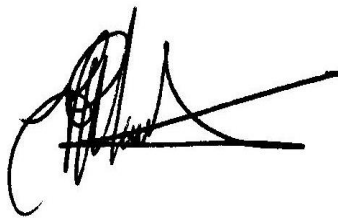


1 June, 2020

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 28th May 2020.



Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 179/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to question 85/2020 can the Government please provide the full names of those individual members of the Peralta, Hassan, Levy and Provasoli families who are the ultimate beneficial owners of Gibcorp Ltd?

QUESTION No: 180/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to question 86/2020 can the Government please explain how it was able to acquire a lease of the 6th floor of Natwest House from Gibcorp Ltd while Hassans (namely its individual partners) still had a lease with Gibcorp Ltd for the same premises that had not yet expired?

QUESTION No: 181/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to question 86/2020 can the Government please advise the effective date of the lease between Gibcorp Ltd and the Government of Gibraltar signed by the Chief Secretary on 19th December 2019?



QUESTION No: 182/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to question 86/2020 can the Government please provide a copy of the lease between Gibcorp Ltd and the Government of Gibraltar, signed by the Chief Secretary on 19th December 2019, as this is not as yet available at the Land Registry?

QUESTION No: 183/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why it was unable to negotiate a better rental rate from Gibcorp Ltd than the £ 31.5 per sqft that Hassans was previously paying for its offices?

QUESTION No: 184/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a copy of the office premises market rental rate analysis provided by LPS (or any other property specialist) to the Government prior to entering into the lease with Gibcorp Ltd?

QUESTION No: 189/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many juveniles have there been in prison in 2018 and 2019 as a result of either:

- (a) Being sentenced for offences; and
- (b) Kept in remand while waiting for court hearing?

QUESTION No: 190/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What are Government's plans for a juvenile detention centre and what progress has there been in this area?



QUESTION No: 221/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

What are Government's plans in respect of offering Stay and Play and Summer Sports programmes for this year?

QUESTION No: 222/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government indicate to this House the date by when non-emergency repairs will be recommenced in respect of rental homes, together with details of any special arrangements which may be undertaken in order to catch up with pending works?

QUESTION No: 223/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of any emergency housing allocations made as a result of Covid-19 Lockdown consequences, indicating what terms and conditions may have been attached to these allocations?

QUESTION No: 224/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

On 24th June 2019 the Government confirmed that an MRI scanner should be in place by the beginning of 2020 having also confirmed that it had been ordered to deal with the 2500 to 3000 MRI scans required each year. In February 2020 the Minister for Health said in Parliament that the Government was committed to bringing home an MRI scanner and exploring all options as the location of the MRI scanner. On 19th May 2020 the Government stated that the GHA remained committed to providing MRI scanning service at the GHA. Can the Government now state:

- (i) that the Government and/or the GHA did in fact not order the MRI scanner on or before 24th June 2019 and if it did when that order was cancelled and for what reason?
- (ii) the reason for the 7 to 8 months delay, namely between 24th June 2019 and before the Covid 19 crisis to making provision for the acquisition by the Government/GHA of the MRI scanner?
- (iii) will the Government and/or the GHA purchase the MRI scanner?
- (iv) where the MRI scanner is to be located within the hospital?

QUESTION No: 225/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state how the Government was introduced to Pioneer Healthcare Limited/Group?



QUESTION No: 226/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm what commercial relationship it or the GHA maintains with Pioneer Healthcare Limited/Group?

QUESTION No: 227/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm whether any GHA employee or any person connected to the GHA has a direct or indirect interest, howsoever arising, from any contract for the procurement of PPE or other supplies or equipment in relation to Government's response to the Covid 19 pandemic?

QUESTION No: 228/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm that all PPE currently in circulation in Gibraltar complies with EU Regulation 2016/425 and/or the standard referenced in the WHO guidelines and if not can the Government confirm that PPE in circulation meets the essential health and safety requirements and delivers adequate safety?

QUESTION No: 229/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm whether a sample of a batch PPE previously procured by the Government and/or the GHA or through a third party in excess of £1 Million has been sent out of Gibraltar for external testing in respect to verification as to the quality of the said PPE?

QUESTION No: 230/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many swabs does the Government have in stock in Gibraltar in order to allow health officials to test whether someone has COVID-19?

QUESTION No: 231/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

On its current stock of reagents in Gibraltar, how many COVID-19 tests can the Government perform?



