

17 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 Wednesday  $17^{th}$  March 2021.



**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: 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, PM2.5, 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, PM2.5, 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: 597/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether its plans for the reinstatement of the pelican

crossing adjacent to Jumpers Building?

**QUESTION No: 598/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state its plans for a green bus service?

**QUESTION No: 599/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the name of the consultant it has engaged to review the

impact of the closure of Line Wall Road on Mondays?



**QUESTION No: 600/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the costs of engaging a consultant to review the impact of the closure of Line Wall Road?

**QUESTION No: 601/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how it monitors compliance with the Line Wall Road ban on non-authorised vehicular traffic from Saturday to Monday weekly?

**QUESTION No: 602/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what parking arrangements are in place for the many who despite being Zone 2 Permit holders are unable to park their cars on Line Wall Road on Saturday through to Monday?

**QUESTION No: 603/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm the cost to the tax payer of security officers being used at each end of Line Wall Road during the weekly Saturday to Monday closure?

**QUESTION No: 604/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it is considering a congestion charge for non-resident vehicles entering Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 605/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the total cost of the Pay and Display ticket machines at our car parks?



**QUESTION No: 606/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the total revenue from Pay and Display machines?

**QUESTION No: 607/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state by reference to each month from January 2020 how many complaints/reports have been received in to relation unworkable Pay and Display ticket machines?

**QUESTION No: 608/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state by reference to the last 12 months the costs of maintenance and repair of the Pay and Display ticket machines?

**QUESTION No: 609/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when it will begin the rolling out of Public Electric Vehicle charging points beyond those located at Midtown?

**QUESTION No: 610/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why the current charging points only allow for 30 minutes

per charge?

**QUESTION No: 611/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm whether or not it will increase the availability of school

buses?

**QUESTION No: 612/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what preparations were made and plans put in place for the provision of school buses before the start of the staggered school term?



**QUESTION No: 613/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can Government state how many on street parking spaces existed before the

introduction of the STTPP?

**QUESTION No: 614/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many on street parking spaces have been lost since

the introduction of the STTPP?

**QUESTION No: 615/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many parking spaces have been converted to pay

parking spaces since the introduction of the STTPP?

**QUESTION No: 616/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many cars have been registered locally since the

introduction of the STTPP?

**QUESTION No: 617/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many cars have been taken off the road since the

introduction of the STTPP?

**QUESTION No: 618/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when it intends to introduce legislation and provide the

authorities with the necessary equipment to clamp down on illegally loud exhausts?

**QUESTION No: 619/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of (1) two stroke engine motorcycles and (2)

electric motorcycles sold/registered in the last 24 months?



**QUESTION No: 620/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm whether or not it will utilise pop up cycle lanes in order to test the efficacy of the introduction of segregated cycle lanes in certain areas?

**QUESTION No: 621/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when it expects to complete the roll out of the bicycle

parking?

**QUESTION No: 622/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how it intends to deal with the prevalence of driving

against the flow of traffic on Withams Road and Castle Road to name a few?

**QUESTION No: 623/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why only one counter is available at the Post Office for

the application of International Driving Licences?

**QUESTION No: 624/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the process and procedure between the bunker barge

and the vessels taking on bunkers?

**QUESTION No: 625/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the process for notifying shipping operators in the event

of an oil spill?



**QUESTION No: 626/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the effect of notification to shipping operators of an oil

spill?

**QUESTION No: 627/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state at what time they notified shipping operators of the oil

spill from the AV Gwent?

**QUESTION No: 628/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why bunker activities have continued unabated despite

notification of an oil spill from the AV Gwent?

**QUESTION No: 629/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port state whether the cause of the recent oil spill has been

identified?

**QUESTION No: 630/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port provide details of the costs incurred by the Government

to date in connection with the recent oil spill?

**QUESTION No: 631/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for the Port state which private companies have been engaged to

provide assistance in connection with the recent oil spill?



