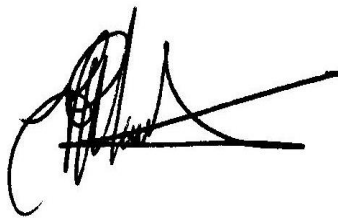


20 December, 2016

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 20th December 2016.



Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 842/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Following on from the answer provided to Question No. 732 of 2016, can the Minister for Sports inform this House if the two vacancies within the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority have now been filled?

QUESTION No: 843/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports provide updated details of all payments made during this current Financial Year in respect of any "Sports related Grants" since the answer provided to Question No. 733 of 2016?

QUESTION No: 844/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Culture provide updated details of any Cultural Grants awarded since the answer to Question No. 734 of 2016?



QUESTION No: 845/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports provide details in respect of all cancellations at any of the Gibraltar Sports Authority's premises which were due to the facilities being unfit for use, inclusive of reasons why the cancellations were necessary and dates involved?

QUESTION No: 846/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports inform this House what is the intended use for the Garrison Gymnasium?

QUESTION No: 847/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

In connection to 3.7.13 and 3.7.14 of the Principal Auditors Report 2014-2015, can the Government disclose the details of the capital works the Principal Auditor is referring to, the name of the successful contractor, the full cost of the project and confirm whether the successful contractor was the cheapest?

QUESTION No: 848/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government provide an update as to when the signs for the MidTown Car Park and the Suspension Bridge at Royal Anglian Way will be put in place?

QUESTION No: 849/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government provide a schedule with daily statistics showing how many visitors have entered each attraction on the Upper Rock Nature Reserve during the past 5 years?

QUESTION No: 850/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government provide a schedule of daily statistics with how many visitors have visited the Windsor Suspension Bridge since its inauguration?



QUESTION No: 851/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Is the Government content with the working conditions under which the security guards at the Windsor Bridge and Devil's Bellows have been working in since they have been placed?

QUESTION No: 852/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

What has been the cost of having a security guard at Windsor Suspension Bridge and Devil's Bellows since placed at each location?

QUESTION No: 853/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

What has delayed the opening of Mount Misery from October 2016 to before Spring 2017?

QUESTION No: 854/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Further to Questions 740 and 741/2016, can the Government provide an update on the arrears position in relation to the Gibraltar Tourist Board?

QUESTION No: 855/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government explain why the public toilets at Cathedral Square have been closed for the past few months?

QUESTION No: 856/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can the Minister say what the total cost of the temporary power turbines has been since January 2012?

QUESTION No: 857/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

What percentage of Gibraltar's energy needs is currently being met from renewable sources?



QUESTION No: 858/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Does Government expect there to be any change in the energy demand between now and 2019 and, if so, what is the anticipated change?

QUESTION No: 859/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government explain the reasons for decanting students from Bayside Comprehensive to the Victoria Stadium for the purposes of holding lessons which fall outside Physical Education?

QUESTION No: 860/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government set out what measures are in place to minimise the incidence of bullying in school?

QUESTION No: 861/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can Government advise when it intends to bring into effect the Financial Services Ombudsman Act 2016?

QUESTION No: 862/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can Government please provide an update on the introduction of the New Statutory Regime for the Financial Services and Professional Services Market announced in its press release 43/2015 dated 27 January 2015 and the legal costs incurred to date?

QUESTION No: 863/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can Government advise with which jurisdiction it is currently concluding a Double Taxation Agreement and has the UK agreed to enter into one with Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 864/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm whether a Bitcoin/Cryptocurrency working group has been established and, if so, who sits on the group?

QUESTION No: 865/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government set out what challenges it sees in relation to the regulation of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 866/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm what steps it is taking to regulate Bitcoin or other forms of Cryptocurrency in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 867/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Further to Question 199 of 2016, can the Government confirm what real business is being done between Gibraltar and Hong Kong firms in which Gibraltar derives direct or indirect economic benefit?

QUESTION No: 868/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government know whether operating one of the new Queen Elizabeth class carriers from Gibraltar will necessitate any works to any of the Moles or the Port?

QUESTION No: 869/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

As at 9th November 2016, can the Government disclose how many Social Care Workers employed by the Care Agency were physically working as Social Care Workers at each of the following establishments: Dr Giraldi Home, Children's Home and Rehabilitation Services?



QUESTION No: 870/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government provide details of how many people with disabilities attend establishments in Spain on a daily basis and for what purpose?

QUESTION No: 871/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Further to Q717/2016, can the Government confirm the three available beds for respite care have always been available during the past 5 years, if not on how many occasions and for how long have they not been available?

QUESTION No: 872/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many accidents have been reported in respect of the use of the escalators to St Bernard's Hospital since their installation?

QUESTION No: 873/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government now advise to whom the contract has been awarded in respect of the Dementia Day Care Centre?

QUESTION No: 874/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm that the contract for the Residential Dementia Centre is still held by Grand Home Care?

QUESTION No: 875/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Does the Government have an anticipated opening date for the Residential Dementia Centre and Dementia Day Care Centre and why have there been so many delays in their opening?



