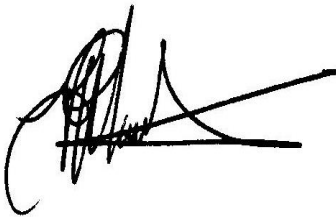


16 March, 2021

INTERIM 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 Tuesday 16th March 2021.



Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 508/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide information as to the purpose of an application submitted, as published through Government Notice No. 1658 in the Gibraltar Gazette, to extend the scope of the current business licence held, Number: BL 152615, and which has been made in respect of the premises at King's Bastion Leisure Centre?

QUESTION No: 509/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports update this House with details of the management arrangements presently in operation for Lathbury Sports facilities and Europa Sports facilities, together with details of what the long-term plans are for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of these facilities once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and sporting events return to normality?



QUESTION No: 510/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details as to how many applicants are currently on the Housing Pre-List, broken down statistically by months, showing the dates when they first joined the list?

(Table H.2 on HMGoG's Statistics page partially offers this information but provides details only in respect of the number of applicants up to October 2020 and not when they joined the Waiting List)

QUESTION No: 511/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details in respect of all rental flats which have been allocated throughout the year 2020, showing rooms composition of these?

(Table H.7 on HMGoG's Statistics page only provides details of allocations up to October 2020)

QUESTION No: 512/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details in respect of the number of tenants currently residing in the emergency homes they have been allocated, indicating the dates such allocations were made and clarifying if these are temporary or permanent allocations, together with details of what housing provisions are planned for them for the future?

QUESTION No: 513/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of how many of the rental flats which have been allocated during the year 2020 were within the housing units/blocks reserved for exclusive allocations and residency by Senior Citizens?

QUESTION No: 514/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of all rental flats which have been returned to Government's housing stock throughout 2020, showing rooms composition of these and the dates when they were returned?



QUESTION No: 515/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of how many rental homes are currently unoccupied and awaiting allocation, indicating the rooms composition of such homes, together with reasons why these have still not been allocated?

QUESTION No: 516/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide this House with relevant and detailed information as to what procedures present tenants of rental homes should follow should they desire to purchase the homes they currently occupy?

QUESTION No: 517/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide detailed information in respect of all Government rental homes, inclusive of rooms composition, which have been sold to sitting tenants as from December 2011 showing the dates when such sales were made?

QUESTION No: 518/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Will Government be restoring the dilapidated and substandard Queen's Hostel as a matter of urgency in the near future?

QUESTION No: 519/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of health and safety inspections which have been conducted at GibDock in years 2019 and 2020 and the purpose of such inspections?

QUESTION No: 520/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the reason for long delays in the processing of applications for maternity grants and allowances?



QUESTION No: 521/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how people can go about applying for carers allowance?

QUESTION No: 522/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What was the total number of people employed in Gibraltar on a full or part-time basis or registered as self-employed on 31st March 2020 and 31st October 2020 respectively broken down by persons in full-time employment, part-time employment and self-employed persons?

QUESTION No: 523/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government think that there is sufficient publicly available information on the system of social security benefits?

QUESTION No: 524/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is there any individual or individuals or section within the Department of Social Security charged with the responsibility of increasing public awareness or providing public information in respect of the benefits system, procedure for making claims and appeals processes?

QUESTION No: 525/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does Government consider that it would make sense to have a common system of appeals administered by one appeals tribunal in relation to any appeal brought against decisions in respect of statutory or non-statutory or discretionary social security benefit applications?



QUESTION No: 526/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What monies were paid out by way of non-statutory or discretionary benefits or social assistance by Government in each calendar year from 2015 to 2020 and in respect of how many applicants breaking down the sum of money by calendar year and particular benefit and the number of recipients of each such benefit?

QUESTION No: 527/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How much money was paid out in the calendar year 2020 by way of:

1. Death grant;
2. Industrial Accident - Disablement Benefit;
3. Guardians allowance;
4. Industrial accident or disease - industrial death benefit;
5. Injury benefit;
6. Maternity allowance;
7. Maternity grant;
8. Old age pension;
9. Unemployment benefit;
10. Survivors benefit;
11. Minimum Income Guarantee to Pensioners,

and in respect of how many recipients setting out the number of recipients by way of each benefit?

QUESTION No: 528/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Planning state whether the Government has granted a development licence to allow the proposed development on Devil's Tongue?

QUESTION No: 529/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Financial Services state when he intends to introduce the tenth core principle to the DLT regulations and what will it comprise?



QUESTION No: 530/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Following his statement with regards to the election of the new executive committee of the Gibraltar Association of New Technologies, can the Minister for Digital and Financial Services provide details of the key deliverables which he said would come on stream in 2021?

QUESTION No: 531/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Are there plans to fully or partly digitise the GBC archives and make these available online to the public?