QUESTION No: 232/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many swabs has the Government *actually* ordered from suppliers and how long will it take for those orders to reach Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 233/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How much reagent has the Government *actually* ordered from suppliers and how long will it take for those orders to reach Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 234/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many tests will the Government be able to perform with both the swabs and reagents that it has ordered from suppliers in order replenish current stocks in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 235/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Has the Government acquired a supply of COVID-19 anti-body tests and, if so, how many tests has it acquired and who is the manufacturer and/or supplier of those tests?

QUESTION No: 236/2020

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How does the Government intend to address the concerns expressed by the Disability Society on 18th May 2020?

QUESTION No: 237/2020

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How will the Government address issues of mental well-being caused or exacerbated by the COVID19 pandemic in terms of social isolation, over-reliance on technology, lack of human contact and any consequent rise in issues of anxiety or depression?



QUESTION No: 238/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have any concrete plans to boost mental health support and facilities post Covid19 and as a result of the mental health effects of the crisis and, if so, what are they?

QUESTION No: 239/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can Government confirm that they will support dental practices in procuring PPE for them, given practices' current restrictions in obtaining PPE from their own standard providers?

QUESTION No: 240/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can Government confirm the level of support it is giving to local dental practices so that they can practice fully?

QUESTION No: 241/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Is Government satisfied that the Covid19 swabs sent outside of Gibraltar for testing are stored and transported adequately?

QUESTION No: 242/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What plans are in place other than remote contact with Counsellors of the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Team, to deal with individuals who are suffering from more serious health consequences of addiction, for whom residential treatment is the only viable option?

QUESTION No: 243/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

At what stage are the plans at for the reopening of the residential rehabilitation facilities at Bruce's Farm, and can Government give us an indication of when these will resume?



QUESTION No: 244/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can Government give this House details of the number of:

- (1) routine screenings;
- (2) elective surgeries;
- (3) essential surgeries,

that were postponed in the last two months as a result of the Covid19 crisis, and how long it thinks it will take to get these up to date?

QUESTION No: 245/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state why it did not consult with the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority over its proposal in respect to Contact Tracing technology?

QUESTION No: 246/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services state whether he has met or otherwise been in contact with the Finance Centre Council to discuss the impact on financial services as a result of the pandemic?

QUESTION No: 247/2020

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

When does Government intend to introduce legislation regulating the use, collection and sharing of data collated as a result of any Contact Tracing APP to be introduced by GHA and/or generally governing the encryption of data and safeguards on privacy and confidentiality stemming from the use of such an APP or governing the use of the APP itself?

QUESTION No: 248/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm that it has considered what impact the announced road closures will have on traffic and pollution considering that motor vehicles will need to be moving at slower speed and in lower gear?



QUESTION No: 249/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government now commit to providing air quality monitoring within the upper and lower town area?

QUESTION No: 250/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state that it will introduce legislation or extend current legislation prohibiting smoking outside schools and public areas where people actively congregate?

QUESTION No: 251/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether it agrees with the content of the question posed by the Director of Public Health Dr Sohail Bhatti on Twitter on the prospect of putting children to the back of the queue when Covid 19 vaccine becomes available?

QUESTION No: 252/2020

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the 5410 COVID19 tests conducted up to 19th May 2020 can the Government state:

- (1) How many individuals have been tested once;
 - (a) Of those how many were resident in Gibraltar;
 - (b) and how many were non-resident;
- (2) How many individuals have been tested more than once;
 - (a) Of those how many were resident in Gibraltar;
 - (b) and how many were non-resident?

QUESTION No: 253/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Was Government following direct UK Public Health advice while declaring that the virus had to "go through the community" in order to achieve "herd immunity", and does the Government continue to follow UK guidelines now?



QUESTION No: 254/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Given the most recent studies on the matter, why does Government advise and not mandate, the wearing of masks in all public indoor spaces?

QUESTION No: 255/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have a cohesive and comprehensive infrastructural plan and budget to compensate the closure of Line Wall Road with green transport alternatives?

QUESTION No: 256/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Despite public advice provided by this Government, we are being constantly bombarded online with images of people, including the Chief Minister, in indoor healthcare facilities, without following social distancing protocols or wearing face masks. Is the Government aware that this example is not conducive to people following social distancing guidelines?

QUESTION No: 257/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Since the publication of Unlock the Rock, can Government provide updated details in respect of dates when pupils in different year groups will be returning to schools, together with any further related details pertaining to educational programmes which may be offered for the remainder of this term?

QUESTION No: 258/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Will the Department of Education be offering any education related programmes during the summer months in order to assist pupils catch up with their National Curriculum learning lost during the schools' closed down period?

