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## PARLIAMENT HOUSE 156 MAIN STREET GIBRALTAR

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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 16<sup>h</sup> October 2014.

Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

**QUESTION No: 472/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port state who attended the recent Monaco Boat show?

**QUESTION No: 473/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide updated details of the costs of the replenishing of the Sandy Bay beach?

**QUESTION No: 474/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of the advertising expenditure in each of the departments he has ministerial responsibility for together with details of the publications since he took office, to date?

**QUESTION No: 475/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of the costs of the Tourism and Hospitality courses which have been offered at Bleak House together with details of how many attended, what the precise nature of courses entailed?

**QUESTION No: 476/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say whether the new Gibraltar Bus Company buses will be liveried in a similar fashion to the existing fleet of buses?

**QUESTION No: 477/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say when we can expect to see the new fleet of diesel buses in operation in Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 478/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say whether, further to his answer to Question No. 351 of 2014, the decision of the Industrial Tribunal has now been received by the Government?

**QUESTION No: 479/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say whether the Government is contemplating the introduction of a School Bus system?

**QUESTION No: 480/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say whether the Government is, in the context of the evident increase in cycling in Gibraltar, contemplating investing in an urban bicycle rental scheme during this term of office?

**QUESTION No: 481/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport confirm that, in the context of the new bus fleet, when he refers to them as 'environmentally friendly' vehicles he means 'new and more modern dieselengined buses but diesel nonetheless and not alternative energy, hybrid or much less, electrically powered' new buses?

**QUESTION No: 482/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government state which industrial activities are operating from the South Mole, the Detached Mole and the North Mole (stating the name of the company or public sector organisation), and which application/s it has received for consideration at the DPC for any type of industrial activity on the sites mentioned to date?

**QUESTION No: 483/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports provide details of current vacancies at the Sports and Leisure Authority, together with details of when these vacancies will be advertised?

**QUESTION No: 484/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports say if it is Government's intention to upgrade the Victoria Stadium's football facilities to approved UEFA Category 3?

**QUESTION No: 485/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of the alternative facilities which will be provided to the Gibraltar Cricket Association, as a result and consequence of the planned loss of Europa Sports Grounds for the playing, teaching and development of the sport?

**QUESTION No: 486/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reves

Can the Minister for Heritage provide details of all works, together with respective cost, undertaken at any Heritage related site since the answer to Question No. W77 of 2014, stating by whom these works were carried out?

**QUESTION No: 487/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of payments made so far, pertaining to financial year 2014/2015, in respect of "Sports Grants" under each of the following:

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

**QUESTION No: 488/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture provide details of Cultural Grants awarded so far pertaining to financial year 2014/2015?

**QUESTION No: 489/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Does the Government have any plans to grant any further exemptions in relation to the prohibition of smoking in public places?

**QUESTION No: 490/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many individuals are employed by Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd for the purpose of culling gull, and what are their annual wages?

**QUESTION No: 491/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many individuals applied for the Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd vacancy of full-time gull cull operative in April of this year, how many were employed, of those employed how many had a firearms certificate on commencement of their employment with Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd, and were there any other candidate/s that was not employed yet had a firearms certificate?

**QUESTION No: 492/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state if Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd has an insurance cover for their gull culling unit for any unforeseeable accident with firearms and, if so, could the Hon. Minister provide details of such?

**QUESTION No: 493/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state what are the rifles and bullets used by the gull culling unit of Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd, and whether this would comply with the British Association for Shooting and Conservation as applied in similar circumstances?

**QUESTION No: 494/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state what are the qualification/s per person employed by Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd for the purpose of gull culling?

**QUESTION No: 495/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state what, if any, prior experience in wildlife conservation, culling of feral animals, and as a Pest Control Officer have the various members employed by Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd had?

**QUESTION No: 496/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please state if the gull culling unit of Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd operates at night time and, if so, please state since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 where has this taken place and the number of animal and type culls on a monthly basis?

**QUESTION No: 497/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please state what are the safety protocols used by the gull culling unit employed by Wildlife Gibraltar Ltd prior to shooting their rifles throughout Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 498/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many removals of nests of Yellow-legged Gulls from homes and buildings have taken place since the 1<sup>st</sup> April of 2013 on a monthly basis?

