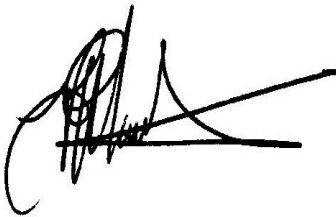


22 March, 2021

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 Monday 22nd March 2021.



Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 804/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sports update this House of any progress made in determining staffing levels at all the newly built sports facilities?

QUESTION No: 805/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No: 304 of 2020, can the Minister update this House with details in respect of the number of homes sold and the number of homes still to be sold at:

- (a) Hassan Centenary Terraces;
- (b) Bob Peliza; and
- (c) Chatham co-ownership projects?



QUESTION No: 806/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide this House with updated details in respect of estimated construction completion dates and handover dates for purchasers in respect of the following housing projects:

- (a) Hassan Centenary Terraces;
- (b) Bob Peliza Mews; and
- (c) Chatham Views?

QUESTION No: 807/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of any special financial concessions granted or arrangements made with purchasers at any of the affordable housing projects who may not have been able to keep up with their monthly payments due in respect of purchases whilst they were on reduced income and receiving only BEAT payments?

QUESTION No: 808/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state that it will publish its review of crossing points and set out the solutions it has identified for the proper protection of pedestrians consistent with its policy to promote walking in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 809/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the rationale for placing a motorbike bay next to the children's park adjacent to the Holy Trinity Church?

QUESTION No: 810/2020

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it has investigated or conducted enquiries into reports being received as to Spanish authorities impounding Gibraltar registered vehicles?



QUESTION No: 811/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of tax refunds outstanding as at 30th June 2020 split between personal and corporate and can it further advise if there are currently any delays in making repayments?

QUESTION No: 812/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many expressions of interest it has received for the Rooke site and has it notified any preferred bidder?

QUESTION No: 813/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many parking spaces it has sold under each of:

- (a) St Annes School;
- (b) The Comprehensives,

as at 31st August 2020

QUESTION No: 814/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Given that the Government in Press Release 879/2020 advises that Bassadone Motors were the only ones to apply in response to the invitations for expressions of interest in December 2016 to move the Government's entire vehicle fleet to a leased basis, can the Government advise (other than the post office vehicles) what current or future vehicle lease agreements have been entered into with Bassadone Motors, and what is the total value and duration of the lease arrangements envisaged?



QUESTION No: 815/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to its press release 498/2020 can the Government advise how much is the Bassadone Automotive Group paying for:

- (a) the underground parking at the Lathbury Sports Facility; and
- (b) part of the Europa Business Centre,

individually, and the lease terms of each?

QUESTION No: 816/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many parking spaces is the Bassadone Automotive Group acquiring at the Lathbury Sports Facility and what annual service charges are to be paid on these?

QUESTION No: 817/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm that the delay to the construction of the Lathbury Sports Facility was due to a late change in specifications adding an extra floor of underground parking spaces?

QUESTION No: 818/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why was there no tender for the sale of the Lathbury Sports Facility parking or the Europa Business Centre?

QUESTION No: 819/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what are the anticipated total gross construction costs of the Lathbury Sports Facilities to completion?



QUESTION No: 820/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it intends to enter into new borrowing, and if so for what amount, and on what terms if these are being negotiated?

QUESTION No: 821/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the £50 million loan for the Victoria Key's development has been signed and if so on what date and has any amount yet been drawn?

QUESTION No: 822/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to the written statement by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Affairs of the United Kingdom on the 19 November 2020, can the Government advise what commitments has it made to the UK Government in respect of 'transparency and information sharing' as regards the provision of the £500m Loan Guarantee?

QUESTION No: 823/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how it intends to utilise any monies raised under the £500 million loan guarantee and what third party loans does it envisage refinancing?

QUESTION No: 824/2020

Unallocated.

QUESTION No: 825/2020

Unallocated.

QUESTION No: 826/2020

Unallocated.



QUESTION No: 827/2020

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the current Net Annual Values of the following units at 156 Main Street (i.e. Parliament Building & Kiosks) namely:

- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 3
- Unit 4

QUESTION No: 828/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What financial or other compensation has been agreed to be paid or has been paid to the tenants of the premises at the Piazza [156 Main Street adjacent to or that forms part of the ground floor of the Parliament building]?

