION No: 706/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture and Heritage provide details of the composition of the delegation, as well as all costs incurred, which attended the International Folklore Festival Prague Fair held in late August this year?

**QUESTION No: 707/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture provide further detailed breakdown in respect of the £19,875 expenditure incurred, as stated in his answer to Question No. 602 of 2012, thereby clarifying exactly how much and to whom payments were made in respect of:

- (a) the stage;
- (b) management fees;
- (c) presenter's fees,

all of which pertain to the 1<sup>st</sup> Gibraltar International Jazz Festival?

**QUESTION No: 708/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture state who are the members of the Gibraltar Music Festival Management Board/Committee and provide full details of any payments/allowances made to any of its members, stating how much was paid to whom and in respect of what services?

**QUESTION No: 709/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture state what expenditure it has already made, or is firmly committed to make, in respect of Cultural Grants for which financial provision is made in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2012/2013, Appendix K - sub section (13)?

**QUESTION No: 710/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture state why the 2012 Gibraltar Fair Week was held approximately a week later than all previous years' established dates, thereby creating a clash with the start of the Government Schools' new Academic Year?

**QUESTION No: 711/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Youth confirm if resources have now been made available in order for Youth Clubs to be open at weekends as per his Party's manifesto commitment and, if any, provide details of these?

**QUESTION No: 712/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of his Ministry's plans to provide renewed facilities for the playing, teaching and development of both cricket and rugby at Europa Point, as per his Party's manifesto commitment?

**QUESTION No: 713/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide full details of what expenditure it has already made, or is firmly committed to make, in respect of "Sports Grants" for which financial provision is made in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2012/2013, Appendix J in the following sub sections:

(22) Grants to Sporting Societies;

(23) International Competitions;

(24) Sports Development Projects; and

(25) Hosting of Special Sports and Leisure Events?

**QUESTION No: 714/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to his recent announced support in respect of Gibraltar's long standing application to join the IOC, can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of what specific course of action his Ministry will be taking to sustain the bid submitted several years ago by the Gibraltar Olympic Movement?

**QUESTION No: 715/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of all fixed bookings/ allocations made to sporting bodies in respect of all facilities managed or administered by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority for the 2012/2013 season?

**QUESTION No: 716/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of the sponsorship arrangements, inclusive of its financial value, granted by Government towards the staging of the Strongman Champions League in Gibraltar during September 2012?

**QUESTION No: 717/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport and Leisure provide details of any financial contributions it has made, or is committed to make, during this current financial year, to any locally registered Sporting Association in connection with any expenses incurred in respect of (or by) their Sport's Development Officer(s)?

**QUESTION No: 718/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Employment explain how the Graduate Employment Scheme, offering graduates 3 year contracts as research assistants, works?

**QUESTION No: 719/2012**

Questioner: The Hon I M Mrs Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Employment provide the details and findings of the skills audit of the labour market that was to ready by April 2012, according to the Government's manifesto?

**QUESTION No: 720/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Training tell us when the following courses will be starting at Bleak House:

- (a) OCR Levels 1& 2, Numeracy & Literacy;
- (b) CLaIT Courses; and
- (c) 'life skills' courses for SEN students?

**QUESTION No: 721/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security state if the Government is still committed to introduce equalisation of old age pensions at 60 between both sexes during this term of office in line with their manifesto commitment?

**QUESTION No: 722/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the comments of the Minister of Social Security in his Budget address this year, in which he stated that he will be bringing about new arrangements to the Social Security Fund in this financial year to coincide with the increase in the Old Age Pension, could the Minister say if this indeed has happened, or will happen soon, provide the details of such changes, if any, and whether this will be happening through administrative changes, or by primary legislation?

**QUESTION No: 723/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Is the Minister for Social Security in a position to say when the outstanding position of Higher Executive Officer in the Social Security Department is going to be advertised so that Civil Servants can apply?

**QUESTION No: 724/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government state how many individuals this year have finished a prison sentence arising or due to the individuals addiction to drugs or alcohol, and have been assisted to find employment or are still registered unemployed and, if so, can the information be provided on a monthly basis?



**QUESTION No: 725/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Employment and Social Security provide the following information in respect of Ms Joanna Hernandez :

- (a) in which month of this year did she start work with the Employment Service;
- (b) the Job Title;
- (c) salary grade;
- (d) whether the position she is now holding is a temporary or permanent one;
- (e) whether the position was advertised either through the GDC or externally so that anyone in Gibraltar could have applied to the vacancy; and
- (f) provide a copy of the Job Description?

