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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 22nd January 2015.

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

Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment state whether he has any intention of employing a permanent Chairman to the Industrial Tribunal?

QUESTION No: 2/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment state when he expects he will have completed the promised reforms to the Industrial Tribunal procedures?

QUESTION No: 3/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment provide details of the quarterly average of unemployed Gibraltarians for the last quarter of 2014?

QUESTION No: 4/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety say what health and safety procedure is implemented by companies operating at the dry-dock when using blasting material on ships at the dock in order to ensure that no adverse effect occurs to the environment, and what external monitoring procedure to ensure compliance with the law is carried-out to ascertain that companies using such material do not cut corners that might damage the marine environment given the type of hazardous contaminants that blasting has?

QUESTION No: 5/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health & Safety please provide the Health & Safety statistics for the month of December, as these were not available in the Government website at the time notice for question was notified?

QUESTION No: 6/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety please say on how many occasions have the Factories Inspectors had inspections, meetings, advice, complaints, site visits and accidents investigations in the shipbuilding/Marine Repairs Industry Sector during 2014, broken down by the categories abovementioned?

QUESTION No: 7/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety please provide the House with a statement in relation to the major accident reported in the November 2014 statistics of the Government website, Table HS.2 in the Electricity Supply Industry Sector, and state what if any, consequences have emanated from such incident?

QUESTION No: 8/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Health and Safety say if Factories Inspectors have inspected recently the dry-docks arising from complaints made by the residents in the nearby area and, if so, provide Parliament with a statement of their findings?

QUESTION No: 9/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. 137 of 2014, can the Minister for Sports inform this House if he has now identified and agreed upon potential facilities for use by the Gibraltar Rugby Football Union for the playing, teaching and development of the sport?

QUESTION No: 10/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. 485 of 2014, can the Minister for Sport say if any potential alternative facilities have been identified for use by the Gibraltar Cricket Association in respect of provision of facilities for the playing, teaching and development of Cricket in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 11/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports now provide the details missing in his answer to Written Question No. W285/2014 so as to show which Team/Association has been allocated the use of Bishop Fitzgerald School facilities in respect of Callanetics and Taekwondo activities?

QUESTION No: 12/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture provide updated details of any Cultural Grants awarded so far pertaining to the Financial Year 2014/2015?

QUESTION No: 13/2015

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 provided to Question No. 732 of 2014 stating by whom these works were carried out?

QUESTION No: 14/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government say if any funds from the Ministry for Sports, Culture, Heritage and Youth, or through King's Bastion Leisure centre has been spent on advertising in Spain (whether television, radio or press) and, if so, please provide the amounts since January 2012, specifying the name of the media outlet and the date/s of each individual payment?

QUESTION No: 15/2015

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state whether it has paid any further expenditure in respect of the Mega Concert since this question was last asked?

QUESTION No: 16/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health explain the protocols involved to access the GHA's 'eating disorder programme' and what the programme entails?

QUESTION No: 17/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Further to Written Question No. 233, can the Minister for Health state when exactly the GHA review Report will be published?

QUESTION No: 18/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health say if the Xanit Hospital model of food distribution, and/or the providers of their meal service, is/are being considered for food distribution at St Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 19/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Further to Written Question No. 242, can the Minister for Health state what the Prostate Cancer GP and Consultant Surgeon protocols are now that the new clinic has been established?

QUESTION No: 20/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health say if it is true that the Bonita Trust was prepared to buy the GHA an MRI machine but this was rejected?

QUESTION No: 21/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please provide an explanation as to why there was a sharp drop in the collection of glass and paper/cardboard in February 2013 as shown in the Gibraltar Waste Management Plan 2013, page 33?

QUESTION No: 22/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say the amount of Hazardous waste sent to Gamasur, Los Barrios plant in 2013 and 2014 in tonnage in relation to waste blasting material containing dangerous substances?

QUESTION No: 23/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Is the Minister for the Environment aware that the Gamasur, facility plant in Los Barrios is being investigated by the Spanish Prosecution Service and La Junta de Andalucia for alleged serious breaches to Spanish environmental laws, and what independent verification does the Minister locally have that Hazardous waste from Gibraltar to this plant is being safely disposed of in accordance with European Law?