**QUESTION No: 632/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Port provide an update with regards to the investigation being carried out in Gibraltar in connection with the explosion which occurred on CSSC Cape Town?

**QUESTION No: 633/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Business state whether he is aware of the reported delays that are being experienced by applicants for business licences and, if so, what measures are being undertaken to address these?

**QUESTION No: 634/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state whether it intends to continue charging coach operators 50% of the usual cost for overnight parking?

**QUESTION No: 635/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of the room occupancy rates for each of the months of 2019 and 2020 to date for all arrivals and tourist arrivals, respectively, in the same way as they are presented in tables 3.03 and 3.04 of the Hotel Occupancy Survey 2018?

**QUESTION No: 636/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has the Minister for Tourism made enquiries as to why Gibraltar was unable to provide enough hotel rooms for EasyJet passengers in respect of a flight which was reported to have been due to leave Gibraltar on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August but was delayed overnight?



**QUESTION No: 637/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Aviation provide further details regarding the proposed new helicopter service between Gibraltar and Malaga to include when it is expected to commence?

**QUESTION No: 638/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism please state whether the Government has provided any financial incentives in connection with the Wizz Air flights which have commenced to Gibraltar and if so, what these are?

**QUESTION No: 639/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism please state whether the Government has provided any direct or indirect financial incentives or assistance to Eastern Airways and if so, what these are?

**QUESTION No: 640/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism please state what is the financial cost to the Government of the agreement it entered into with British Airways to secure its services to and from Gibraltar airport during the UK lockdown period which ended in December?

**QUESTION No: 641/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state how many airlines have expressed an interest in commencing flights since the Framework Agreement was entered into?

**QUESTION No: 642/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state which company has been appointed to recruit the new CEO of the Gibraltar Tourist Board with details of the fees charged by the company?



**QUESTION No: 643/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide details of the expected earnings of the new CEO of the Gibraltar Tourist Board to include details of any financial or other assistance outside of direct earnings, such as housing, car use or other benefits?

**QUESTION No: 644/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism provide an update as to when cruises are likely to commence calls to Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 645/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Tourism state on what basis he says that the Gibraltar economy will be 'back better than it was'?

**QUESTION No: 646/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to Press Release 879/2020, whereby the Government announced the replacement of all Royal Gibraltar Post Office vehicles to brand new 13 electric vehicles, can the Government advise the implicit financing cost of the seven year lease arrangement entered into with Bassadone Motors, what was the alternative cost of outright purchase and who will maintain these vehicles and at what cost?

**QUESTION No: 647/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has the Government got any plans to create any new parking areas in Queensway or increase the numbers of available parkings there?



**QUESTION No: 648/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Now that Government has reverted Line Wall Road back to the two-way system, can Government provide details to this House on the following:

- 1. Any and all data collected;
- 2. Who/what company was contracted to analyse the data;
- 3. The cost incurred of the plans drafted/preliminary works/any other costs incurred on the Line Wall Road closure;
- 4. What consultation will government take on from here and with whom;
- 5. By when government will make a decision on future plans or strategy for Line Wall Road?

**QUESTION No: 649/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Minister confirm if, after giving huge incentives to purchase diesel and petrol vehicles, it will announce significant subsidies for electric vehicles, in particular for commercial vehicles at a time when businesses are largely tightening their belts?

**QUESTION No: 650/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Is Government in liaison with the insurance industry locally (insurers, and intermediaries) to set out our expectations of any insurers for BI policies -where the insurer has an obligation to pay- to ensure valid claims are progressed as quickly as possible?

**QUESTION No: 651/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of commercial vehicles and/or heavy goods vehicles crossing the land frontier each month in the year 2019 and 2020?

**QUESTION No: 652/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Government provide details of the plans it has for the installation of a lift at the Parliament building?



**QUESTION No: 653/2020** 

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When will the Freedom of Information Act be commenced?