**QUESTION No: 726/2012**

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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 divided:

- (a) by nationality; and
- (b) by industry sector?

**QUESTION No: 727/2012**

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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 divided:

- (a) by nationality; and
- (b) by industry sector?

**QUESTION No: 728/2012**

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 the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 divided by nationality?

**QUESTION No: 729/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many VTS trainees/employees under the Future Job Strategy are currently placed with private employers?

**QUESTION No: 730/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment please 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: 731/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many VTS trainees/employees are placed within the public sector under the Future Job Strategy identifying the Department, Authority or the Government company in which they are placed?

**QUESTION No: 732/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many apprentices registered at the Gibraltar Training Centre to NVQ standard are currently undertaking training and how many of these apprentices are in placements with training providers, identifying the employers?

**QUESTION No: 733/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many apprentices registered at Gibdock Training Centre are currently undertaking training and how many of these apprentices are in placements with training providers, identifying the employers?

**QUESTION No: 734/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government advise how many school leavers have this year applied for apprenticeships in the Engineering and Construction Trades, Social and Health Care, Business and Administration programmes, or any other, and how many of these will be taken on as from September?

**QUESTION No: 735/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment state how many people are on the sheltered employment schemes under the Future Job Strategy who are currently placed in the private and public sectors?

**QUESTION No: 736/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Minister for Employment please state how many employers, who have signed contracts with Employment Training Company Limited in respect of Future Job Strategy trainees, have the benefit of a contract with the Government, any public authority or Government owed company for the provision of any goods and/or services of any kind?

**QUESTION No: 737/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

When will the Government be in a position to implement its manifesto commitment to reform the entire structure of the Social Insurance Fund?

**QUESTION No: 738/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to equalise pensionable ages for men and women in any new pension schemes?

**QUESTION No: 739/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Chief Minister envisage that an application for the licensing of the Gibraltar Savings Bank will be made to the FSC?

**QUESTION No: 740/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Will the Minister for the Environment provide details to this House of the budget established for the creation of the Commonwealth Park providing, where possible, breakdowns in relation to anticipated expenditure on the Commonwealth Park itself versus the expenditure anticipated for the creation of the car parking facilities related to that project?

**QUESTION No: 741/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment report such developments as may or may not have occurred in relation to the resolution of the Western Beach pollution issue, further to recent questions and discussions in this House on the matter?

**QUESTION No: 742/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment provide further detail of advice sought, if any, in relation to the various issues that have arisen from the prevalence of jellyfish in our waters in recent months and, in particular, whether the Government is considering taking any specific action in the management of this issue beyond raising public awareness?

**QUESTION No: 743/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister confirm whether any Barbary Macaques have now been exported since I last asked a similar question on this matter during the July session of Parliament, specifically Question No. 621 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 744/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for the Environment please provide details of the anticipated fees for attendance at the Thinking Green Conference in October of this year by former US Vice President Al Gore and Juan Verde as key note speakers?

**QUESTION No: 745/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government state what progress it has made to date in respect of its manifesto commitment to provide “Dog Parks” in residential areas so as to prevent the problem of indiscriminate dog fouling?

**QUESTION No: 746 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain the new arrangements for hospital meals and where the new kitchens will be sited?

**QUESTION No: 747/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health advise how many nursing assistants and registered general nurses, as per the advert in February for their recruitment, are on the eight month contracts as advertised, and is it the intention of the GHA to permanently employ such persons upon the successful completion of the eight months contract?

**QUESTION No: 748/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain what the overall findings of the GHA review, by the UK consultants, were and what measures will be taken to implement the recommendations?

**QUESTION No: 749/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain who comprises the Health & Safety committee of the GHA, what their qualifications are and what they do?

**QUESTION No: 750/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health advise if the Cancer Nurse specialists will be receiving administrative support, as per the concern raised on page 9 of the Director of Nursing's Report to the 17<sup>th</sup> July GHA Board meeting?

**QUESTION No: 751/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Does the Minister for Health concur with the Director for Finances' statement on page 2 of his Report to the 17<sup>th</sup> July GHA Board meeting which says: "The overall management structure within the Finance & Procurement Directorate, inclusive of this new middle management post, is not robust enough to effectively deal with a portfolio and budget of this size" and, if so, what measures will the Minister implement to address this?

**QUESTION No: 752/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health advise when the IM&T Department will be given permanent office space, as per the concern raised on page 8 of the acting Director for Information Management & Technology's Report to the July 17<sup>th</sup> GHA Board meeting?