**QUESTION No: 499/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many Yellow-legged Gulls have been culled since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 on a monthly basis?

**QUESTION No: 500/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many Yellow-legged Gulls have been culled in areas designated for the partridges imported from Morocco since the 1<sup>st</sup> April of this year on a monthly basis in order to avoid having these partridges and their chicks eaten by the seagulls?

**QUESTION No: 501/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state how many feral cats have been culled in areas designated for the partridges imported from Morocco, since the 1<sup>st</sup> April of this year on a monthly basis, in order to avoid having these partridges killed as has happened to the previous indigenous Barbary Partridges?

**QUESTION No: 502/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state what Pest Controlling measures have been in place in the Upper Rock Nature Reserve since December 2012, and what success have these had on the control on reducing seagulls, feral cats, and rats in the URNR?

**QUESTION No: 503/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and the Environment say whether the Government has had the opportunity to consider the ESG concerns over the possible risks to health due to emissions from Radio-Frequency Radiation by the use of cell and portable phones, cell towers, mast antennae, wireless monitors and routers, etc and, if so, state what the Government position is in relation to the Bioinitiative report of 2012?

**QUESTION No: 504/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please state whether nesting facilities for swallows will be reprovided on completion of the old St. Bernard's Hospital conversion?

**QUESTION No: 505/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state whether all GOG construction sites are implementing the Environment (Control of Dust) Regulation 2010?

**QUESTION No: 506/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What threat (if any) does the Government believe is posed to the population in Gibraltar by the Ebola virus and what measures have the Government put in place to deal with that threat?

**QUESTION No: 507/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state what posts in the Care Agency are being currently filled in an acting capacity and since when that has been so?

**QUESTION No: 508/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state how many employees working in positions within the Care Agency are doing so on contracts of less than a year providing a breakdown by reference to position, nationality, (separating British Gibraltarians and others) length of current contract and total length of time that individual has been working in a position within the Care Agency if he or she has entered into more than one contract?

**QUESTION No: 509/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state how many employees working in positions within the Care Agency are employed by a third party corporation such as recruitment consultants providing a breakdown by reference to position, nationality, length of current contract and length of time that individual has been working in or occupying a position within the Care Agency?

**QUESTION No: 510/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government state how many employees of the Care Agency are currently on sick leave for anxiety and stress related conditions together with a breakdown of how long those individuals have been on sick leave?

**QUESTION No: 511/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government state how many people are currently suspended from employment in the Care Agency identifying each department and the date each person was suspended?

**Question No: 512/2014** 

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**QUESTION No: 513/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please confirm whether the report from the tribunal of enquiry into the allegations of abuse at the Dr Giraldi home will be made public?

**QUESTION No: 514/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say whether there are any plans in place for the additional provision of parking, whether short or long term, in the vicinity of the airport?

**QUESTION No: 515/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say whether there are any plans to provide further parking in the town area in the short to medium term and, if so, what these plans are?

**QUESTION No: 516/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say when he plans to finally launch cycling safety awareness

campaigns in Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 517/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic now say whether the Government will be investing in creating what many consider a necessary and additional road south from Queensway through New

Harbours?

**QUESTION No: 518/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say whether the Government is planning on launching any pilot

parking schemes in Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 519/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say what the budget for the Eastern Beach public parking, completed in June this year, was and how much the final cost of this parking has been to the

tax payer?

**QUESTION No: 520/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say which contractors and sub-contractors worked on the construction of the Eastern Beach public parking facility, providing details of the payments received by each contractor and sub-contractor and in respect of which services such

payments have been received?

**QUESTION No: 521/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to Question No. W145 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing provide updated details of how much has been written off in respect of unpaid rents pertaining to Government rental

homes so far in 2014/2015?

**QUESTION No: 522/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the extent of damages caused to rental homes as a result of rain water ingress during ongoing refurbishment works during the months of September and October 2014?

**QUESTION No: 523/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. W146 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing provide updated details, together with estimated completion dates, in respect of works still to be completed at Mid-Harbour Estate?

**QUESTION No: 524/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide updated details in respect of all expenditure incurred, since the answer to Question No. W147 of 2014, in respect of contracts awarded for making empty homes suitable for re-allocation; stating to whom payments were made, how much has been paid, the number of residential homes pertaining to each payment, as well as indicating if the services contracted were for either repair works or cleaning services?

