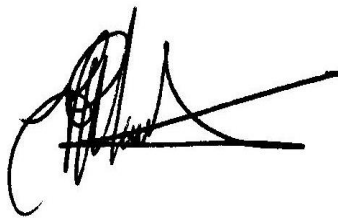


18 January, 2018

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 Thursday 18th January 2018.



Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if there have been any tangible outcomes from the four day Chinese trade mission to Gibraltar in November 2017?

QUESTION No: 2/2018

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 for the following date?

1 October 2017



QUESTION No: 3/2018

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 following date?

1 October 2017

QUESTION No: 4/2018

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 following date?

1 October 2017

QUESTION No: 5/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the balance on the General Sinking fund at 1st October 2017?

QUESTION No: 6/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

What is the Government's policy in relation to supply workers who have been covering vacant posts for over 12 months within the civil service, Government owned companies or agencies and have to take themselves up to 6 months maternity leave?

QUESTION No: 7/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government provide a schedule as at the 8th January 2018 relating to supply workers within the Civil Service, Government owned companies and agencies detailing: (a) the department/company/agency the worker is providing services for; (b) the grade/position the supply worker is covering; (c) the reasons for which the cover is required; (d) since when the supply worker has been providing services to the civil service/agency/company?



QUESTION No: 8/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question W194 of 2017, can the Minister for Sport update this House in respect of the Grade 9 (Administrative Assistant) post which was/is vacant within the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority?

QUESTION No: 9/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports inform this House as to how many cancellations have been necessary at any of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority's indoor facilities since September 2017; indicating the location, date and reason for the cancellation?

QUESTION No: 10/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports say what are the qualifying criteria in order to be able to attain a fixed booking or allocation, valid for the whole season, in respect of facilities falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority?

QUESTION No: 11/2018

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QUESTION No: 12/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government explain the change in policy for the usage of the Garrison Gymnasium given the facility is being used, but not by the whole sporting community?

QUESTION No: 13/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Minister for Culture confirm that all Ministerial direct allocations over £2,000 appear on the Government's website in a document entitled "Government Contracts GC.6 Government awarded contracts (over £2,000) by Ministerial application?"



QUESTION No: 14/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Has the Government considered the impact of the return of students to University when changing the dates for the Gibraltar Music Festival?

QUESTION No: 15/2018

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

With regards to last summer's MTV Calling Festival, does Government accept UK viewing figures and, if so, how do they measure up to the 1 billion global audience that they said it would reach?

QUESTION No: 16/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Is Government intending to replace the ramps on Castle Street to facilitate disabled and push chair access as well as improve access for emergency services?

QUESTION No: 17/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Since 1st September 2017, on how many occasions has the Upper Town escalator been unserviceable, and for each occasion for how long was it broken and what was the cost of repair?

QUESTION No: 18/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Since the introduction of speed cameras, how many Fixed Penalty Notices have been rejected by the RGP for forward facing motorbikes?

QUESTION No: 19/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

How many samples of dog faeces have been sent for DNA testing since 1st September? Have any results yet been received and have any fines been issued under this scheme?



QUESTION No: 20/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Does Government intend to privatise the life guard services at the beaches and, if so, will the contract go to tender?

QUESTION No: 21/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can Government confirm that the Upper Rock glass walk way has been completed and, if so, when was it completed and why it has not yet opened?

QUESTION No: 22/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Does Government intend to charge for access to the glass walkway on the Upper Rock?

QUESTION No: 23/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

When does Government intend to publish the final version of the Gibraltar Nature Reserve Management Plan on its web site?

QUESTION No: 24/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Was any work conducted during 2017 for the removal of the invasive species Chasmanthe Floribunda from the Upper Rock nature reserve and where did that work take place?

QUESTION No: 25/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Was any work conducted during 2017 for the removal of Acanthus plants from the Upper Rock nature reserve and where did that work take place?

QUESTION No: 26/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

When will Government publish the 2016 Thinking Green Digest and will it contain data for air pollution?



QUESTION No: 27/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can the Government say if the Thinking Green underwater camera is currently working and how often was it unserviceable during 2017 and what were the maintenance and repair costs for 2017?

QUESTION No: 28/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Does Government agree with and adhere to the principles set out in the Environment Charter 2006 which remains on the Government web site but has not been renewed and so remains with the former Chief Minister and the former Minister for the Environment as signatories?

QUESTION No: 29/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Were samples taken prior to the recent washing out of the tunnels accessed via the Europa Foreshore both before the activity took place and subsequent to it?

QUESTION No: 30/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Was an environmental management plan implemented for the works currently underway in the tunnels accessed via the Europa Foreshore?

QUESTION No: 31/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Was an environmental impact assessment conducted for the works currently underway in the tunnels accessed via the Europa Foreshore?

QUESTION No: 32/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Following on from question 322 of 2017, can Government confirm that the East Side wave power generator is still serviceable and whether it has suffered any periods of unserviceability since 1st June 2017 and, if so, provide details of these?



QUESTION No: 33/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Following on from question 323 of 2017, what has been the average monthly output and peak output of the East Side wave generator since 1st June 2017?

