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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 December 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul E Martinez'.

Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 714/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Small Businesses state what the full cost to the Government has been of the Small Business Saturdays held in 2013 and 2014?

QUESTION No: 715/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port provide details of the final cost of the recent trip to Hong Kong?

QUESTION No: 716/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment state what goals he has been given to achieve by the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister as he told GBC following the Cabinet reshuffle?

QUESTION No: 717/2014

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say whether any consultants were contracted by the Bus Company for the purposes of assessing proposals received for the tender of the new buses to the Gibraltar Bus Company?

QUESTION No: 718/2014

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say whether any progress has been made identifying what works need to be carried out to Europa Road to support the weight of the new buses and what this might cost?

QUESTION No: 719/2014

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport provide details in this House of the full amount of advertising revenues invoiced and received by Big Publications Limited, on a yearly basis for 2012, 2013 and the year 2014 to date for advertising on the buses broken down into the following categories, namely 'back of the bus advertising,' side of the bus advertising,' bus stop advertising,' and any other forms of advertising sold by Big Publications?

QUESTION No: 720/2014

Questioner: The Hon S M Figueras

Can the Minister for Transport say how many formal complaints the bus company has received from the public about the new buses?

QUESTION No: 721/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the answer to Written Question W172 of 2014 in June of this year, can the Minister for the Environment say if the Marine Accident Compliance Officer has now completed the investigation of the oil pollution within the Port and, if so, please provide Parliament with a copy of his/her report?

QUESTION No: 722/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state what the cost of the literary festival was to the taxpayer?

QUESTION No: 723/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide details of the cost to the taxpayer of the maintenance contract for the new buses including but not limited to the hourly rate charged by the entity undertaking the maintenance and the term of the contract?

QUESTION No: 724/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please state who has been awarded the contract for the maintenance of the new buses?

QUESTION No: 725/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please state the price tendered by each tenderer in respect of the contract for the new buses (a) by reference to the price per bus; and (b) the overall contract price?

QUESTION No: 726/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister state how many entities tendered for the contract for the supply of new buses?

QUESTION No: 727/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state whether it has estimated the cost of reinforcing certain parts of the road system in Gibraltar in order to cope with the weight of the new buses and, if so, what is that estimated cost?

QUESTION No: 728/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: 729/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports provide details in respect of any vacancies which may have been filled at the Sports and Leisure Authority since the answer to Question No. 483 of 2014?

QUESTION No: 730/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of all dates when the Sea Bathing facilities adjacent to GSLA's swimming pool have been closed to public use since its official opening; inclusive of reasons why any closures were necessary?

QUESTION No: 731/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of all dates when either of the GSLA's swimming pools have been closed for public use during the present Financial Year; inclusive of reasons why any closures were necessary?

QUESTION No: 732/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Heritage provide details of all works, together with a breakdown of respective cost, undertaken at any Heritage related site since the answer to Question No. 486 of 2014, stating by whom these works were carried out?

QUESTION No: 733/2014

Questioner: The Hon D. A Feetham

Can the Government please state what was the total cost of the Mega Concert?

QUESTION No: 734/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the complaints by service-users of delays in the Blood Department of St Bernard's Hospital, will the Minister for Health ask for a management review of staff resources in order to expedite such delays encountered?

QUESTION No: 735/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Will the Minister for the Environment please say if it is the intention to do a major maintenance programme in the Alameda Botanic Gardens in order to replace all the broken wooden battens on benches and resurface the pathways due to the amount of potholes constituting a safety hazard to visitors to the gardens?

QUESTION No: 736/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say when will the restricted areas closed to the public in Commonwealth Park be reopening?

QUESTION No: 737/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Climate Change provide Parliament with the Government strategy for combating climate change?

QUESTION No: 738/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please say if the company Eco Wave Power Ltd has started building the buoys and its necessary infrastructure in order to commence producing electricity into our grid, and provide Parliament with an update on this matter?

QUESTION No: 739/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say how many individuals have been fined or cautioned for the illegal enticing or feeding of macaques contrary to the existing legislation, either inside or outside of the Upper Rock Nature Reserve, stating where, the date, Nationality, amounts imposed, which entity imposed the fine, and whether some cases are waiting to be heard in the courts?

QUESTION No: 740/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with an updated account of progress with regard to the construction of the sewage treatment plant and works to the other parts of the sewage system, giving a timeline for each aspect of works to the commence and finish?

QUESTION No: 741/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say if the online reporting facility alluded by the Hon. Minister in his Budget Address is now operational, and if so, provide a monthly account of the reports submitted broken down by categories?

QUESTION No: 742/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the revised Environmental Action and Management Plan earmarked for September/October of 2014?

QUESTION No: 743/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide Parliament with a copy of the Gibraltar Waste Management Plan?

QUESTION No: 744/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide a timeline for the commencement and completion of the Municipal Waste Treatment Plant?

QUESTION No: 745/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to Question No. 521 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 the Financial Year 2014/2015?