QUESTION No: 876/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Does the Government agree that we need to look towards targeted and specialised training for social workers, the judiciary and legal profession so that we can ensure that we recognise cases of Parental Alienation Syndrome early on?

QUESTION No: 877/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government explain their policy for the use of CCTV in public areas in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 878/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm whether or not it has received complaints regarding the use of CCTV from members of the public and can the Government give details of those complaints?

QUESTION No: 879/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government explain what measures are in place to ensure that the use of CCTV does not infringe civil liberties?

QUESTION No: 880/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government explain how CCTV still images and video are shared with law enforcement agencies?

QUESTION No: 881/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government plan to conduct a Staff Morale Survey within the entirety of the GHA or parts thereof?



QUESTION No: 882/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government state how many (a) public servants; and/or (b) employees subcontracted through recruitment consultants have as their principal duty the manning of the primary care frontline desk?

QUESTION No: 883/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government state how many employees have as their principal duty the manning of the primary care frontline desk?

QUESTION No. 884/2016

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. 772 of 2016; 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. 885/2016

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 to Question No. 773 of 2016; providing a breakdown showing the number of homes involved and to whom payments were made?

**QUESTION No. 886/2016**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to Question Nos 603 and 774 of 2016, can the Minister for Housing please now provide a revised answer with updated details in respect of all pending repairs, i.e. still not fully completed jobs, to rental homes; indicating the dates when these reports were first made by tenants and stating how many will be repaired by:

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

QUESTION No. 887/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of all expenditure incurred since the answer to Question No. 775 of 2016, 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 the type/nature of repair works or cleaning services undertaken?

QUESTION No. 888/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Housing provide details of outstanding arrears in respect of Government rental homes, providing a breakdown by month since February 2016?

QUESTION No. 889/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm how many of those people admitted to Bruce's Farm in the last twelve months have relapsed?

QUESTION No: 890/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Does the Government intend to make the only zebra crossing from the Midtown Parking to the pavement opposite on Reclamation Road wheelchair and pushchair friendly?



QUESTION No: 891/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Since the law has now been amended to allow for their use, when does the Government believe that the speed cameras will become operational?

QUESTION No: 892/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

What is the total number of parking spaces at the mid-town car park and of that total how many have been sold to individuals or companies?

QUESTION No: 893/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can the Minister provide figures for the serviceability rate for machines in the Mid-Town car park since it became available for use by the public?

QUESTION No: 894/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

While the area lies 'fallow' has Government considered opening the parking area opposite Mid-Harbours for public use during the Christmas period and beyond if the area is not to be immediately developed?

QUESTION No: 895/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Has there been a rise to the parking fees paid to Gibraltar Car Parks Limited or any other Government owned company or agency for the renting of parking spaces and if so by how much have the fees risen for each of the areas for which Gibraltar Car Parks Limited or any other Government owned company or agency is responsible?

QUESTION No: 896/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

What additional parking facilities does Government intend to provide in the South District and when does it intend to provide them?



QUESTION No: 897/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Will the Minister describe the next phase of the role out programme for the residents parking scheme and which area the role out will affect?

QUESTION No: 898/2016

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Will the Minister outline the road surfacing programme for the next six months?

QUESTION No: 899/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise who currently has the contract to service the Chief Minister's G1 TESLA and are the repairs and servicing undertaken in Gibraltar and at what cost?

QUESTION No: 900/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government explain why the Retail Price Index at 1 October has risen to 1.5 % whereas it was 0.1 % at 1 January, 0.4 % at 1 April and 0.5 % at 1 July 2016?

QUESTION No: 901/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Has the Government used / or intend to use GAR Limited as a vehicle to raise external borrowing secured on its property?

QUESTION No: 902/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a list of all properties purchased by GAR Ltd from the Government or Government owned companies and the consideration paid for each?

QUESTION No: 903/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please advise when it intends to gazette the audited accounts for the Gibraltar Savings Bank for the year ended 31st March 2016?



QUESTION No: 904/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise when the audited accounts of the Gibraltar Savings Bank for the year ended 31 March 2015 were gazetted?

QUESTION No: 905/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please advise how total liquid reserves are invested/held given details of all bank/savings bank accounts and cash held for the 1 November 2016?

QUESTION No: 906/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please advise the total liquid reserves figure and its constituents namely Consolidated Fund, Improvement and Development fund, Government Owned Companies, deposits, contingencies and other funds for the 1 November 2016?

QUESTION No: 907/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide the total Gross Debt, Aggregate Debt after application of the sinking fund to Gross Debt, Cash Reserves and Net Debt figures for Public Debt 1 November 2016?

QUESTION No: 908/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what dividend has been paid to the Government and the Gibraltar Savings Bank by Gibtelecom in respect of the respective holdings of A and B Shares for its Financial Year ended 31 December 2015?

QUESTION No: 909/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state how many (a) Gibraltarians (b) resident non-Gibraltarians and (c) foreign non-residents are working in Government construction projects either on behalf of a Government contractor or their sub-contractors?