QUESTION No: 34/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

What proportion of the power generated in Gibraltar is produced from renewable energy sources?

QUESTION No: 35/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Has Government set targets for production of power from renewable energy sources and, if so, could the Minister describe these targets?

QUESTION No: 36/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can Government confirm that the Safety Report for the LNG facility being reviewed by the competent authority is that required by Directive 2012/18/EU?

QUESTION No: 37/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can Government confirm that the documents that they published prior to the last election and presented to the public as LNG safety reports were not the Safety Reports required by Directive 2012/18/EU and did not contain the information mandated by that document and that the latter document is at present under the scrutiny of the competent authority and has not yet been published?

QUESTION No: 38/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many tenders it has received on the 27th November 2017 for "THE PROVISION OF URBAN & STREET CLEANING, UPKEEP OF PUBLIC AREAS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES" and have any been accepted and for what contract amount?



QUESTION No: 39/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide updated information in respect of the new buildings and refurbishment of schools which Government announced it will be undertaking; together with a schedule of completion dates, details of the contractors carrying out each project and the estimated costs of each project??

QUESTION No: 40/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government confirm if it has recently entered into a commitment with the Gibraltar Teachers' Association to carry out a major review of their salaries structure?

QUESTION No: 41/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government update this house as to the provision of a new bus for St Martin's School?

QUESTION No: 42/2018

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

With reference to the future of the current Master Service workforce, how are their interests going to be guaranteed vis-à-vis the successful supplier?

QUESTION No: 43/2018

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

With reference to the future of the current Master Service workforce, can Government guarantee that the successful supplier will manage the workforce and all the works specified within the tender document for public cleaning and that there will be no subcontracting?

QUESTION No: 44/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Can Government provide the totals for visitor arrivals by land, air and cruise ships and the total visitor arrival if different from the sum of the above, by month, for the months of July to December 2017?



QUESTION No: 45/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to its advertisement on 7th August 2017 can the Government advise if the Position of Civil Contingencies Coordinator has been filled and, if so, by whom?

QUESTION No: 46/2018

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Could the Ministry of Tourism account for the lack of activity in its page on social media platform Instagram since July 2017?

QUESTION No: 47/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many expressions of interest forms have been received in respect of the new affordable housing scheme announced on 28th September 2017?

QUESTION No: 48/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state its position in relation to the regulation of private landlords?

QUESTION No: 49/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Why is the Government delaying the coming into force of the Disability Act 2017 debated in this House in July last year?

QUESTION No: 50/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Does the Government have any plans to provide supported independent living for members of our community who suffer from mental health problems?



QUESTION No: 51/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Since December 2011, can the Government provide details of applicants to the housing waiting list who have had their applications back dated including: (a) the date the application was accepted; (b) the list the applicant was placed on; (c) the position on the list the applicant entered in; (d) the date the applicant was removed from the list; (e) the type of property the applicant obtained on removal from the list (Government rental/Affordable housing/other)?

QUESTION No: 52/2018

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Minister for Housing explain the lack of statistical information in respect of Housing matters on the government website?

QUESTION No: 53/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What aspects of the parole system is the Government considering reforming?

QUESTION No: 54/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Considering the amount of time that the escalators outside the hospital have been unserviceable, does Government plan to repair them and, if so, when?

QUESTION No: 55/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to its press release 626/2017 on 23rd October 2017, can the Government advise if the PWC value for money review of the Gibraltar Health Authority has been completed and will the Government provide a copy of PWC's report?

QUESTION No: 56/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

In light of the recent P.C.C. statements regarding obesity, can the Government confirm what is the current obesity level, by percentage, of persons under the age of 17?



QUESTION No: 57/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

What is the Governments position in respect to the use of alternative and homeopathic therapies at the GHA?

QUESTION No: 58/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

What is the GHA's position with regards to the use of Stem Cell Therapy?

QUESTION No: 59/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm what measures are in place to ensure that food prepared for in-patients at St. Bernard's Hospital and for purchase by visitors contains low sugar and low salt and provides for healthier eating options?

QUESTION No: 60/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm the bed capacity rate over the last 3 months?

QUESTION No: 61/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state what the average wait time is at A&E?

QUESTION No: 62/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state what the A&E wait target is?

QUESTION No: 63/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

What plans, apart from those recently announced for P.C.C. appointment initiative, do the Government have in respect of reducing the pressure caused by the volume of admissions at Accident and Emergency?



QUESTION No: 64/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm the number of complaints it has received from service users of the Gibraltar Health Authority for every month in the last 6 months?

QUESTION No: 65/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm how many disputes with Service Users have resulted in legal settlements/compromises broken down into claims not issued or issued before the Courts in the last 12 months?

QUESTION No: 66/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm by percentage the number of sick days recorded (certified or otherwise) by staff at St Bernard's Hospital in the last three months?

QUESTION No: 67/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state, by percentage, the level of overtime being conducted at St Bernard's Hospital by all staff over the last three months?

QUESTION No: 68/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm whether the arrangements with Xanit have been terminated?