**QUESTION No: 525/2014** 

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. W148 of 2014, indicating how many will be repaired by:

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

**QUESTION No: 526/2014** 

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. W149 of 2014, indicating the reason why, the date when said decanting became necessary and the date when the tenants were able to return to their home?

**QUESTION No: 527/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many residential homes, since the answer to Question No W150 of 2014, have been:

- (a) allocated; and
- (b) assigned,

showing the room composition of the respective homes?

**QUESTION No: 528/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to Question No. W153 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing say how many Government rental homes are currently vacant, providing details of the dates from which such homes have been unoccupied and stating how many of these are pre-war and post-war homes?

**QUESTION No: 529/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Written Question No. W154 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing provide updated details in respect of the number of applicants on the housing waiting-lists; inclusive of a breakdown for the medical and social lists?

**QUESTION No: 530/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Written Question No. W155 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing provide updated details of the number of applicants on the housing pre-list?

**QUESTION No: 531/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how much expenditure has been incurred in respect of legal costs relating to the eviction of squatters from Government rental homes since the answer provided to Question No. W156; providing a breakdown showing the number of homes involved and to whom payments were made?

**QUESTION No: 532/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of how many houses have already been assigned or allocated in respect of Government's new co-ownership housing projects and how many still remain unsold, giving the room size composition in each case?

**QUESTION No: 533/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services provide updated details of all his travels costs, broken down in the same manner as Table Tc.4 in the Government website beyond the information as at 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014, which ends with a trip on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June 2014?

**QUESTION No: 534/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services provide an update of progress in relation to the Gibraltar International Bank and particularly when he expects it will open in the new premises?

**QUESTION No: 535/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services provide details of the breakdown of expenditure in relation to the £25m which is being estimate for 2014/2015 in respect of the equity funding of the Gibraltar International Bank?

**QUESTION No: 536/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Justice say, further to his Budget Address in July this year, whether the Proceeds of Crime legislation he alluded to will be the subject of consultation as a command paper and, if so, can he tell us when this can be expected to take place?

**QUESTION No: 537/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Justice explain to this House why, in his estimation, the creation of a Chief Superintendent role at the Royal Gibraltar Police 're-establishes a needed rank between the Commissioner of Police and the three Superintendents thereby providing the RGP with an improved management structure?'

**QUESTION No: 538/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Justice say what progress has been made in relation to the preparation of draft legislation for the purposes of introducing the fixed penalty scheme which it is anticipated will be rolled out in tandem, with the installation of fixed speed cameras in Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 539/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Justice confirm the total cost to the Royal Gibraltar Police of the Commissioner's new official car, a Mercedes Benz E Class?

**QUESTION No: 540/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

When will the Government grant the Gibraltar University a charter guaranteeing its independence and befitting its status as a University?

**QUESTION No: 541/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Apart from the £10 million initial investment by the Government in the Gibraltar University, what other investment (capital or otherwise) does the Government envisage it will need to make in that venture to make it viable?

**QUESTION No: 542/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please provide details of the projected annual costs of the Gibraltar University over the first three years?

**QUESTION No: 543/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please provide details of the projected annual revenue of the Gibraltar University over the first three years?

**QUESTION No: 544/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details by way of break-down of the entire costs of the University to Gibraltar project; who is involved in the educational side of the project; details of the precise courses which are going to be made available; details of the number of staff that it is expected to have, once fully functional; and what he expects the running costs of the University to be?

**QUESTION No: 545/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment confirm that requests for vacancies are not being rejected by his Department on the basis that the person who is requesting them is already in employment?

**QUESTION No: 546/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details of the management structure of the ETB to include details of the roles of each of the senior positions within the ETB?

**QUESTION No: 547/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide the names of the current labour inspectors together with details of their positions within the Civil Service, GDC or wholly-owned Government company they are employed, as the case may be?

**QUESTION No: 548/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details of where the trainees in each of the areas of placements set out in his letters to me, dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 have moved to? Were they in employment in the Private or Public Sectors and if in the Public Sector, which department?