QUESTION No: 24/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment state if the new Waste Treatment Facility to be constructed will produce any of the following:

- (a) Electricity and, if so, how much;
- (b) Potable waste and, if so, how much;
- (c) Biodiesel and, if so, how much; and
- (d) Syngas and, if so, how much?

QUESTION No: 25/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Further to the supplementary answer given to Question No. 643 of 2014, can the Minister for the Environment please say how the collection of the data with regards to fish stocks in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters is progressing?

QUESTION No: 26/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment say if the new Fishing Regulations have now come into force and, if not, when?

QUESTION No: 27/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Following the favourable statement made by the European Commission in dismissing the latest complaints made by a Spanish political party with regard to the reclamation of the Eastside Project, can the Minister for the Environment say if this is now the last complaint to be considered by the Commission, or if there are more in the pipeline?

QUESTION No: 28/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment and Health say on how many occasions has the Environmental Agency inspected companies in the shipbuilding/Marine Repairs Industry Sector during 2014, broken down by companies and dates, and what the findings of such inspections have concluded?

QUESTION No: 29/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment and Health say if employees of the Environmental Agency have inspected recently the dry-docks arising from complaints made by the residents in the nearby area and, if so, provide Parliament with a statement of their findings?

QUESTION No: 30/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism please provide details on the total cost of the Sandy Bay Beach Project?

QUESTION No: 31/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of further advertising expenditure in relation to the Tourism Department since asking Question No. 474 of 2014?

QUESTION No: 32/2015

Questioner: The Hon I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Social Services say when the Dr Giraldi Inquiry Report will be published?

QUESTION No: 33/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Following on from Government Press Release No. 504/2014, can the Minister for Housing provide details and relevant information pertaining to the engagement of “high visibility guard patrols” in residential areas where refurbishment programmes are in progress, together with details of cost and what co-ordination arrangements have been made with Royal Gibraltar Police?

QUESTION No: 34/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of all remaining refurbishment works still to be carried out at Alameda Estate, together with estimated dates when these works will be carried out?

QUESTION No: 35/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide full details of how much has been written off in respect of unpaid rents pertaining to Government rental homes since the answer provided to Question No. 745 of 2014?

QUESTION No: 36/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details in respect of all expenditure incurred, since the answer to Question No. 747 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 were either for repair works or cleaning services?

QUESTION No: 37/2015

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. 748 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: 38/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. 177 of 2014, can the Minister for Housing provide updated details of the comprehensive review pertaining to the Housing Works Agency and the Ministry for Housing?

QUESTION No: 39/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide updated information, inclusive of details of grades and dates, in respect of any Housing Works Agency employees who have been:

- (a) retired;
- (b) transferred; and
- (c) seconded,

either from or into the Housing Works Agency, since the answer provided to Question No. 311 of 2014?

QUESTION No: 40/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer to Question No. 523 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: 41/2015

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. 531 of 2014; providing a breakdown showing the number of homes involved and to whom payments were made?

QUESTION No: 42/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of arrears in respect of unpaid rents pertaining to Government rental homes as at 31st December 2014?

QUESTION No: 43/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port provide details of the amount spent on marketing and official visits for 2013/2014?

QUESTION No: 44/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services provide the name of the director from Maverick whom he said he had met in one of his visits to London?

QUESTION No: 45/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services provide details of the cost for the setting up of the Gibraltar Government website?

QUESTION No: 46/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services state why the Gibraltar International bank Limited is authorised to carry out services in the UK with details as to what its plans are in this respect?

QUESTION No: 47/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the Fire Service say if he is still committed to delivering his manifesto commitment of establishing a new Fire Station during this term of office?

QUESTION No: 48/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister with responsibility for the Fire Service say when the new Medical Priority Dispatch System will go live and if it will be within this term of office?

QUESTION No: 49/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education say how many students have applied to the University of Gibraltar for the new academic year 2015/2016?

QUESTION No: 50/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education say which recognized body will be awarding degrees at the new University of Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 51/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education say whether undergraduate applications to the University of Gibraltar will be managed by UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admission Services)?

QUESTION No: 52/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Education advise where the lecturers for the University of Gibraltar will be recruited from, what research will they be conducting and where will funding for faculty research be coming from?