QUESTION No: 910/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state how many (a) Gibraltarians (b) resident non-Gibraltarians and (c) foreign non-residents are working in the Laguna, Glacis and Moorish Castle estate Government projects either on behalf of a Government contractor or their sub-contractors?

QUESTION No: 911/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please provide a list of Government contractors and their sub-contractors working on the Glacis, Moorish Castle and Laguna Government projects?

QUESTION No: 912/2016

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does the Government have any intention of launching an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the discovery of asbestos in the new Calpe House building in Norfolk Square after the purchase had already taken place?

QUESTION No: 913/2016

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Government clarify the nature of its role in the acquisition of the new Calpe House premises in Norfolk Square?

QUESTION No: 914/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm the total cost of running the Hong Kong office by reference to salaries and benefits, rent, expenses including flights and all other costs relating to Gibraltar's representation in the region?

QUESTION No: 915/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please advise what are the ministerial and parliamentary allowances for 2016/17 and why have these not yet been updated on Parliament's website?



QUESTION No: 916/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Would the Government agree that it is inappropriate for political election manifestos to be uploaded to Government or Government Agency websites?

QUESTION No: 917/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please explain why PAYE Collections in October 2016 fell to £6.59 million as opposed the average of £10.91 million per month for the previous nine months?

QUESTION No: 918/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please name the professional advisors with whom the Chief Minister is trying to arrange a meeting with the Opposition in respect of the £300 million loan raised by Gibraltar Capital Assets Limited?

QUESTION No: 919/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Will the Government undertake to make a Ministerial statement in January 2017 in respect of its financial performance as compared to the 2016/17 estimates for the 6 month period to 30 September 2016?

QUESTION No: 920/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Has Gibraltar Home Loans Limited applied for and obtained a licence from the Financial Services Commission under the Financial Services (Investment and Fiduciary Services) Act in respect of acting as a mortgage creditor within the meaning of the Financial Services (Mortgage Credit) Regulations 2016?

QUESTION No: 921/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a list of money lenders licenced under the Financial Services (Money Lending) Act at 30 September 2016?



QUESTION No: 922/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Is the Government satisfied that 10 business days with a submission date of 22 December 2016 is sufficient time for interested parties in expressing an interest to submit a proposal to lease its vehicle fleet and if so why the urgency?

QUESTION No: 923/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please identify the media outlets in which the Official Notice inviting expressions of interest for the leasing of its vehicle fleet where placed including the number of days placed and the dates?

QUESTION No: 924/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why it is seeking expressions of interest in respect of the leasing of its entire vehicle fleet comprising over 400 vehicles and motorcycles and 90 specialist vehicles?

QUESTION No: 925/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what was the policy decision to be taken on the 'future of the Garage and Workshop' referred to by the Principal Auditor in a conversation with the Chief Executive Officer of the Technical Services Department in paragraph 3.5.4 of the Principal Auditors Report for 2014/15?

QUESTION No: 926/2016

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Further to Question 199 of 2016, can the Government confirm what tangible process is being made to the so called "Project India"?

QUESTION No: 927/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is the Government satisfied that the list of consultants retained by Government published on the Government website is accurate?



QUESTION No: 928/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state whether the Ad Hoc Members of the Gibraltar Consultative Council have been appointed?

QUESTION No: 929/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Since the Honourable Gentleman opposite have been in Government, how many taxpayers have been sent notices, in writing, of the Commissioner of Income Tax's intention to publish details of their failure to comply with their legal obligations to pay tax?

QUESTION No: 930/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state whether there have been any new recruits within the Prison Service this year?

QUESTION No: 931/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many vacancies were there across the public service (inclusive of Government owned companies and public authorities) as at the end of November 2016?

QUESTION No: 932/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please state as at the end of November 2016, how many employees in the public sector, Government-owned companies, authorities and/or agencies were currently temporarily promoted, detailing acting posts, date temporarily promoted and department?

QUESTION No: 933/2016

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

With reference to the public announcement made by the Gibraltar Private Sector Workers and Pensioners Association in the Chronicle on 13 December, whereby they claim that Government has failed on its manifesto commitments both in 2011 and 2015, leaving them in "hardship and misery", what does Government propose to do to assist this association and earn its trust once again?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W66/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

When will the next meeting of the GHA Board be held and will the Minister for Health undertake to provide the opposition with advance notice of the meeting so that there is no need to ask this question in future?

QUESTION No. W67/2016

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Further to written question 47/2016, can the government provide an updated schedule of statistics with a breakdown including: private vehicles, taxi, coach, walking, cable car & 100 tonne gun?

QUESTION No. W68/2016

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. W61 of 2016?

QUESTION No: W69/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government 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 31 October 2016?

QUESTION No: W70/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a breakdown with maturity details, monetary amount and interest rates of Gibraltar Savings Bank Debentures or other debt security as at 31 October 2016?



QUESTION No: W71/2016

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a copy of the draft accounts of Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 as referenced by the Principal Auditor on page 242 of his report for 2014/15?

QUESTION No. W72/2016

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please confirm that their manifesto commitment in respect of safety net guarantees to MOD workers or workers of companies working for the MOD holds good?