**QUESTION No: 753/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health advise, as announced in his Budget speech, where the new, larger Ambulance facility will be and when the project will commence?

**QUESTION No: 754/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain further the statement in his Budget speech, in relation to the work that charities do for the Health Service, of: "Rather than discourage their work and contributions, as was often the case before, I encourage it as adding value..." and give examples of where the GSD discouraged the work and contributions of charities?

**QUESTION No: 755/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Will the Minister for Health explain the detail of support, announced in his Budget speech, that the Government will be giving the Society for Cancer Relief in order to run their new hospice facility?

**QUESTION No: 756/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain what the Government constitutes as 'disabled'. With reference to the extra 50% allowance for Sponsored Patients, introduced in the Budget?

**QUESTION No: 757/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health provide details, as announced during the Budget, for which £300,000 has been earmarked, of the Colon Cancer Screening Programme and how it will take effect?

**QUESTION No: 758/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain why there is a decrease of £30,000, from the forecast outturn of 2011/12 to the 2012/13 estimates, in funding for 'Patients Appliances', on page 170 of the Estimates Book?

**QUESTION No: 759/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain why there is a decrease of £100,000, from the forecast outturn of 2011/12 to the 2012/13 estimates, in funding for 'Dressings, Medical Gases and Tests' on page 170 of the Estimates Book?

**QUESTION No: 760/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

With regard to the subhead of 'Other Recurrent Expenditure, Equipment and Related Expenses' on page 170 of the Estimates Book, can the Minister for Health explain how will the GHA ensure value for money and waste elimination in the procurement of such equipment and medicines?

**QUESTION No: 761/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

If the fleet of ambulances and public transfer vehicles has increased, can the Minister for Health explain why the funding for 'Fuel Expenses', in the Estimates Book on page 170, has gone down by £20,000 on last year's forecast outturn?

**QUESTION No: 762/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state how many trainees, if any, have been placed in the Care Agency by the Employment Services or through the Government company 'ETCL' and state the training being provided, the location within the Care Agency, how long the training will last, will such training deliver any recognisable qualification(s) and if so, which ones?

**QUESTION No: 763/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services provide the information on the following:

1. Have any of the persons given an 11 month contract, as stated in Question No. 636, now ended such short-term contracts and, if so, how many of them have been provided with an indefinite contract, stating their grade and nationality and
2. Have any new 11 month contracts been issued since this question was last asked in Question No. 636 in the Care Agency and of those;
  - (a) what are their nationality;
  - (b) their grades; and
  - (c) their location?

**QUESTION No: 764/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if the vacant position of Nursing Co-coordinator at Mount Alvernia has now been filled and, if not, by when does the Care Agency intend to fill such a post?

**QUESTION No: 765/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if the position of Chief Executive of the Care Agency has now been appointed on a permanent basis and, if so, when did this happen, or is the current incumbent still carrying out these on an acting basis?

**QUESTION No: 766/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state how long the vacancy of Team Leader been vacant for, and if it is the intention of the Care Agency to fill such a vacancy?



**QUESTION No: 767/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services say how long the position of Residential Home Manager has been vacant for, and if it is the intention of the Care Agency to fill such a position in Tangier Views?

**QUESTION No: 768/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services say what assistance, if any, is the Care Agency providing to the former 'Looked After Child', now back with the family as stated in answer to Question No. 632 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 769/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if further progress has been made in finding suitable training programmes for the remaining 'Looked After Children' referred to in Question No. 632 of 2012 and, if so, what the training will consist of, when the training will start, who will provide such training, and in the absence of a training programme placement, what measures is the Care Agency taking to ensure the Agency fulfils its parental responsibilities towards these children?

**QUESTION No: 770/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Affairs state if the Staff Training and Development Programme for the Care Agency staff for 1st April 2012 to 30th March 2013 contains any of the following:

1. General Information;
2. Staff Training Record;
3. Application for Training Forms (Training outside Care Agency);
4. Internal Training Request Form;
5. Training Evaluation Form;
6. Proposal for Training Form;
7. Training Timetable;
8. Presentation Skills Course;
9. DCRT-Conflict Resolution Training (Level 1 Trainers Update);
10. Missing Persons Training;
11. DCRT-Conflict Resolution Training (Level 2 Train the Trainer);
12. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults-Policy & Procedure Training;
13. Within the Generic Core Training-Timetable;
  - a) Introduction to the Care Agency;
  - b) Health & Safety, Food Hygiene and Infection Control;
  - c) Values, Attitudes and Beliefs;
  - d) Professional Boundaries;
  - e) The Importance of Carer Workers and Caring;
  - f) DCRT-Conflict Resolution Training (Level 1);
  - g) Effective Communication;
  - h) Safeguarding Vulnerable Service Users;
  - i) Manual Handling Training;
  - j) Accountability, Responsibility and Medication Training (Assessed);
  - k) Fire Safety, EVAC Chair and Anglia Blanket;
  - l) Emergency First Aid at Work;
  - m) Customer Care;
  - n) Alcohol/Drug Abuse-Awareness and Policies in the Care Agency;
  - o) DCRT-Conflict Resolution (Level1-Refresher);
  - p) Manual Handling, EVAC Chair,/Anglia Blanket, Basic Life Support (Refresher Course);
  - q) DCRT-Conflict Resolution Training (Level 2);
14. Headway-Acquired Brain Injury; Challenging Behaviour;
15. Headway-Acquired Brain Injury; Understanding the Brain, its physical, cognitive, behavioural and emotional effects (Day 1);
16. Headway-Acquired Brain Injury; Challenging Behaviour (Day 2);
17. The 12 hour Paediatric First Aid Course;
18. Emergency First Aid at Work (1day);
19. People Handling and Risk Assessment Key Trainers Certificate and Children;
20. Handling supplementary day (5 days Trainer the Trainer course);
21. Basic Life Support-Train the Trainer;
22. Mentorship for Practice (5 days);
23. Eastern Beach Mobility Assistant Induction Training;
24. Level 3 Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Accredited-Health and Safety in the Workplace (days);
25. BVS-Online Training;
26. NVQ A1 Assessors course (Level3);
27. NVQ Health and Social Care Level 2 and 3;
28. Children Act Training;
29. 12 Hour Paediatric First Aid Course;
30. Makaton Training;
31. ILM (Institute of Leadership and Management) Level 2 Award in Team Leading; and
32. If any of the above have not been included, which one/s is/are they, and if there is additional item/s which is over and above those listed above, which one/s is/are they?

**QUESTION No: 771/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Housing advise this House what arrangements are in place in relation to the general upkeep and maintenance of the Mid-Harbour Estate, to include, in particular, the re-planting of the flower beds, the re-installation of the gym equipment and the children's play area?

**QUESTION No: 772/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to his answer given in Question No. 638 of 2012, can the Minister for Housing state how many flats are currently empty and awaiting repairs – giving a breakdown in respect of:

- (a) pre-war and post-war flats;
- (b) flat size composition;
- (c) the dates as from when these flats have been empty; and
- (d) the nature of repairs which are required to be undertaken before they may be reallocated?

**QUESTION No: 773/2012**

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 given to Question No. 651 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 category?

**QUESTION No: 774/2012**

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 given to Question No. 652 of 2012, been removed from the waiting lists due to purchasing their own homes and, if any, indicating if they pertained to either the Social or Medical Waiting Lists category?

**QUESTION No: 775/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of his Ministry's criteria for the contracting out of repairs/refurbishments of housing rental stocks?

**QUESTION No: 776/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing state which company carried out the recently announced 44 bath to shower conversions at a total cost of around £300,000, averaging circa £6,800 each, as well as indicating if these jobs were allocated through a Tender process or otherwise?

**QUESTION No: 777/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing confirm that Government still intends, despite the representations made indicating their opposition to such projects by the relevant housing estates tenants, to proceed with the construction of additional homes by means of building additional floors at:

- (a) Moorish Castle Estate;
- (b) Laguna Estate; and
- (c) Glacis Estate?

**QUESTION No: 778/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to their announced plans to build additional floors at three existing rental housing estates, can the Minister for Housing commit himself and state what other rental housing Government intends to construct, indicating estimated commencement of construction and completion dates?

**QUESTION No: 779/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government state if it has held meetings with any Management Companies/Committees of co-ownership housing estates in order to address any new or ongoing concerns and, if so, provide details of the concerns raised and respective final outcomes?

**QUESTION No: 780/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing explain why no new employees have been engaged by the Housing Works Agency in order to replace former employees who have retired/transferred, in keeping with the agreement between Government and Unite the Union?

**QUESTION No: 781/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Housing state why the new Elderly People's Home at the old St Bernard's Hospital site has not yet been opened, despite having said in Parliament that works would be complete in April of this year?