**QUESTION No: 549/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details of the wholly-owned Government companies which provide employee jobs in the Public Sector and of the 908 employees set out in Table 5.3, which wholly-owned Government companies they are employed by?

**QUESTION No: 550/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details of the wholly-owned Government companies which provide full-time employee jobs with how many such jobs are provided by each of those companies, broken down by the activity as set out in Table 6.6?

**QUESTION No: 551/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment state whether the graduate scheme continues to function?

**QUESTION No: 552/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please give a breakdown, by bank and amount, of that part of the aggregate public debt which comprises bank debt, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014?

**QUESTION No: 553/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister provide this House with a breakdown, by debenture issue, of the part of the aggregate public debt which comprises Government debentures, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014?

**QUESTION No: 554/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide details of the value of Gibraltar Savings Bank Debentures or other debt security as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014?

**QUESTION No: 555/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide a breakdown of where and how all monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank have been invested and the rate of return on each of these investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014?

**QUESTION No: 556/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state what post within the public service does Ms Joanna Hernandez occupy and what are her responsibilities?

**QUESTION No: 557/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister confirm how many expressions of interest there have been in the East Side project and whether a decision has been made as to which project to proceed with and, if so, can he provide the House with details?

**QUESTION No: 558/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please provide this House with an update as to the proposal for ecohousing in the Europa point area which it announced last year?

**QUESTION No: 559/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister state how he intends to monitor the implementation of the Employment (Bullying at Work) Act?

**QUESTION No: 560/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister state why the position of Financial Secretary was not advertised?

**QUESTION No: 561/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister provide details of which civil servants are issued with Government's

credit cards?

**QUESTION No: 562/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister provide the House with a full list of wholly-owned Government

companies?

**QUESTION No: 563/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister state what new investment has come from China since the

Government opened its office in Hong Kong?

**QUESTION No: 564/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister advise this House who the Government partners in the Gibraltar

International Mint are?

**QUESTION No: 565/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic say how long the coach parking at the intended site of the Marriott Hotel will remain there and whether a timeframe for the handover of the site is

agreed with the developer?

**QUESTION No: 566/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Chief Minister say when he expects the contactless ID card to be rolled out in the

community and the anticipated cost of the initiative?

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**QUESTION No: 567/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Chief Minister please state how much the Government or any company or authority for which the Government is responsible pays Mr Tyrone Duarte, together with what his role is and where he will be based?

**QUESTION No: 568/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state what was the total cost associated with the cancellation of the contract entered by the GSD Government for the installation of a new Power Station at the former Lathbury Barrack site?

**QUESTION No: 569/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please provide a breakdown of the expenditure for works and equipment with a brief description to the Electricity Authority since December 2011 through the Improvement and Development Fund?

**QUESTION No: 570/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if as a result of the new Power Station, the switchgear currently installed at various distribution centres is being replaced and, if so, what is the cost?

**QUESTION No: 571/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please confirm what is the total number of generating sets and their individual maximum rated power output in MWe currently installed at the different power stations, and separately the total number and rating in MWe of all those generating sets that are being rented and confirm which generators, if any, are currently not available for service and why?

**QUESTION No: 572/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please confirm what has been the maximum power demand in MW for the winter period of 2013/2014, and of the summer 2014?

**QUESTION No: 573/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state the total number of power outages in the electricity grid, during the period in which the company S.O. Energy has been operating, and from the total number of power outages how many have been attributed to failure of their generation, and/or other equipment installed on their site or caused by their operations?

**QUESTION No: 574/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given what the Hon. Chief Minister had to say in his budget address on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Hansard line, 926/27), can the Minister for Utilities clarify for what other purposes may the proposed reclamation area be utilised other than for the new Power Station?

**QUESTION No: 575/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given what the Hon. Chief Minister had to say in his budget address on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Hansard line, 926/27), can the Minister for Utilities clarify what part of the new Power Station will be located at the proposed reclamation area off the North Mole, and what part will be located elsewhere?

**QUESTION No: 576/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state if the reclamation site to house the new Power Station has started and, if so, state on what date and when will the reclamation be completed in order to allow the construction of the Power Station?

**QUESTION No: 577/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state the name of the company that will do the reclamation for the new Power Station, and what will be the approximate cost for this works?

