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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 18th July 2013.

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

Melvyn L Farrell
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 515/2013

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism advise who attended the ITB fair in Berlin, what the cost of such attendance was to the Government / GTB and what the result of such attendance was?

QUESTION No: 516/2013

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of how the GTB is pursuing niche markets?

QUESTION No: 517/2013

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to his answer of Question No. 85 of 2013, can the Minister for Tourism state how many further meetings of the UKGTA have been held together with the dates and locations of such meetings, who the attendees were, to include details of who ordinarily attends such meetings but failed to do so?

QUESTION No: 518/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable the Minister for Transport say whether he is now in a position to tell the House whether the Government has developed options for an alternative runway crossing for public service vehicles during peak times and, if so, what options it has or is considering?

QUESTION No: 519/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure state if he has, since the answer to Question No. 229 of 2013, held discussions with the Gibraltar Rugby Football Union in respect of providing renewed facilities for the playing, teaching and development of the sport; and if so, provide details of any agreements reached?

QUESTION No: 520/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure state if he has, since the answer to Question No. 231 of 2013, held discussions with the Gibraltar Cricket Association in respect of providing renewed facilities for the playing, teaching and development of the sport; and if so, provide details of any agreements reached?

QUESTION No: 521/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. 443 of 2013, can the Minister for Sports and Leisure say when the vacancy within the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority will be advertised to the general public?

QUESTION No: 522/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. W61 of 2013, can the Minister for Culture and Heritage say when his Ministry intends to advertise the position of Caretaker at John Mackintosh Hall, which became vacant due to the retirement of the previous holder?

QUESTION No: 523/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Heritage provide full details of all works undertaken so far in the financial year 2013/2014 at both Parson's Lodge and Moorish Castle, inclusive of information pertaining to costs and the constructors who carried out any of the works?

QUESTION No: 524/2013

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health say if he is satisfied with progress on the interior of the new Mental Health facility at the former RNH site and advise what the dimensions of the different bedrooms for patients are, and whether they have ensuite bathrooms or just sinks in the rooms?

QUESTION No: 525/2013

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Social Services say what reports have been submitted from schools LAC attend on the following issues, broken down by number, whether First, Middle or Secondary School and per term for the academic year 2012/2013 for:

- (a) Habitual inappropriate uniform;
- (b) Habitual lack of an adequate packed lunch;
- (c) Habitual anti-social behaviour towards other children;
- (d) Habitual anti-social behaviour towards teachers?

QUESTION No: 526/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable the Minister for Traffic provide details to this House of the cost of securing the services of a qualified professional CPC instructor to carry out the relevant courses for bus and lorry drivers?

QUESTION No: 527/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable the Minister for Traffic tell this House how long the Government expects the new parking facilities in and around the Naval Grounds as well as in the area of the former site of the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club are planned to be available to the public?

QUESTION No: 528/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable the Minister for Traffic provide details to this House of the cost to Government of providing additional car parking facilities in the Naval Ground area and the former site of the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club and the surrounding area?

QUESTION No: 529/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable the Minister for Traffic now say when he expects to receive a report of the findings and recommendations of the Sustainable Traffic and Transport survey recently conducted in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 530/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable the Minister for Traffic provide this House with a breakdown of all expenses totalling £35,000 incurred in respect of the Traffic, Transport and Parking Plan survey as set out in Estimates book?

QUESTION No: 531/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. 472 of 2013, can the Minister for Housing say by when Government hopes to have CCTV and Garage Barriers fully functional at Mid Harbour Estate?

QUESTION No: 532/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide updated details in respect of expenditure incurred since the answer to Question No. 474 of 2013, in respect of contracts awarded for making empty homes suitable for re-allocation; stating how many contractors were engaged, to whom payments were made, the number of residential homes involved and indicating if the services contracted were for repairs or cleaning?

QUESTION No: 533/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details in respect of rental homes assigned since the answer to Question No. 476 of 2013, indicating how many will be repaired by:

- (a) The Housing Works Agency;
- (b) Sub-contractors; and
- (c) The assigned tenants themselves?

QUESTION No: 534/2013

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment explain how the FJS trainees are accounted for in the various sub-headings contained in the Employment Survey Report 2012?

QUESTION No: 535/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

With regards to the 4 new gaming companies licensed to operate in Gibraltar and the 400 jobs which the Chief Minister has claimed have been created as a consequence, can the Chief Minister please provide a breakdown of these jobs in each of the gaming companies by reference to (a) nationality; and (b) the nature of the job?