**QUESTION No: 782/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health & Safety and Technical Services, provide the House with the full particulars of how it proposes to ensure that illegally parked cars will be removed in the context of its street cleaning campaign?

**QUESTION No: 783/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to Question No. 433 of 2012, can the Minister for Traffic, Health & Safety and Technical Services, advise this House whether the electrical equipment for the placing of the new pelican crossing at Europa Road in the area of Brympton/Mount Road has arrived and when he expects that the crossing will be available?

**QUESTION No: 784/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Traffic, Health & Safety and Technical Services, advise this House what the costs of the setting up of the car park opposite the fair was and what arrangements were arrived at with the owners of the site where the parking was provided?

**QUESTION No: 785/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety give details of the total number of Factory Inspectors employed, the number of Health and Safety advisors or officers employed in various Government Departments, Authorities and Agencies, stating their grades, where they are employed, Health and Safety qualifications and whether any of them are currently undergoing any training or courses leading to a Health and Safety qualification?

**QUESTION No: 786/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state the reasons for the Factories Inspectors issuing 5 Improvements Notices and 1 Prohibition Notice in the month of August 2012 and provide the names of the company/s involved?

**QUESTION No: 787/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state if there have been any reported accidents during the months of July and August 2012, showing the industry group and the name of the company, and state which ones were reportable, major and fatal, if any?

**QUESTION No: 788/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many site meetings and advice were given by the Factories Inspectors during the months of July and August 2012, stating the names of the companies or public sector organisations?

**QUESTION No: 789/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many inspections during the months of July and August 2012 did the Factories Inspectors carry out, stating the name 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: 790/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety now provide me with the breakdown of figures for the months of May and June of 2012 in relation to Inspections/Site Meetings/Advice which he so kindly promised me in reply to Question No. 555 of 2012 but has not yet done?

**QUESTION No: 791/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Is the Minister for Health & Safety now in a position to state how many more Factory Inspectors will be employed during this financial year, in order to carry out the Health & Safety audit that the Minister alluded to in answer to Question No. 440 of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 792/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many Prohibitions and Improvement Notices were issued in the months of July and August 2012, specifying the name of the companies 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 inspector was satisfied that the correct standard had been duly complied with?

**QUESTION No: 793/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety provide an explanation as to why the figures recorded in Hansard for the month of February 2012 in relation to the number of Inspections/Site Meetings/Advice, vary with the figures in the Government Website for the same month as updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012, or indeed with other subsequent figures recorded in Hansard?

**QUESTION No: 794/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state how many occasions have the Factory Inspectors inspected Gibdock facilities during 2012 broken down by months and whether any contravention to the Factories Act or any of its subsidiary legislation identified?

**QUESTION No: 795/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state if any inspections have been carried-out by the Factory Inspectors to MOD sites during 2012, broken down by months, and, if so, have the Factory Inspectors detected any contravention of the Factories Act or any of its subsidiary legislation?

**QUESTION No: 796/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state on how many occasions the Factory Inspectors have inspected any Government Departments, Authorities or Agencies during 2012 to date, broken down by months, and whether any contravention to the Factories Act or any of its subsidiary legislation has occurred on any of the sites?

**QUESTION No: 797/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety state if he has planned any Health & Safety Seminar or conferences for this year and, if so, could he provide details of such and the location where to be held?

**QUESTION NO: 798/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Under 'Cover for Maternity/Paternity' in this year's Estimates Book on page 64, £490,000 is earmarked; can the Minister for Education explain how many teachers on maternity or paternity leave does this reflect for the year?

**QUESTION NO: 799/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

In this year's Estimates Book on page 65, an increase of £275,000, from last year's forecast outturn, is assigned to Examination Expenses; can the Minister for Education explain why there is such an increase?



**QUESTION NO: 800/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

On page 65 of the Estimates Book, under 'Other Charges – Contribution to GDC', £53,000 is assigned to a GDC staff member for training purposes, as explained by the Honourable Minister for Education at the Committee Stage of the Appropriation Bill, can the Minister for Education tell this House what the grade of this post is and the duties assigned to it?

**QUESTION NO: 801/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education tell us if he concurs with, or will consider, the Women's Association desire to see First Schools open their school gates 15 minutes earlier, at 8.30 am?

**QUESTION NO: 802/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education advise whether Bayside School students, who have failed their GCSE core subjects, are able to repeat these exams after a year of study, as per the set-up at Westside School in their year 12G?