QUESTION No: 829/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Why wasn't the Opposition consulted on the prospective works to Parliament when they were announced by the Government last year and why was the Opposition not consulted when the Government cancelled the prospective works earlier this year?

QUESTION No: 830/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government support the holding of a music festival in 2021?

QUESTION No: 831/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government seek to broker a resolution to the dispute between telecoms providers?

QUESTION No: 832/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Chief Minister seek agreement or assist to ensure that TV channels enjoyed by consumers continue to be shown in Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 833/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government consider retaining the Commonwealth Day public holiday on the second Monday in March every year?

QUESTION No: 834/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When will the Select Committees on the Environment, Parliamentary Reform, and Constitutional Reform that were due to meet in March now meet?

QUESTION No: 835/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government intend to introduce a customs clearance fee for items received above a certain value and if so what fee, when and in respect of what threshold of value?

QUESTION No: 836/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government:

1. extend the regime providing tax concessions to businesses available for the modification of properties so as to make these more disability friendly when the present scheme runs out; and
2. is Government prepared to put this permanently in place; and
3. extend the scope to private individuals and internal works to homes?

QUESTION No: 837/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government be filling the AA vacancies it advertised in September 2019?

QUESTION No: 838/2020

Unallocated.



QUESTION No: 839/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many asylum applications and appeals against asylum decisions have been filed under the Asylum Regulations 2008 during the period 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2020 broken down by years and numbers of applications and appeals?

QUESTION No: 840/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many applications for exemption under s12(2) of the Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Act have been filed in the period 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2020 broken down by year and how many of those remained pending at 31st December 2020?

QUESTION No: 841/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many applications for naturalisation as a British Overseas Territory Citizen have been filed in the period 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2020 broken down by year and how many of those remained pending at 31st December 2020?

QUESTION No: 842/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many persons died in Gibraltar during the period January 2017 up to and including January 2021 with figures broken down by month?

QUESTION No: 843/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has there been a sale of the Europa Sports Facility or of the accommodation blocks that were used for the Island Games or an agreement for the management of the facility or of the accommodation blocks and if so what are the main terms of any agreement and who are the parties?

QUESTION No: 844/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What payments were made to the former Commissioner of Police on his retirement specifying the nature of the payments and the amounts?



QUESTION No: 845/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have the Government sold any property to the former Commissioner of Police in the last six months and, if so, at what price?

QUESTION No: 846/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When will the Chairman/Commissioner of the Public Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the retirement of the former Commissioner of Police be appointed?

QUESTION No: 847/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What progress is being made to remove the rubble mountain between Eastern Beach and Catalan Bay?

QUESTION No: 848/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is rubble from construction or other works still being deposited at the rubble mountain between Eastern Beach and Catalan Bay?

QUESTION No: 849/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government know the beneficial owners of all the companies it has entered into contracts with since 2011?

QUESTION No: 850/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Are the Government aware of an incident on or about 5th October 2020 which resulted in a vessel crashing onto the rocks near Waterport after two occupants of the vessel were allegedly fired upon and injured with rubber bullets from a Spanish Aduanera vessel?



QUESTION No: 851/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many incursions into Gibraltar territorial waters by vessels of Spanish authorities have there been since 1st January 2012 broken down by yearly figures to end of 2020?

QUESTION No: 852/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What GSLP manifesto commitments are not going to be carried out as a result of the extra spending caused by the COVID pandemic or as a result of the impact of Brexit?

QUESTION No: 853/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government be publishing a new, subsequent or supplementary part to the Unlock the Rock strategy for the period after September 2020. If so when and if not, why not?

QUESTION No: 854/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government envisage any further BEAT or BEAT-type scheme for the period beyond 30th September 2020?

QUESTION No: 855/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can Government update the House as to when the quarantine-free air corridor with the UK will be restored?

QUESTION No: 856/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is Government in discussions with the UK so as to ensure that Gibraltar residents who have been vaccinated for COVID19 are exempt from the UK quarantine rules?



QUESTION No: 857/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have the Government commissioned any study or expert report in relation to questions concerning the impact or feasibility of joining the Customs Union as part of a future relationship with the EU?