**QUESTION No: 578/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if there will be a need to build a new purpose building to house the offices, workshops and welfare facilities for the employees of Waterport Power Station as a result of the new Power Station and, if so, please state in what site and what the cost will be?

**QUESTION No: 579/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if as a result of having a new Power Station, there will be a need to build new distribution centres and, if so, please state how many, where such centres will be located, and what will be the cost?

**QUESTION No: 580/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if as a result of the new Power Station, there will be a need to provide more inter-connector cables laid for the network grid and, if so, how many, where and what will be the cost?

**QUESTION No: 581/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state what if any, recurrent financial cost may result from the introduction of new navigational controls to be introduced on vessels entering the Port of Gibraltar by the possible usage of tug boats and pilot fees due to the laying of a pipeline from the Detached Mole to the proposed site for the new Power Station, and if such costs materialises will it be the Cruise liners, the Government or what other entity that will pay such fees?

**QUESTION No: 582/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state if a pipeline across the North Entry of the Port, for the purpose of transporting the fuel from the Detached Mole to the new power station is planned and, if so, could the Minister state when will such works commence and how much will this part of the works cost? **QUESTION No: 583/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the supplementary answer given by the Hon. Chief Minister to Oral Questions 243-258 (Hansard, line 1058-9), can the Minister for Utilities state if there are plans afoot for having a pipeline from Spain or North Africa for the purpose of bringing gas to Gibraltar for the new Power Station and, if so, from where?

**QUESTION No: 584/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state whether any risk assessment has been conducted with respect to the impact of a possible pipeline across the port, who conducted that risk assessment, what mitigations are required by the risk assessment, what impact such mitigation would have on Port operations and will the Hon. Minister provide Parliament with a copy of such report?

**QUESTION No: 585/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the comments of the Hon. Chief Minister at his budget address in relation to the new Power Station (Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, Hansard line 900), can the Minister for Utilities explain why the Government has opted to purchase three of the six MAN Engines for gas only operation, and the other three as dual fuel built gas/diesel engines, when according to the Chief Minister 'the new power station will operate using natural gas with diesel only as a backup'?

**QUESTION No: 586/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if three of the six engines to be purchased for the new Power Station can only be used on gas. If so, does it mean that, in the event of gas shortage, the three remaining dual fuel generators operating on diesel will have enough output to meet Gibraltar's needs?

**QUESTION No: 587/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state when will works for the commencement of the new Power Station start, and when will the new Power Station be ready to generate electricity into the grid?

**QUESTION No: 588/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister of Utilities please state if the Government will go ahead in purchasing the Heat Recovery Systems for the new Power Station and, if so, could the Hon. Minister provide the cost for the purchase of it and its instalment?

**QUESTION No: 589/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the Supplementary answer given by the Hon. Minister for Utilities to Oral Question Nos. 243 of 2014 to 258 of 2014 at line 1036-41 of Hansard, can the Minister state how many companies responded to the Government's Priority Information Notice (PIN) for the purpose of supplying gas to the Government, which method was it communicated to companies operating in this business, how will the Government consider each respective proposal, will there be a tender process to consider the business proposals and is the Notice period now finished?

**QUESTION No: 590/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state the number and construction type (Atmospheric single, double, full containment or pressurised) of storage tanks that will be constructed for the storage of LNG, and what will be the amount stored at each tank?

**QUESTION No: 591/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state if the LNG Storage tanks will also be sited in the proposed new reclamation site that will house the new Power Station?

**QUESTION No: 592/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state if the LNG Storage Tanks will be situated at the Detached Mole and, if so, by when will works start and by when will they be completed?

**QUESTION No: 593/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state which company will undertake the works for the LNG Storage Tanks at the Detached Mole and for what price?

**QUESTION No: 594/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state on what site will the LNG be converted into gas prior to it being used by the generators?

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**QUESTION No: 595/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state how will the LNG be transported from the storage area in the Detached Mole to the location of the new permanent power station?

**QUESTION No: 596/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state what will be the country from which LNG will be

sourced?

**QUESTION No: 597/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state by what method will LNG be transported to

Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 598/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state how reliable will be the source from which LNG is procured, is there a contingency plan elaborated in case the primary source fails to deliver for any particular reason/s and, if so, could the Hon. Minister provide Parliament with a copy

of such a contingency plan?