**QUESTION NO: 803/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Government provide details to this House of the number of persons reported for process for offences of excessive noise in the context of motor vehicles, broken down by vehicle type and source of noise during the last twelve months, broken down by month, and compared with the number of successful prosecutions during the same period, expressed on a month by month basis?

**QUESTION NO: 804/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Government provide details to this House of the number of persons reported for process for the offence of feeding apes, over the last 12 months, compared to the number of successful prosecutions over the same period, also broken down on a monthly basis?

**QUESTION NO: 805/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Justice state how many juveniles below the age of 18 have appeared before the Courts of Gibraltar during 2012, broken down by months and including the following:

- (a) their sex;
- (b) their age;
- (c) the charges;
- (d) whether the Courts have found any of them guilty; and
- (e) the sentence?

**QUESTION NO: 806/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Justice state if there have been any cases of domestic violence reported to the RGP since Question No. 163 of 2012 to date, showing the number of persons affected by such violence, their age, sex, the number of persons arrested, and the persons charged?

**QUESTION NO: 807/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Justice state if there have been any persons during 2012 who have been charged with sexually assaulting juveniles broken down by months, and provide the following information:

- (a) the possible number of victims suspected as a result of the charge of sexual assault;
- (b) how many cases have now been heard in our Courts or awaiting to be heard;
- (c) of those heard how many have now concluded; and
- (d) the sentence of those found guilty?

**QUESTION NO: 808/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Justice state how many persons have been charged with the illegal download of pornographic pictures of juveniles during 2012, broken down by months and provide the following information:

- (a) the number of persons that have been found guilty in the Courts and the sentence given;
- (b) the number of cases pending a hearing at the Courts; and
- (c) the age and sex of those awaiting a hearing and of those found guilty?

**QUESTION NO: 809/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Development & Planning explain what plans the Government has for the old St Bernard's Hospital site that was earmarked by the former GSD Government as a joint First and Middle School?

**QUESTION No: 810/2012**

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Deputy Chief Minister confirm, further to the announcement in relation to the new housing development in the area of Elliott's Battery, whether it will be considering the views of the public, particularly residents and other stakeholders in the area, expressed in open meetings of the DPC, and to what extent such representations and the consequent opinion and guidance of the DPC will form part of the Government's process to determine whether the project will go ahead?

**QUESTION No: 811/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state whether the only steps the Government proposes to take to make good on its recent public commitment to stamp out tobacco smuggling are limited to measures set out in the communiqué making that commitment?

**QUESTION No: 812/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Will the Chief Minister state whether the Government still intends to establish a floating hostel at Coaling Island?

**QUESTION No: 813/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state what consultation of local residents took place before the Government announced it was constructing an additional floor on some of the blocks at Glacis and Laguna Estates?

**QUESTION No: 814/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state what is the estimated cost of the proposed cladding works at Moorish Castle, Glacis and Laguna Estates now that the Government has confirmed to residents it will not be going ahead with the construction of extra floors?

**QUESTION No: 815/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Will the Chief Minister confirm that the Government consulted residents of the area when it announced its so called proposed 'Eco Housing' at Grundy Close?

**QUESTION No: 816/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Chief Minister still think that the best thing to come out of the Tripartite Agreement is the Instituto Cervantes?

**QUESTION No: 817/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state what steps the Government is taking to ensure citizens from religious minorities, who cannot work either at certain times of the week or year, are not discriminated against when applying for jobs in any part of the public service?

**QUESTION No: 818/2012**

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Has the Government engaged with the Unions or the employees of Gibtelecom and AquaGib to address pension issues which the GSLP said during the election had been raised by those employees?

## **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION No: W104/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government state if there have been any changes in respect of the persons employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority, since the answer given to Written Question No. 100 of 2012, and, if so, give a breakdown by grade, sex, nationality and department?

### **QUESTION No: W105/2012**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government state if there has been any changes in respect of the persons employed by the Culture and Heritage Agency, since the answer given to Written Question No. 101 of 2012, and, if so, give a breakdown by grade, sex, nationality and department?

### **QUESTION No: W106/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if there have been any 'Looked After Children' in any of the Care Agency residential homes who have absconded, since this question was last asked in Question No. 634 of 2012. If so, whether they absconded in Gibraltar or Spain, and whether any of these children have a track record of engaging in acts of violence against any other children, or staff members?

### **QUESTION No: W107/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Services state if there has been any recordable acts of violence in any of the Care Agency residential homes, since this Question No. 633 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: W108/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health state how many beds are presently taken up in the four acute wards at St Bernard's Hospital by long-stay elderly patients awaiting a place at the Care Agency, broken down by wards?