QUESTION No: 259/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of what facilities and programmes are being offered to pupils with Special Educational Needs during the present limited schooling set-up?



QUESTION No: 260/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Given the special needs requirements for pupils at St Martin's School, what guidelines have Government put in place in respect of social distancing at this school?

QUESTION No: 261/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details on what Maintenance Grants will be payable to Students who rent private accommodation whilst undergoing studies in UK and who have already signed rental contracts for the academic year commencing September 2020 but who may not be able to return to UK at the start of the term?

QUESTION No: 262/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise on what legal basis, without an expenditure appropriation approved by this House, can the Department of Education represent to students that maintenance grants returned will be "donated in the student's name to the GHA Covid-19 fund"?

QUESTION No: 263/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government agree that the inequality in ages between men and women as to when they can claim their state pension is not justified?

QUESTION No: 264/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Aviation state how many flights have arrived in Gibraltar broken down for the months of March, April and May this year to date stating how many of those were private jets?

QUESTION No: 265/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Aviation state for how long he expects the current arrangements with British Airways to continue?



QUESTION No: 266/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port state how many vessels have called in the port for the months of March, April and May with details of the reason for each call?

QUESTION No: 267/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Given that so many children will not be returning to school until the autumn term, what are the Government's plans for stepping up children's education online beyond the home-learning programme put into place in the early stages of the lockdown?

QUESTION No: 268/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Many year 11 and 13 students feel lost in the current situation. What support is to be given to Year 11 and Year 13 children in terms of their assessed exam grades and in terms of appeal mechanisms should they feel those grades are not truly reflective of their work or abilities?

QUESTION No: 269/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm what age it recommends parents and guardians to accompany their children on the public highway whilst cycling?

QUESTION No: 270/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state that it will introduce legislation for the compulsory use of helmets by cyclists on the public highway?

QUESTION No: 271/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether it will now ban the use of two stroke motorcycles on our roads?



QUESTION No: 272/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state that it will introduce legislation banning the importation and sale of retrofit exhausts in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 273/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether the recent practice of foreign vehicles displaying copies of Terms of Engagement issued by employers to foreign nationals to avoid payment of parking charges or to occupy spaces designated for those with permits under the existing zone scheme has been sanctioned by the Government or any of its agencies?

QUESTION No: 274/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether the 46% plus increase in parking charges will also apply to all car parks including those situated at Devil Tower Rd, Laguna, Calpe, Arengos and the site at the old Queensway Club?

QUESTION No: 275/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether or not it obtained or conducted traffic modelling for the recently announced road closures?

QUESTION No: 276/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government state whether or not it was advised or received recommendations on technical basis, informally or formally in writing or otherwise not to proceed with the recently announced road closures at Europort Avenue, Line Wall Road and Chatham Counterguard?

QUESTION No: 277/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government publish any information as to the impact the Line Wall Road closure will have on Queensway?



QUESTION No: 278/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Phillips

Can the Government confirm why it changed its view from a total closure of Line Wall Road to a restriction of vehicular traffic from Saturday to Monday?

QUESTION No: 279/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state whether the Government intends to proceed with its plans to bring the Cirque du Soleil to Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 280/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide an update to this House of the Government's tourism strategy?

QUESTION No: 281/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state what plans the Government has to assist the hotel industry in the medium to long term?

QUESTION No: 282/2020

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many restaurant owners have told the Government that they are full for reservations from 1st June 2020?

QUESTION No: 283/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many COVID-19 related arrests have there been since the Government introduced its COVID-19 lockdown measures?



QUESTION No: 284/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have any plans to continue to support/assist the homeless, many of which have been sheltered at the Garrison Gym during the Covid19 period, and if so, what are these plans?

QUESTION No: 285/2020

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 dates?

1st January 2020
1st February 2020
1st March 2020
1st April 2020

QUESTION No: 286/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the purpose of the 50/50 joint venture (i.e. GBIC Limited) entered into by the Gibraltar Development Corporation with Beijing Liujian Construction Group via their respective subsidiaries?

QUESTION No: 287/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm that London and Regional are no longer the preferred bidders for the Rooke site and if so on what date was their interest withdrawn or terminated?

QUESTION No: 288/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it has transferred the following amounts totalling £63 million to the consolidated fund namely £46 million in the Savings Bank Reserve, £15 million in the General Sinking Fund, £1 million in the Government Insurance Fund and £1 million in the Notes Security Fund?



QUESTION No: 289/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what progress has been made, and with whom, in respect of potential additional direct borrowing mentioned on 20th March 2020 being "a first tranche of £150 million"?