QUESTION No: 532/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How will Government improve the delivery of online services to the public across the various departments?

QUESTION No: 533/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many users have installed the Beat Covid contact tracing app on their smartphones?

QUESTION No: 534/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many individuals have been asked to isolate as a result of having been identified as coming into contact with a Covid positive case via the contact tracing app?

QUESTION No: 535/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Who/what is the entity contracted to develop the Beat Covid contact tracing app and how much did it cost the taxpayer?



QUESTION No: 536/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Government provide details of what has led to cracks occurring in some classroom walls at the newly built secondary schools, as well as detailing what remedial works will be undertaken to rectify this and by whom?

QUESTION No: 537/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a list showing all applications received for Discretionary Scholarships starting in 2019, inclusive of details showing:

- (a) Course Title;
- (b) Name of Institution delivering the course;
- (c) Qualification to be obtained;
- (d) Duration of course;
- (e) Tuition Fees payable; and
- (f) Confirmation of which applications were successful and which ones were not?

QUESTION No: 538/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a list showing all applications received for Distance Learning Scholarships starting in 2019, inclusive of details showing:

- (a) Course Title;
- (b) Name of Institution delivering the course;
- (c) Qualification to be obtained;
- (d) Duration of the course;
- (e) Tuition Fees payable; and
- (f) Confirmation of which applications were successful and which ones were not?



QUESTION No: 539/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a list showing all applications received for Discretionary Scholarships starting in 2020, inclusive of details showing:

- (a) Course Title;
- (b) Name of Institution delivering the course;
- (c) Qualification to be obtained;
- (d) Duration of course;
- (e) Tuition Fees payable;
- (f) Signifying which applications were successful in the initial granting of scholarships;
- (g) Separately signifying which applications were eventually successful when a revised criterion was applied;
- (h) Details of which applications have not been successful?

QUESTION No: 540/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a list showing all applications received for Distance Learning Scholarships starting in 2020, inclusive of details showing:

- (a) Course Title;
- (b) Name of Institution delivering the course;
- (c) Qualification to be obtained;
- (d) Duration of the course;
- (e) Tuition Fees payable; and
- (f) Confirmation of which applications have been successful and which ones were not?

QUESTION No: 541/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details in respect of the change in criteria which lead to some applicants who were initially not granted Discretionary Grants later having the original decision rescinded and subsequently awarded a Grant?

QUESTION No: 542/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education confirm that all Tuition Fees and Scholarship Grants for the academic year 2020/2021 have now been processed and also provide explanations as to why many delays were experienced this year in respect of processing the payment of these?



QUESTION No: 543/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details of repayments outstanding from pupils who have not completed any courses for which they were granted scholarships, indicating the dates from which such repayments were due, frequency and amounts to be paid, together with the date by when individuals' repayments are expected to be completed?

QUESTION No: 544/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details of the grand total debt outstanding from pupils who have not completed any courses for which they were granted scholarships, together with details of what actions are being taken against debtors who are failing to make repayments as required by their contracts?

QUESTION No: 545/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education indicate if our schools have considered adjusting their academic calendars for 2020/2021 as a result of the consequences brought about due to Covid-19 Pandemic measures resulting in closures of schools and, if so, what could these changes conceivably be?

QUESTION No: 546/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how recent changes announced in the United Kingdom in respect of 2021 Spring/Summer Public Examinations will affect local students preparing for these in our educational establishments, as well as those who desire to sit these exams as private candidates?

QUESTION No: 547/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of fines imposed on dog owners in relation to dog fouling over the last 12 months?



QUESTION No: 548/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what signs have been placed in the upper rock in order to advise visitors and residents of the new law passed by this House prohibiting interference with barbary macaques?

QUESTION No: 549/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the vehicular speed limits in areas where barbary macaques tend to roam?

QUESTION No: 550/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government say what measures are in place beyond speed bumps to reduce speeding particularly in the hours of darkness in areas frequented by the barbary macaques?

QUESTION No: 551/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

In the original plans for Governors Street when the new pavement was added, it was intended that trees be planted along the roadside. Is this something that is being looked at for the future and is the Government intending to roll this out in other areas?

QUESTION No: 552/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the rationale for cancelling school buses from Mid Harbours Estate to St Bernard's School?

QUESTION No: 553/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of reports it has received in relation to fly tipping and how many complaints have been prosecuted resulting in a financial penalty over the last 12 months?



QUESTION No: 554/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update this House on the position as regards the Waste Treatment Plan?

QUESTION No: 555/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm that it is looking into less energy intensive methods of producing water for Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 556/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update this House on how the noise caused by the vibration of horizontal slats at Midtown is being mitigated or eliminated?

QUESTION No: 557/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of inspections conducted by the Environmental Agency at GibDock in the years 2019 and 2020 and the purpose for such inspection?