**QUESTION No: W109 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health state how many GHA posts are vacant from the Establishment figures, as reflected in pages 166-168 of the Estimates Book for the financial year 2012/2013, stating the grade and location?

**QUESTION No: W110 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health state how many persons are currently in the employment of the GHA, as per the Estimates Book for 2012/2013, broken down by:

- (a) Grade;
- (b) Specialisation;
- (c) Location;
- (d) Full-time, part-time or full-time equivalent;
- (e) In indefinite contracts, or contracts (with their lengths);
- (f) Nationality; and
- (g) Residing in Gibraltar or Spain?

**QUESTION No: W111 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health state, for the following ten months contracts referred to in the vacancy adverts for: Nurse Practitioner, Health Visitor Level 1 Nurse, Clinical Pharmacist, Operating Department Practitioner, Physiotherapists Senior II, Junior Occupational Therapist and Junior Physiotherapist, whether these position have been filled and:

- (a) How many are UK British;
- (b) How many are Spanish;
- (c) How many are Gibraltarian;
- (d) The length of time in which, prior to issuing the 10 months contract, such an employee(s) has been working for the GHA; and
- (e) If it is the intention of the GHA to permanently employ such persons upon the successful completion of the 10 months contract?

**QUESTION No: W112 / 2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

On page 170 of the Estimates Book, £2m has been assigned to 'Other Recurrent Expenditure, Equipment and Related Expenses for Medical Departments', can the Minister for Health provide a breakdown of how much will be spent in each Medical Department and on what?

**QUESTION No: W113 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

On page 170 of the Estimates Book, £1,200,000 has been assigned to 'Other Recurrent Expenditure, Equipment and Related Expenses for Medical and Surgical Appliances', can the Minister for Health provide a breakdown of how much will be spent in each Department and on what?

**QUESTION No: W114 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

On page 170 of the Estimates Book, under 'Facilities Management, Maintenance Agreements', can the Minister for Health provide a list of the maintenance agreements, with a breakdown of how much is paid for each?

**QUESTION No: W115 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government state through its record in the Health Authority and the Care Agency, the total number of persons suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia and, of those, how many have an acute form, a medium form and a mild one?

**QUESTION No: W116/2012**

Questioner: The Hon I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Employment provide the number of Gibraltar graduates who have been taken on as research assistants for a 3 year contract by :

- (a) when they started the 3 year contract;
- (b) gender of graduate;
- (c) research work undertaking; and
- (d) Government Department, Agency, Authority or Government-owned company where working?

**QUESTION No: W117/2012**

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 Question No. 605 of 2012, showing the amount paid due to redundancy pay obligations, the amounts paid in respect of other sums payable to employees, and the number of companies involved?

**QUESTION No: W118/2012**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Social Security provide a statement of the payments made from the Statutory Benefits Fund, in respect of employers' insolvency, since Question No. 606 of 2012, showing the amounts paid as a result of redundancy pay obligations, the amounts paid in respect of other sums payable to employees, the number of and names of companies and numbers of employees involved?

**QUESTION No: W119/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Government provide details of all allocations of EU funding to private sector companies and individuals since 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011, including the company or individual concerned, the purpose of the funding and the percentage of the project cost that comprised :

- (a) EU funding;
- (b) Government funding;
- (c) funding by the recipient?



**QUESTION No: W120/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education state how many persons are currently in the employment of the Education Department, as per the Estimates Book for 2012/2013, broken down by:

- (a) Grade;
- (b) Specialisation;
- (c) Location;
- (d) Full-time, part-time or full-time equivalent;
- (e) In indefinite contracts, or contracts (with their lengths);
- (f) Nationality; and
- (g) Residing in Gibraltar or Spain?

**QUESTION No: W121/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education state how many Education Department posts are vacant from the Establishment figures as reflected in pages 62/63, of the Revenue and Expenditure Book for the financial year 2012/2013?

**QUESTION No: W122/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education provide the number of (1) expelled and (2) suspended children from all schools, and the College, in Gibraltar for the academic year 2011/2012, broken down by:

- (a) Length of time of expulsion or suspension;
- (b) Academic year of pupil; and
- (c) What alternative educational provision is being provided to such (1) expelled and (2) suspended children by whom and where?

**QUESTION No: W123/2012**

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education tell us how many University students took up the offer of summer jobs this year and provide a list of where they were placed?