**QUESTION No: 599/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state how often will the Storage Tanks facilities for LNG require replenishing based on expected monthly consumption of the new power station?

**QUESTION No: 600/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if the Government intends to contract a LNG tanker specifically to meet the needs of replenishing the Storage Tanks for the new Power Station, or outsource this aspect through contract to a company and, if so, what specific type and size will it be and at what price?

**QUESTION No: 601/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state what will be the 'all in rate' cost to the Government as a result of transporting the LNG to Gibraltar and its further storage, regasification and final distribution to the new Power Station, inclusive but not limited to, contract/s, fuel, shipping fees, copex and opex, etc, both for the duration of the contract/s and on a monthly basis?

**QUESTION No: 602/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state what type of LNG receiving terminal technology is being considered for the regasification process and will it only include the low pressure system as fuel for the power station or will it also include the high pressure gas supplies for pipeline off-takers?

**QUESTION No: 603/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities provide a breakdown of all expenditure with a brief description since December 2011 in relation to all the various consultants used for the purpose of having a new Power Station with all associated works inclusive but not limited to the LNG Storage Tanks and receiving Terminal facility?

**QUESTION No: 604/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please confirm if indeed it is the UK HSE that has been engaged for the purpose of assisting the local Environmental Agency, or perhaps some other person/entity providing work on a freelance basis to the UK HSE and, if so, please provide details of such and cost?

**QUESTION No: 605/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state if the UK Environmental Agency and the HSE be considering such things, among others as accidental spillage, tank ruptures, seismic movements and terrorist attacks in relation to the LNG facilities for the new Power Station taking account of all the industrial activities in the surrounding area, plus all the residential housing estates in the Westside of Gibraltar inclusive of the hospital and, if so, provide a copy of these reports to Parliament?

**QUESTION No: 606/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the reply given to the Hon. Minister for Utilities to me on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014, with regard to the comments made there under of '...the HSE who have looked at different scenarios on the storage of LNG and provides guidance and advice', could the Hon. Minister please provide details of the scenarios looked into by the HSE and provide Parliament with a copy of this report?

**QUESTION No: 607/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state what Health & Safety hazards and risks have been assessed by the UK Environmental Agency and the HSE in relation to the new Power Station and the LNG Storage Tanks and receiving Terminal facility, and provide Parliament with a copy of their findings?

**QUESTION No: 608/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state if there will be exclusion zones around the LNG terminal and, if so, who will be responsible for policing, additionally will there be containment facilities available in case of spillage and, if so, could the Hon. Minister provide details?

**QUESTION No: 609/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if any reports have 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: 610/2014**

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state when was the UK Environmental Agency contacted for the purpose of assisting the local Environmental Agency for the purpose of 'helping to assess' the application of the successful bidder for the new Power Station and the preparation of the necessary permit to be issued, when will this process be finished, and will the Government provide Parliament with a copy of the conditions within the permit?

**QUESTION No: 611/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state what if any will be the cost of engaging the UK Environmental Agency to help assess the application of the successful bidder for the new Power Station and for issuing the necessary permit?

**QUESTION No: 612/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please confirm if indeed it is the UK Environmental Agency that has been engaged for the purpose of assisting the local Environmental Agency, or some other person/entity providing work on a freelance basis to the UK Agency and, if so, please provide details of such and cost?

**QUESTION No: 613/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities please state when was the UK Health & Safety Executive contacted for the purpose of assisting the local Environmental Agency for the purpose of 'helping to assess' the application of the successful bidder for the new Power Station and the preparation of the necessary permit to be issued, when will this process be finished, how much will it cost, and will the Government provide Parliament with a copy of the report submitted by the HSE, plus the ultimate conditions attached by the local Environmental Agency to the permit to be issued?

**QUESTION No: 614/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Utilities state by when will the Environmental Agency be in a position to review and consider the IPPC Government application for the new Power Station?

**QUESTION No: 615/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government state what Environmental, Health & Safety and Fire Prevention measures are in place at the South Mole, the Detached Mole and the North Mole in order to guarantee that any incident likely to occur by any industrial activity (either public or private), will be contained within each respective zone boundaries and will not spill over to other industrial activities nearby causing a chain reaction leading to a major incident?