QUESTION No: 53/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 758 of 2014, can the Minister for Education now provide the missing 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 and currently enrolled at the Gibraltar College of Further Education?

QUESTION No: 54/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how many "Supply Teachers" or "Supply Auxiliary Staff" are currently engaged by the Department of Education, indicating at what educational establishment they are based together with the reasons why their employment is necessary and estimated temporary contract time?

QUESTION No: 55/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Justice say if applications for summons to the Spanish fishermen who allegedly contravened the Nature Protection Act due to raking of the sea floor on Boxing Day just opposite the Catalan Bay, has now taken place and, if so, please indicate if such summons will apply to one vessel or to the six?

QUESTION No: 56/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Economic Development provide details of the companies which provide labour supply to the public sector to include the numbers of companies which do so, their names and how many employees they are each currently supplying?

QUESTION No: 57/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Employment confirm that all refurbishment works carried out to the offices of the Employment Service in the financial year ended March 2013 have received the appropriate approval with details of the contractors which have carried out these works?

QUESTION No: 58/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Government state how many of the companies which have been admitted on to the Approved List of Government Contractors have been incorporated since they came to office?

QUESTION No: 59/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 767 of 2014, can the Minister for Training provide a breakdown of the 11 instructors currently delivering training at:

- (a) construction Training Centre;
- (b) engineering Training Centre,

indicating the number of Instructors delivering training in each individual discipline or course, showing at which Training Centre they are based, together with details of each individual's "Instructor Qualifications" held?

QUESTION No: 60/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 765 of 2014, can the Minister for Training provide details in respect of the 11 Assessors indicating how many are currently based at:

- (a) construction Trades Training Centre;
- (b) engineering Trades Training Centre,

together with details of each individual's "Assessor Qualifications" held?

QUESTION No: 61/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 767 of 2014, can the Minister for Training say in which company the non-Government employee Instructor is employed?

QUESTION No: 62/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 768 of 2014, can the Minister for Training please provide a breakdown of the individual and specific NVQ Levels the 134 Trainees attained, broken down by discipline or course, together with details of the Examination Board and Qualification Awarding Body who certified the qualifications attained?

QUESTION No: 63/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 766 of 2014 can the Minister for Training provide a breakdown with details of the specific NVQs, showing their individual corresponding Levels, the 74 trainees are currently undertaking; indicating the discipline or course being followed, the Examination Board and Awarding Body who will upon successful completion certify the award as well as indicating at which Training Centre they are enrolled?

QUESTION No: 64/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Training provide details of any new Trainees enrolled at either:

- (a) construction Trades Training Centre;
- (b) engineering Trades Training Centre,

since the answer provided to Question No. 766 of 2014, indicating the specific discipline or course being followed –indicating at what Level, the Examination Board and Awarding Body who will upon successful completion certify the award as well as stating at which Training Centre they are enrolled?

QUESTION No: 65/2015

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please state what the Government cash reserves were as at the 31st August 2014, 30th September 2014, 31st October 2014, 30th November 2014 and 31st December 2014?

QUESTION No: 66/2015

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 31st December 2014?

QUESTION No: 67/2015

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 31st December 2014?

QUESTION No: 68/2015

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 31st December 2014?

QUESTION No: 69/2015

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 31st December 2014?

QUESTION No: 70/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister of Finance state how the funds to pay for the purchase by the Government of the shareholding in Gibtelecom previously owned by a third party were sourced?

QUESTION No: 71/2015

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide details of:

- (a) the date or dates when Credit Finance Company Limited deposited monies with Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited;
- (b) the amounts involved on each such occasion;
- (c) the bank and bank account from where the money was transferred in the name of Credit Finance;
- (d) to the bank and bank account in the name of Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited?

QUESTION No: 72/2015

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please provide the exact terms on which Credit Finance Company Limited has deposited the sum of £347 million in Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited and whether all the directors of Credit Finance approved that transaction?

QUESTION No: 73/2015

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Chief Minister please provide details of all monies deposited or investments made by Government in Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited over the last calendar year together with the dates and details of the bank and bank account into which the money was deposited?

QUESTION No: 74/2015

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Please provide details of all investments and transfers of monies made out of Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited over the last calendar year including the identity of the recipients?