**QUESTION No: W124/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say, as at each of the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 what was (i) the gross public debt (ii) the cash reserves and (iii) the net public debt?

**QUESTION No: W125/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister give a breakdown, as at each of the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012, by debenture issues, of that part of the aggregate public debt which comprises Government debentures?

**QUESTION No: W126/2012**

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 each 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012?

**QUESTION No: W127/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister provide the annualised cost of (i) each of the revenue measures in respect of which he announced cuts and (ii) each of the expenditure measures in respect of which he announced increases in his July budget speech?

**QUESTION No: W128/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister provide details of the number of additional persons that have been employed by:

- (i) the Civil Service;
- (ii) the Gibraltar Health Authority;
- (iii) the Gibraltar Development Corporation;
- (iv) the Care Agency;
- (v) Government Companies,

since 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011, breaking the figures down between those that:

- (a) have been transferred from another of the mentioned entities;
- (b) were already employed by those entities other than on permanent and pensionable terms;
- (c) are completely new employees?

**QUESTION No: W129/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say on what dates, since the Government announced the discontinuation of its adherence of the Fishing Agreement, has fishing by Spanish fishing boats taken place in Gibraltar territorial waters without the fishing being brought to an end by the intervention of the Gibraltar law enforcement agencies?

**QUESTION No: W130/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister provide a list of all projects on going by (i) the Government and (ii) any entity owned or controlled by the Government in respect of which the overall cost of the project is expected to exceed £100,000?

**QUESTION No: W131/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Government provide a list of all procurement, since the last procurement disclosed in answer to Question No. 589 of 2012, by (i) Government and (ii) any entity owned and controlled by the Government (other than GJBS Limited) that has been made without public tender process, where the value of the procurement exceeded £2000?

**QUESTION No: W132/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say whether the Government's decision in relation to fishing in Gibraltar territorial waters by Spanish and other fishermen will be made only on environmental and or fish stock conservation grounds and, if not, what other grounds or considerations will be accommodated in the Government's position?

**QUESTION No: W133/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister table in Parliament a copy of the recent agreement between the Government and the Ministry of Defence relating to the attendance at Government schools by the children of MOD personnel residing in Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: W134 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister provide a list of all the reasons why it was not possible to commence departure operations at the new air terminal during May 2012?

**QUESTION No: W135/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say whether it is the policy of the Government that Gibraltar should be able to participate in the Olympic Games in its own right, as other UK Overseas Territories do, and that Gibraltarians should thus participate in representation of Gibraltar? If so, can the Chief Minister say what is the current position regarding Gibraltar Olympic Committee's quest for recognition by the International Olympic Committee?

**QUESTION No: W136 /2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister provide an update on the EU Commission's investigation into Gibraltar's current Income Tax Act, and say who is representing and advising the Government in that regard, and will he further say what is the position of HMG in the UK on the matter?

**QUESTION No: W137/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what contingency plans the Government has in place to negate any attempt by Spain to usurp jurisdiction and interfere with our exclusive jurisdiction in BGTW in relation to such matters as environmental protection and bunkering?

**QUESTION No: W138/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say in what regard GBC will be more independent of the Government than hitherto, and what oversight role Ministers have now which he believes will be reduced?

**QUESTION No: W139/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say whether the contracts entered into with UK private sector companies in relation to broadcasting gives them (i) any editorial or creative role in the content of GBC programmes (ii) any other role in or in relation to GBC other than provision of broadcasting network infrastructure? And will the Chief Minister lay a copy of those agreements in Parliament?

**QUESTION No: W140/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say whether HMG in the UK fully supports and endorses, as the Gibraltar Opposition does, the Gibraltar Government's position in relation to Spanish designation of our waters for EU environmental purposes, that the Gibraltar Government will never allow these waters to be treated by anyone other than as of exclusively British sovereignty and Gibraltar jurisdiction? And if so, can he say whether HMG in the UK have given GOG any assurances that they will take effective practical action to counteract any behaviour by Spain to the contrary?

**QUESTION No: W141/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say whether the Government considers that the EU now adopting positions in relation to BGTW which are inconsistent with its own historical treatment of them as part of the EU by virtue of the UK's membership, is in fact "interfering in a territorial dispute" contrary to what they assert they are unable to do?

**QUESTION No: W142/2012**

Questioner: The Hon P R Caruana

Will the Chief Minister say what is the current position in relation to the Eastside project and whether the Government has any intention of withdrawing all or any part of the site from the developers?