**QUESTION No: 616/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government state, what is the cost of each caisson acquired by the Government for the purposes of the proposed land reclamation at the North Mole?

**QUESTION No: 617/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state whether it has now made a final decision on the location of the LNG installation?

**QUESTION No: 618/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state whether the Government has now made a final decision on the exact location of the new Power Station on or around the North Mole?

**QUESTION No: 619/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister confirm that the report into the leak of the tax affairs of the previous Speaker of this House has now been completed?

**QUESTION No: 620/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state how many people have applied for the post of Her Majesty's Attorney General of Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 621/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister confirm that the post of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Gibraltar will continue to attract the same salary (with usual annual increases) as it does at present?

**QUESTION No: 622/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please state whether the Government intends to create the post of Director of Public Prosecutions?

**QUESTION No: 623/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government explain why the tunnel project has been allocated to GJBS without any tender and when are the works likely to commence?

**QUESTION No: 624/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please confirm that at any ad hoc talks, whether at a technical level or otherwise, representatives of the Government of Gibraltar will have a separate voice, vote and veto over any decision taken?

## **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION No: W210/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport provide details to this House, on a month by month basis, of passenger numbers on buses of the Gibraltar Bus Company, broken down by route, since January 2011?

**QUESTION No: W211/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport provide details to this house of the number and type of complaints received by the Traffic Inspectors/Transport Commission in relation to the Taxi Service in Gibraltar on a month by month basis, since January 2011

**QUESTION No: W212/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of registrations of new motorcycles of between 50 cubic centimetres and 250 cubic centimetres since January 2011, on a month by month basis?

**QUESTION No: W213/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of private registrations of new motorcycles of between 250 cubic centimetres and 500 cubic centimetres since January 2011, on a month by month basis?

**QUESTION No: W214/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of registrations of new motorcycles of more than 500 cubic centimetres since January 2011, on a month by month basis?

**QUESTION No: W215/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of private registrations on a month by month basis since January 2011 of motor vehicles with an internal combustion engine of less than 1200 cubic centimetres, broken down by fuel type, namely petrol, diesel, hybrid or electric?

**QUESTION No: W216/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of private registrations on a month by month basis since January 2011 of motor vehicles with an internal combustion engine of more than 1200 cubic centimetres but less than 1600 cubic centimetres, broken down by fuel type, namely petrol, diesel, hybrid or electric?

**QUESTION No: W217/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of private registrations on a month by month basis since January 2011 of motor vehicles with an internal combustion engine of more than 1600 cubic centimetres but less than 2000 cubic centimetres, broken down by fuel type, namely petrol, diesel, hybrid or electric?

**QUESTION No: W218/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of private registrations on a month by month basis since January 2011 of motor vehicles with an internal combustion engine of more than 2000 cubic centimetres, broken down by fuel type, namely petrol, diesel, hybrid or electric?

**QUESTION No: W219/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of tourist plate, export registrations on a month by month basis since January 2011?

**QUESTION No: W220/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Traffic provide this House with the number of registrations of new motorcycles of up to 50 cubic centimetres since January 2011, on a month by month basis?

**QUESTION No: W221/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Justice provide details to this house of the number of convictions in Gibraltar for possession of Class A drugs, on a month by month basis since January 2011, broken down by type of drug?

**QUESTION No: W222/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to Question No. 325/2014, can the Minister for Employment provide updated details of the expenditure in terms of salaries paid to the trainees in the FJS?

**QUESTION No: W223/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Since question 403/2014, can the Minister for Employment provide details of the number of employers with trainee employees, with a break-down for each month by employer, a number of trainee employees placed with the employer?

**QUESTION No: W224/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide the updated information further to question number W207 of 2014 set out in (a) – (f) in respect of each of the companies mentioned in the question and in the same detail previously provided?

**QUESTION No: W225/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to question W208/2014, can the Minister for Employment provide details of the number of private employers (broken down by industry group) which have employed FJS trainees with details of how many trainees have been employed by each employer, broken down by month?

**QUESTION No: W226/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details of the monthly unemployment figures since

2011 to date?

**QUESTION No: W227/2014** 

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many vehicles available to the Care Agency are currently not in working order?