QUESTION No: 536/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

With regards to the creation of 200 jobs in financial services, which the Chief Minister says have been created since he took office, can the Chief Minister provide a breakdown of these jobs by nationality and sector?

QUESTION No: 537/2013

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister say whether, further to Question No. 411 of 2013, there has been any progress with the tender for the redevelopment of the Old Police Barracks site and provide this House with details?

QUESTION No: 538/2013

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Deputy Chief Minister explain why there is a contradictory version of events between the MOD and HMGOG in relation to the incursion of Gibraltar airspace by Spanish Air Force aircraft as alleged by the Government?

QUESTION No: 539/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state whether any Government Minister wrote into, insisted on writing into, or howsoever suggested to employees of Gibelec that they should write into the press release issued by Gibelec on the day of the by-election criticisms of the previous GSD administrations?

QUESTION No: 540/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Were any Government Ministers present at any meetings or conference call held to discuss the issuing of a press release by Gibelec in relation to the power cut that occurred on the day of the by-election and if so, please identify the meeting or call and state who was present on the Government and Gibelec side?

QUESTION No: 541/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state whether any Government Minister asked the Financial Secretary to draft a press release on behalf of the Gibraltar Savings Bank on the day of the by-election, or suggested that he should do so?

QUESTION No: 542/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide details of each and every occasion in which he or the Deputy Chief Minister has had access or been briefed about Ministerial papers of the previous GSD administration identifying the subject matter of those documents and the person who provided him with access or briefed him?

QUESTION No: 543/2013

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Has the Chief Secretary or any other Civil Servant, been told or had it suggested to them by any Government Minister, that they should examine the Ministerial papers or documents of any former GSD Government Minister with a view to their relevance to the Dr Giraldi enquiry?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W70/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture and Heritage provide details of any changes there may have been in respect of persons employed by the Culture and Heritage Agency since the answer to Question No. W61 of 2013?

QUESTION No: W71/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport, Culture, Heritage and Youth provide updated details in respect of any changes there may have been since the answer provided through Written Question No. W62 of 2013; giving a breakdown by age, gender and nationality, of all trainees who have been on placements within the Ministries for which he has responsibility, indicating the Department, Agency or Authority where they are (were) placed, showing the type of work they are (were) undertaking and the date when their placements commenced and completed?

QUESTION No: W72/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport, Culture, Heritage and Youth provide details, giving a breakdown by age, gender and nationality, of any trainee who, since the answer provided through Written Question No. W63 of 2013, has been on a placement within any of the Ministries for which he has responsibility and who has subsequently been employed, indicating the Department, Agency or Authority where they are now employed and the date when their employment commenced?

QUESTION No: W73/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Written Question No. W64 of 2013, can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of any additions or amendments which may have been made to the fixed bookings and/or allocations schedules in respect of all facilities falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority for the 2013 summer season?

QUESTION No: W74/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities, provide Parliament with an account of how AquaGib will include into its systems all the ex MOD properties that have been handed over to Government as a result of the 2011 Lands deal, inclusive of the works required, cost involved, and the timeline for the execution of the works?

QUESTION No: W75/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if any consequence analysis has been carried out to determine the potential risks to developments, housing estates and the Airport runway due to the proposed new permanent power station, and, if so, could the Government provide Parliament with all documents in relation to this matter?

QUESTION No: W76/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if consequence risks analysis has been carried out for the purpose of the proposed new permanent power station, and state who has conducted them and explain how this is possible without knowing the fuel/gas and the amount expected to be used and stored onsite?

QUESTION No: W77/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if no consequence analysis has been carried out for the new proposed permanent power station, how has the nature and severity of the risks presented by the proposed power station to people in the surrounding area been assessed, and provide Parliament with all the documentation dealing with this question?

QUESTION No: W78/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and the Environment say in which ways does he think that the Epidemiological Study Report is flawed as stated by Hon. Minister in his Budget address of this year, and what measures will the Minister take to address such flaws in this financial year?

QUESTION No: W79/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Following his Budget address, can the Minister for the Environment say how many companies or other entities have benefited from the £1 million grant for projects that will assist in the reduction of our carbon footprint, stating the following:

- (a) A summary of the project and the location;
- (b) The name of the company or entity;
- (c) The amount given by the Government towards the project, and whether such amount was the total for completing the project, if not, then providing both the total amount for the project and the amount given by the Government; and,
- (d) The names of current projects being considered but not yet started, the location, and name of the company or entity?