QUESTION No: 69/2018

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does the Ministry of Health commit itself to providing a hospital bed for any child who may be sick enough to require one long term in his/her own home?



QUESTION No: 70/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it has reached agreement with the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses in their joint review of the current 'cumbersome' business licencing process and when does the Government anticipate bringing amendments to legislation to Parliament?

QUESTION No: 71/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to retain the right of licensed entities to apply to court for a stay of decisions of the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission ("FSC") pending determination of any appeal against decisions of that body?

QUESTION No: 72/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many appeals to the Supreme Court from the decisions of the FSC were filed in 2017?

QUESTION No: 73/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many times has the FSC appointed inspectors under section 101 of the Financial Services (Insurance Companies) Act 1987 to investigate the affairs of anyone carrying or suspected of carrying on insurance business in each of the calendar years since 2007?

QUESTION No: 74/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In relation to the preceding question on the appointment of inspectors under section 101, please state whether the organisation for whom the Inspector worked, consulted or was a partner at the time of the appointment was based in or outside Gibraltar and what did each appointment ultimately cost the entity investigated?

QUESTION No: 75/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many appointments of Inspectors have been made under section 8 of the Financial Services (Information Gathering and Co-operation) Act 2013 in each calendar year since that Act was introduced?



QUESTION No: 76/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many appointments of Skilled Persons have been made under section 7 of the Financial Services (Information Gathering and Co-operation) Act 2013 in each calendar year since that Act was introduced?

QUESTION No: 77/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In respect of the appointments made under section 7 and 8 of the Financial Services (Information Gathering and Co-operation) Act 2013 since that Act was introduced, please state whether the organisation for whom the Inspector or Skilled Person appointed worked, consulted or was a partner was based in or outside Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 78/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many appointments of hybrid Skilled Persons with the powers of Inspectors have been made by the FSC in agreement with licensed entities in each calendar year since 2013?

QUESTION No: 79/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In respect of the hybrid appointment of Skilled Persons with the powers of Inspectors, please state whether the organisation for whom the Inspector or Skilled Person appointed worked, consulted or was a partner was based in or outside Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 80/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In respect of:

- (a) the appointments made under section 7 and 8 of the Financial Services (Information Gathering and Co-operation) Act 2013 since that Act was introduced; and
- (b) hybrid appointments of Skilled Persons with the powers of Inspectors since 2013:

what was the cost to each licensed entity of those appointments?



QUESTION No: 81/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government please provide details of the 50 licenses that the CEO of the FSC told GBC on the 18th December 2017 had been issued in the areas of insurance, pensions and banking?

QUESTION No: 82/2018

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

During her interview with GBC on 18th December 2017, the CEO of the FSC said that there had been a new approach to enforcement by the FSC. Is the Government content with this new approach?

QUESTION No: 83/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state its position with regards to the regulation of real estate agents?

QUESTION No: 84/2018

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government update the House on the development of Key Worker Housing?

QUESTION No: 85/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many expressions of interest it has received on the 21st December 2017 for the sites of Bayside, St Anne's and St Martin's schools respectively and have any been accepted and for what consideration?

QUESTION No: 86/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Deputy Chief Minister state precisely what interest the Chinese and leading nations of the commonwealth have shown in Gibraltar, following his statement in his New Year's message to that effect?



QUESTION No: 87/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a copy of the financial information for Credit Finance Company Limited for 2017 previously referenced as CF1 and CF2 that was in the past published on the Gibraltar Government website?

QUESTION No: 88/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a copy of the lease or licence agreement entered into in respect of the South Jumpers Bastion site for the relocation of GBC together with the option to purchase agreement?

QUESTION No: 89/2018

Questioner: The Hon T N Hammond

Is it Government's intention to replace the entire bus fleet by exercising the buy-back clause within the original purchase agreement during the life of this Parliament?

QUESTION No: 90/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Further to the answer given to Q557/2017, can the Government update this house on the modifications to the pedestrian doors at the Midtown Parking?

QUESTION No: 91/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Further to question 209/2017, can the Government give reasons why the building of the Marriott hotel or a second hotel option being discussed by the Government appears to have fallen through or changed?

QUESTION No: 92/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

What is the expected cost for the building of the prefabs at the former coach site and till when does the Government expect them to be there?



QUESTION No: 93/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government reveal with whom they are negotiating for the development of the former Rooke site?

QUESTION No: 94/2018

Questioner: The Hon L F Llamas

Can the Government explain why there is a delay since August last year in increasing the Disability Allowance in line with the cost of living?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W1/2018

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 31st October 2017?

QUESTION No: W2/2018

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 31st October 2017?

QUESTION No: W3/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a breakdown of professionally qualified accountants with UK bodies employed in the following departments giving numbers by body as at 31st March 2017?

Financial Secretary
Treasury
Principal Auditor
Health Authority
Income Tax

QUESTION No: W4/2018

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a breakdown of number of individuals studying with UK professional accountancy bodies employed in the following departments giving numbers by body as at 31st March 2017?

Financial Secretary
Treasury
Principal Auditor
Health Authority
Income Tax