QUESTION No: 75/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to Question No. 688 of 2014 can the Deputy Chief Minister now advise what the cost of the construction of the car park at the Naval Ground is?

QUESTION No: 76/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Has the Government obtained a report detailing the cause of the fire at the service entrance of the Sunborn Hotel at Ocean Village, and provide Parliament with a statement as to what is known so far from this incident?

QUESTION No: 77/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Government confirm or deny the rumours that the fire that started by the Sunborn Hotel emanated from a portacabin which had butane gas bottles stored therein and, if so, could the Government supply the name of the company that owns the portacabin, and whether all due licences to comply with existing legislation were in place prior to the incident?

QUESTION No: 78/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Given the fire that broke out in the vicinity of the Sunborn Hotel at Ocean Village, can the Government state if there had been envisaged at the planning stage through the DPC, or is now a requirement to dredge the sea bed underneath the Sunborn Hotel in order to create a safe channel in case of an emergency and, if so, when is this likely to happen?

QUESTION No: 79/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Chief Minister provide details of the economic study which he stated in the Gibraltar Chronicle edition of 5th January 2015, was being conducted in conjunction with the GFSB and Chamber of Commerce?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W1/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to Question No. W276/2014, can the Minister for Economic Development provide updated details of the expenditure in terms of salaries paid to the trainees in the FJS?

QUESTION No: W2/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Since Question No. W277/2014, can the Minister for Economic Development provide details of the number of private employers which have employed FJS trainees, with details of how many trainees have been employed by each employer, broken down by month?

QUESTION No: W3/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to Question No. W279/2014, can the Minister for Economic Development 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: W4/2015

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Economic Development provide the updated information further to Question No. W278 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: W5/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports provide updated details of all payments made in the Financial Year 2014/2015 in respect of “Sports related Grants” under each of the following:

- (a) Grants to Sporting Societies;
- (b) International Competitions;
- (c) Sports Development Projects;
- (d) Hosting of Special and Leisure Events;
- (e) Any other expenditure Head or Sub-head?

QUESTION No: W6/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Health state how many people are on the Physiotherapy waiting list for treatment, since January 2014, broken down by month, length of time people have been waiting for treatment and the reason for the wait?

QUESTION No: W7/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for Environment provide the figures for the number of end-of-life vehicles collected for decontamination and recovery?

QUESTION No: W8/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide the figures for the collection of WEEE items in Kilogram's for the 2013 and 2014?

QUESTION No: W9/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment and H&S provide the figures of non-hazardous bulky waste in quantities broken in months for 2013 and 2014?

QUESTION No: W10/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please provide the statistics for collection of Hazardous Waste in 2013 and 2014, broken down by description, weight and the name of the recovery/disposal facility plant in Spain or Portugal?

QUESTION No: W11/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please say what were the recycling rates in kilogram for (a) glass; (b) mix packaging; and (c) paper/cardboard since October 2013 on a monthly basis to date?

QUESTION No: W12/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment please say what was the Municipal waste in tonnes (excluding mattresses and non-hazardous bulky items), in 2013 and 2014?

QUESTION No: W13/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide the figures for the collection of batteries in kilograms for 2013 and 2014?

QUESTION No: W14/2015

Questioner: The Hon J J Netto

Can the Minister for the Environment provide the figures for the collection of tyres sent for reuse and recycling (in tonnes), for the years 2013 and 2014?

QUESTION No: W15/2015

Questioner: The Hon Mrs I M Ellul-Hammond

Can the Minister for Social Services provide the nationality of Care Workers employed within her Ministries broken down by number of 'British', 'Spanish' and 'other' and broken down by:

- (a) Mount Alvernia;
- (b) Jewish Home;
- (c) Calpe Ward, St Bernard's Hospital;
- (d) John Mackintosh Wing, St Bernard's Hospital;
- (e) New John Mackintosh home at former St Bernard's Hospital;
- (f) Tangier Views & other children's residential facilities;
- (g) Dr Giraldi Home;
- (h) St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre?

QUESTION No: W16/2015

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 Written Question No. W286 of 2014?

QUESTION No: W17/2015

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing say how many Government rental homes are currently vacant, providing details in chronological date order showing the date from which such homes have been unoccupied, stating how many of these are pre-war or post-war homes, together with reasons for their continued non-occupancy or allocation?