QUESTION No: 746/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the extent of damage caused to rental homes, inclusive of locations, as a result of rain water ingress during ongoing refurbishment works since the answer provided to Question No. 522 of 2014?

QUESTION No: 747/2014

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. 524 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 repairs works or cleaning services?

QUESTION No: 748/2014

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. 526 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: 749/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 532 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing provide revised and updated 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: 750/2014

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the answer given to Written Question No. W182 of 2014, can the Minister for the Environment say if the assessment to the current Government fleet of vehicles has now been completed in order to meet their Manifesto Commitment to have a fleet of vehicles powered by non-polluting engines and, if so, will the Minister provide Parliament with a copy of the report coupled with Government's actions to fulfil the commitment by the time the next elections are called?

QUESTION No: 751/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the term of the contract for the lease of the Tesla vehicle to the Government and what is the projected total cost to the taxpayer of that contract?

QUESTION No: 752/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the total amount paid by the Government to Bassadone Motors and/or any other entity in respect of the Tesla vehicle used by the Chief Minister?

QUESTION No: 753/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the cost to the taxpayer per month of the Tesla vehicle used by the Chief Minister?

QUESTION No: 754/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how many students who were undergoing full time education and enrolled in Year 10 at the start of the academic year 2013-2014 have left full time education before the commencement of the 2014-2015 academic year; providing a breakdown by educational establishment, date (month) of termination and age of student at the time, together with reason for leaving if known?

QUESTION No: 755/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how many Year 11 students left full time education during academic the year 2013-2014 before sitting GCSE examinations; providing a breakdown by educational establishment, age of student, date of termination and reason for leaving if known?

QUESTION No: 756/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how many students have ceased full time education in either Years 10 or 11 (or equivalent) since the start of 2014-2015 academic year; providing a breakdown by school year, educational establishment and reason for termination if known?

QUESTION No: 757/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide updated details in respect of any changes there may have been in respect of students currently enrolled for post GCSE education in Years 12 and 13 (or equivalents) when compared with those enrolled at the start of the current academic year, together with the reasons for termination if known?

QUESTION No: 758/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details in respect of the number of students, broken down by gender, who are repeating subjects pertaining to GCSE examinations which they sat for during the academic year 2013-2014; indicating at which educational establishment they are currently receiving revision tuition?

QUESTION No: 759/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details in respect of the number of pupils who sat Advanced Level and GCSE examinations or equivalents, broken down by gender and educational establishment where they received full time education, as at the end of academic year 2013-2014?

QUESTION No: 760/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how many students are presently enrolled for post GCSE education in Years 12 and 13 (or equivalent) for the academic year 2014/2015; broken down by gender and educational establishment?

QUESTION No: 761/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Inward Investment provide details of all EU funding provided since answering Question No. 359 of 2013 to include all applications made with details of whose applications were rejected?

QUESTION No: 762/2014

Questioner: The Hon D. J. Bossino

Can the Minister for Inward Investment provide an update in relation to the development of the Nuffield pool site?

QUESTION No: 763/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Business Development please provide details of which entities have applied for development aid, with details of the nature of the projects and the amount of the aid provided to each successful applicant since he took office?

QUESTION No: 764/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details, on a monthly basis of the registered unemployed since asking Question No. W266 of 2014?

QUESTION No: 765/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Training provide details of the number of assessors currently working at both the Construction Trades and Engineering Trades Training Centres, together with details of courses for which they are qualified to assess?

QUESTION No: 766/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Training provide a breakdown showing how many trainees are currently training for NVQs in both construction and engineering trades, inclusive of individual courses being followed and the qualifications to be obtained?

QUESTION No: 767/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Training provide details of how many Instructors are presently delivering training in respect of NVQs in both construction and engineering trades, showing details of the training facility at which they are based and what courses they are delivering and indicating whether they are Government employees or employees of specific Government owned companies?

QUESTION No: 768/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Training provide a breakdown with details showing how many trainees have attained NVQs in 2014 pertaining to either construction or engineering trades, inclusive of information relating to the individual courses and level of qualifications achieved?

QUESTION No: 769/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide a breakdown of where and how all the monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank have been invested and the rate of return on each of these investments as at 30th November 2014?

QUESTION No: 770/2014

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 30th November 2014?

QUESTION No: 771/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

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

QUESTION No: 772/2014

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 30th November 2014?

QUESTION No: 773/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Aviation state what steps are envisaged next in relation to the Single Sky initiative?

QUESTION No: 774/2014

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Deputy Chief Minister state how many projects are still being considered for the East Side project with details of the entities which remain to be considered as well as the nature of each of the projects?

QUESTION No: 775/2014

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please state whether he is aware if Mr Jason Cruz, the Government's new representative in the Hong Kong office, was paid a commission or received any payment by any entity in relation to Sunborn's relocation to Gibraltar last year?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W285/2014

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports and Leisure provide details of fixed bookings and/or allocations made in respect of all facilities falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority for the 2014/2015 winter season?

QUESTION No: W286/2014

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 answer to Question No. W59 of 2014?