QUESTION No: 558/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of complaints that it or the Environmental Agency has received in respect of smells and noise pollution emanating from Gibdock for the years 2019 and 2020?

QUESTION No: 559/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether the air quality monitoring system is fit for purpose?



QUESTION No: 560/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it has considered the deployment of mobile air quality monitoring and, if so, please confirm the outcome?

QUESTION No: 561/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many AQMesh Sensors were purchased and the price per unit?

QUESTION No: 562/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the costs of procuring AQMesh Sensors?

QUESTION No: 563/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the maintenance and running costs of the AQMesh Sensors?

QUESTION No: 564/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why the Europort AQ Sensor has been offline for a month?

QUESTION No: 565/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why a AQ Sensor has not been installed at Devil's Tower Road?

QUESTION No: 566/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the date on which the Air Quality Commission was established and how many physical or remote meetings have been held?



QUESTION No: 567/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why the Gibraltar Air Quality Report or Digest for 2019 has not been made available to the public or otherwise published?

QUESTION No: 568/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state that it has increased the range of pollutants monitored by all air quality monitoring devices including the monitoring of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)?

QUESTION No: 569/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Minister please state what the maximum and minimum permissible levels of: NO₂, Sulphur Dioxide, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and Carbon Monoxide are?

QUESTION No: 570/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Minister please provide avatar daily levels of the following pollutants: NO₂, Sulphur Dioxide, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and Carbon Monoxide, for the period November and December 2019 and for the period March and April 2020 and July and August 2020?

QUESTION No: 571/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the average levels of nitrogen dioxide by ug/m³ recorded by each of our pollution stations per every month for the last 6 months?

QUESTION No: 572/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state its position in respect to the banning of highly polluting 50cc bikes within the city walls?



QUESTION No: 573/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why it has not started an information campaign to prevent idling?

QUESTION No: 574/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state if it intends to bring legislation to ban idling of motor vehicles in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 575/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why it has not implemented a no idling policy across its entire fleet of vehicles?

QUESTION No: 576/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Government confirm the exact cost of the construction of the toilets at Chatham counter-guard; the continuing maintenance, to include security provided; and who is responsible for those costs?

QUESTION No: 577/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Heritage state whether the Government has purchased, is in negotiations or has an intention to purchase the collection of El Calpense held by the Marrache family and, if so, at what price?

QUESTION No: 578/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Heritage state whether the Government has any intention of granting listed status to the Cross of Sacrifice?



QUESTION No: 579/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Heritage state whether heritage reports were conducted in relation to the refurbishment of the Northern Defences to include desk-based assessments and archaeological monitoring reports?

QUESTION No: 580/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Heritage state whether an inventory of any items that may have been recovered from the site of the Northern Defences has been kept?

QUESTION No: 581/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state whether the Government has any plans to refurbish Gibraltar's tourist sites, particularly those situated in the Upper Rock?

QUESTION No: 582/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state which company runs the operating system for the Upper Rock Nature reserve?

QUESTION No: 583/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state whether the Government has any plans to privatise any aspect of the management of the Upper Rock Nature reserve?

QUESTION No: 584/2020

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Environment state if the Government has any plans to open the section of the Green Lane which is currently closed off due to rock falls and, if so, when?



QUESTION No: 585/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When will the works establishing a landscaped area next to Midtown at the bottom of the steps leading to the British War Memorial be finished?

QUESTION No: 586/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does Public Health no longer have an office in the hospital?

QUESTION No: 587/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What were the total number of pupils with special needs at publicly funded schools for the academic year 2018/19 broken down by school and by particular special need?

QUESTION No: 588/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many Learning Support Assistants [LSAs] were employed full-time in schools over the last three academic years giving a breakdown of the number of LSAs per school?

QUESTION No: 589/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many Learning Support Assistants [LSAs] are employed part-time in schools over the last three academic years giving a breakdown of the number of LSAs per school?

QUESTION No: 590/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many Learning Support Assistants [LSAs] are on the Government's supply list as of 30th November 2020?



QUESTION No: 591/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What are the academic or training eligibility requirements for the recruitment of Learning Support Assistants [LSAs]?

QUESTION No: 592/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What on the job training is offered or required of Learning Support Assistants [LSAs]?

QUESTION No: 593/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Are Government satisfied that the online learning provision in schools provides equivalent learning in accordance with the school's curriculum?

QUESTION No: 594/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Minister indicate when the Queensway dog park will be ready and if this government will commit to rolling out more, modest sized dog parks across Gibraltar which might tackle the problem?

QUESTION No: 595/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can government give details on how many trees have been cut down in the last 12 months and how many have been replanted, including statistical information about the class of tree and their age?

QUESTION No: 596/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can government confirm why it has implemented a non A Level "Religion" class slot in year 13 timetables?