QUESTION No: 858/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How will hot pursuit situations be dealt with in a possible Schengen association stemming from the New Year's Eve Agreement on a future relationship with the EU?

QUESTION No: 859/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When and how will the Government be consulting about any possible customs union type arrangement or bespoke goods arrangements with the European Union as part of any agreement on Gibraltar's future relationship with the EU?

QUESTION No: 860/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the Government publish the Political Agreement which was publicly announced on New Year's Eve 2020 had been reached in relation to the proposed future relationship of Gibraltar with the European Union?

QUESTION No: 861/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have there been any formal or informal talks between the EU and the UK or the UK, Spain and Gibraltar in relation to progressing the discussions towards a possible Treaty for a future relationship with the EU in respect of Gibraltar since 1st January 2021 and, if so, will the Government update the House in relation to such talks?

QUESTION No: 862/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is the Government aware of the state of discussions to establish the EU negotiating mandate in respect of the negotiations with the UK concerning the possible Treaty for a future relationship with the EU in respect of Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 863/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is it still expected that the talks to conclude a Treaty setting out a future relationship for Gibraltar with the EU will require till the end of June 2021 or does Government expect the process to require time beyond that?

QUESTION No: 864/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

In the event that talks to conclude a Treaty on a future relationship with the EU in respect of Gibraltar require to be extended beyond the end of June 2021 what plans are being discussed or agreed to enable the current regime of extended or temporary recognition by Spain of Gibraltar issued documents, driving licences or pet passports or current regime for movement across the border to continue pending the conclusion of such talks?

QUESTION No: 865/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government have any existing contracts or contractual arrangements with Bland Limited or paid that company for any services and if so when, for what service or work and how much has been paid in the last 12 months?

QUESTION No: 866/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have the Government entered into or terminated any contracts or contractual arrangements with Bland Limited or paid that company for any services and if so when, for what service or work and how much has been paid over the last 12 months?

QUESTION No: 867/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When was the agreement or contractual commitments or arrangements between the Government and Bland Limited in respect of services concerning the maintenance of the National Security Central Intelligence System entered into and what monthly or annual remuneration or fees or other payments have been made by the Government under it since then?



QUESTION No: 868/2020

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have the Government entered into any contracts or contractual arrangements with 36 North Limited or paid that company for any services and if so when, for what service or work and how much has been paid?

QUESTION No: 869/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Import duty exemptions currently apply to musical instruments but not to musical equipment. Can government explain the reasoning behind this policy, and also tell this House if it is willing to include musical equipment in its list of import duty exempted items?

QUESTION No: 870/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Will there be a census conducted, as will be due, next year?

QUESTION No: 871/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

When will Government honour its repeated promises to Beach View Terrace residents to make good the faulty floors in their apartments?

QUESTION No: 872/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

On the new affordable housing schemes - can Government confirm whether all these have now been allocated, and if not, how many are left?

QUESTION No: 873/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Are Bob Peliza Mews and Chatham Views developments still on track?



QUESTION No: 874/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What levels of depletion has there been in personnel in the emergency services in the last two months including:

The GHA;
The RGP;
HM Customs;
BCA;
ERS;
The Fire Service,

due to Covid isolation or Covid positive cases?

QUESTION No: 875/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have a package in place, to provide any financial subsidy for single parents in employment who, when forced to self-isolate to care for their COVID-positive dependants, see their pay packets deducted?

QUESTION No: 876/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have a package in place, to provide any financial subsidy for single parents in employment who, by not being able to fulfil their working from home hours because they are having to help their children with their home schooling are seeing their wage packets reduced?

QUESTION No: 877/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How much money has been paid out in the Beat Covid scheme so far and how many people have been taken to task for attempting to cheat the system?

QUESTION No: 878/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Regarding the BEAT Covid 19 Grant and the terms that bind a company when applying, can the Government explain why they consider that the voluntary resignation of an employee is held in the same regard as a redundancy?



QUESTION No: 879/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have a policy in place to establish which companies who have been in receipt of BEAT payments have a right under their insurance contracts to apply for a claim?

QUESTION No: 880/2020

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Will government be looking into recovering any funds from any cases of betterment, where a company may have been in receipt of BEAT and insurer settlements, and has government developed a policy for subrogation?