QUESTION No: 290/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government explain how Eruca Investments Limited has come to have accumulated losses as 31st March 2019 of £52.6 million and also what does the "provision for other liabilities" of £52.5 million at the same date represent?

QUESTION No: 291/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is being done to defend the police officers who have been the subject matter of a "denuncia" at the "Juzgado de Instrucción número 4 de La Linea" in respect of a maritime collision that occurred in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters on 8th March 2020?

QUESTION No: 292/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the Government doing to defend the integrity of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters in the light of the "denuncia" presented at the "Juzgado de Instrucción número 4 de La Linea" in respect of a maritime collision that occurred in BGTW on 8th March 2020?

QUESTION No: 293/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many firms in originally excluded sectors have (a) applied to the Government; and (b) been accepted by the Government in order to furlough part of their workforce and how many employees are affected?

QUESTION No: 294/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many COVID Beat measure applications have been received by the Government and how many have been rejected?



QUESTION No: 295/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many businesses and employees have had the benefit of BEAT COVID measures and in relation to the employees what is their nationality?

QUESTION No: 296/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What COVID BEAT measures or assistance will be provided to restaurant and cafe owners and their employees after 1st June and 1st July 2020. In particular:

- (a) What COVID BEAT measures or assistance will be provided to those that open and those that do not open after 1st June 2020?
- (b) what COVID BEAT measures and assistance will be provided whilst restaurants and cafes open at enforced reduced capacity?
- (c) what COVID Beat measures and assistance will be provided to those who will be severely affected by international travel restrictions and significant downturn in tourism visits to Gibraltar after 1st June 2020?

QUESTION No: 297/2020

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Chief Minister update the House on his discussions with the UK Government as to the proposed 14-day quarantine rule in respect of air travel into the United Kingdom and whether British citizens resident in Gibraltar will be exempt from such a rule?

QUESTION No: 298/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Self-employed people applying for BEAT economic support can only receive help if their business is completely "locked down". This is not the reality of most small, self-employed outfits, who have seen their income reduced massively but have to maintain a degree of customer loyalty to survive. Should the BEAT regime not contemplate this reality?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W63/2020

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 March 2020?

QUESTION No: W64/2020

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 March 2020?

QUESTION No: W65/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the monetary value of Government deposits with the Savings Bank for the following dates?

31st January 2020
29th February 2020
31st March 2020

QUESTION No: W66/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the monetary value of Government deposits with the Gibraltar International Bank for the following dates?

31st January 2020
29th February 2020
31st March 2020



QUESTION No: W67/2020

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 dates?

1st January 2020
1st February 2020
1st March 2020
1st April 2020

QUESTION No: W68/2020

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 dates?

1st January 2020
1st February 2020
1st March 2020
1st April 2020

QUESTION No: W69/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the balance on the General Sinking fund on the following dates?

1st January 2020
1st February 2020
1st March 2020
1st April 2020

QUESTION No: W70/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it is able to provide GDP estimates on a quarterly basis and, if so, can it advise GDP for each of the calendar quarters of 2019 and 2018?



QUESTION No: W71/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In each of the years since 2015, how many judicial requests for assistance have been received from foreign authorities listing the year, the State and the legislative provisions or legal principle under which those requests were made?

QUESTION No: W72/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In each of the years since 2015, how many judicial requests for assistance from foreign authorities have been complied with and how many have been denied listing the year, the State and the legislative provisions or legal principle under which those requests were made together with the reason for not complying with the same?

QUESTION No: W73/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In each of the years since 2015, how many requests for information have been received by Gibraltar authorities from Spanish State, Provincial or Local Authorities in relation to individuals, companies or entities resident or domiciled in Gibraltar in respect of (a) tax; and (b) road traffic offenses committed in Spain?

QUESTION No: W74/2020

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In each of the years since 2015, how many requests for information have been made by Gibraltar authorities to Spanish State, Provincial or Local Authorities in relation to individuals, companies or entities resident or domiciled in Spain in respect of (a) tax; and b) road traffic offenses committed in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: W75/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What progress has been made on the GSLP 2015 manifesto commitment to provide a halfway house for men?



QUESTION No: W76/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Government inform this House how the current gender pay gap of 19.4% is being resolved and whether an update to the Equal Opportunities Act 2006 will be pursued to make a right for employees to obtain relevant information relating to the pay of a comparator and amend statutory statement of particulars to include equal pay, including requirements of employers to publish information about the differences in pay between male and female employees and between employees of different races?