QUESTION No: W80/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Following his Budget address, can the Minister for the Environment say in which specific ways of expertise and funding will the Primate Protection League and the Born Free Foundation assist the Government in delivering the macaque plans?

QUESTION No: W81/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Following his Budget address, will the Minister for Health and the Environment say what are the possibilities alluded to in his Budget address as a result of the Government plans for the new power station in relation to the alternative sources of power and how will this exceed the European Union's target for renewable energy?

QUESTION No: W82/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say on how many occasions has the Gibraltar Climate Change Forum met since the 11th of December 2011, providing dates on which it has met?

QUESTION No: W83/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say if the Government has decided on a particular site for the purpose of providing an Environment Park and, if so, provide the name of the location and the different waste streams that members of the public will be able to dispose in the Park and by when does the Government think that the Park will be operational?

QUESTION No: W84/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say how the Government is affording protection to wildlife, both in terrestrial and marine environments, in order to discharge its responsibilities under the Habitats and Birds Directive?

QUESTION No: W85/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report in relation to Government's proposal for a small boats marina?

QUESTION No: W86/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment carried out in relation to the new proposed permanent power station?

QUESTION No: W87/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the employment in the DOE of two new technical posts at PTO grade and the instalment of a laboratory which contains specialised equipment for on-site monitoring of soils and waters, can the Minister for the Environment say what tests and sites have now been examined, providing a summary of the test conducted and the result thereof?

QUESTION No: W88/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the screening report conducted on behalf of the Town Planners for the Floating Hotel in Marina Bay?

QUESTION No: W89/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with all environmental documentation submitted either to Government or the DPC in which in accordance with the Minister's recent letter to me stated that the Town Planners decided that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the Floating Hotel project in Marina Bay?

QUESTION No: W90/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say on how many occasions has the Nature Conservancy Council met since the 11th of December 2011, providing the following information:

- (a) The dates on which the Council has met;
- (b) The issues which have been discussed at such meetings;
- (c) Whether there have been occasions in which, outside the confines of the formal meetings, the Minister has had to rely on a round robin exercise in order to make any sudden or urgent decision and, if so, provide the dates on which this occurred and the topic discussed?

QUESTION No: W91/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Has the Minister for the Environment now received legal advice in relation to my request to have copies of the minutes of the Gibraltar Nature Conservancy Council under the Freedom of Access of Information to the Environment Regulation 2005 and, if so, provide a summary of the outcome of such advice?

QUESTION No: W92/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if the EU Seveso II Directive and in particular its land use planning aspects has taken into consideration at the time of selecting a location for the siting of the proposed new permanent power station and, if so, could the Government provide Parliament with all documentation to this effect?

QUESTION No: W93/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if the EU Seveso II Directive has been transposed into Gibraltar laws and, if so, state:

- (a) Who is the competent authority;
- (b) How would Hazardous Substances Consent be granted in Gibraltar; and
- (c) Who would be the Hazardous Substances Authority and who would be the statutory consultees?

QUESTION No: W94/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details in respect of all repairs undertaken to lifts servicing Government rental homes, since the reply to Question No. W66 of 2013, showing:

- (a) Location of lift requiring repairs;
- (b) Date and time when the lift breakdown was first lodged; and
- (c) Date and time when the lift was duly repaired and, therefore, fully functional?

QUESTION No: W95/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of how many tenants required urgent decanting from their homes, since the answer to Question No. W67 of 2013, indicating the reasons why, the dates when said decanting became necessary and the dates when these tenants were able to return to their homes?

QUESTION No: W96/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many residential homes have been, since his answer to Question No. W68 of 2013:

- (a) Allocated; and
- (b) Assigned,

showing the room composition of the respective homes?

QUESTION No. W97/2013

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given that the Minister for Health & Safety did not say a single word about Health & Safety in his recent budget address, will he provide Parliament with an indication of what policies will be implemented during the current financial year, and which other ones are currently being considered that will have the effect of developing Health & Safety in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: W98/2013

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Written Question No. W69 of 2013, can the Minister for Education provide details in respect of any changes there may have been in respect of Trainees undergoing training within the Ministry of Education?