


17 May, 2022

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 17th May 2022.



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(Ag) Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state in detail Gibraltar's road resurfacing schedule?

QUESTION No: 2/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what is its rationale for the removal of parking spaces at South Barrack Ramp?

QUESTION No: 3/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why a floor of the Devils Tower Car Park remains empty and what the plans are for the future of this significant parking opportunity?

QUESTION No: 4/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it is reviewing bus routes and whether the provision of a Night Bus will be reinstated?



QUESTION No: 5/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update the House on what steps it is currently taking to electrify Gibraltar's bus fleet?

QUESTION No: 6/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm how many taxis in Gibraltar are electric or hybrid?

QUESTION No: 7/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update this House on the position as regards the regulation of E-scooters?

QUESTION No: 8/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

How is the Government going to deal with the challenge presented by lower gear polluting motor vehicle traffic caused by increased e-scooters and encouraging the use of lower polluting modes of transport?

QUESTION No: 9/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm why it is not considering banning two stroke motorbikes in town and elsewhere and encouraging electric motorbikes?

QUESTION No: 229/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm that it intends to criminalise the possession and supply of nitrous oxide?



QUESTION No: 230/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether the support for profoundly deaf people extends to the provision of BSL trained and experienced British Sign Language interpreters?

QUESTION No: 231/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm what support the Government provides to assist profoundly deaf people within the community in their daily interactions with public services?

QUESTION No: 22/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of British Sign Language qualified individuals currently engaged in the public sector?

QUESTION No: 23/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Please look at the answer provided to Q702 of 2020. Is the Minister now able to answer the supplementary posed, namely how many reports and requests for leave of absence have been received since the Mental Health Act 2016 was introduced updating the position to today's date?

QUESTION No: 24/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Please refer to the answers to written questions W51, 52 and 53 of 2021 and will the Government state how many convictions (if any) have been set aside or overturned either on appeal, by agreement with the Crown Prosecution service or otherwise due to the use of an unapproved breathalyser as a *material factor*?

QUESTION No: 25/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Please refer to the answer provided to written question W57 of 2021 and will the Government please state by when it intends to fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Disabled?



QUESTION No: 26/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Following its public consultation, what is the Government going to do in order to tackle parental alienation?

QUESTION No: 27/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What progress has the Government made in relation to mandatory drugs testing at HM Prison?

QUESTION No: 28/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government consider that any laws need changing following its review of the Lishman case outcome?

QUESTION No: 29/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government confirm when the National Disability Strategy will be finalised and whether this will be published?

QUESTION No: 30/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government confirm when the Autism Pathway will be finalised and whether this will be published?

QUESTION No: 31/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Why are we continuing to develop without cycling lanes and charging points being embedded in our development plans?



QUESTION No: 51/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide an update in respect of the set-up known as Gibraltar Young Minds which is/was run by a GHA Employee seconded to the Department of Education?

QUESTION No: 52/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education confirm that there are now six Counsellors readily available in schools as per Government's Election Manifesto?

QUESTION No: 53/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many Educational Psychologists are currently employed at the Department of Education to serve all schools?

QUESTION No: 54/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of any multi-disciplinary approach currently in place for the benefit of pupils between the Department of Education's Educational Psychologists and the Gibraltar Health Authority?

QUESTION No: 55/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how many Special Needs Learning Support Assistants are presently available in Primary Schools?

QUESTION No: 56/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of what usage is being made of the workshops situated on the ground floors of both Bayside and Westside Schools which were purposely designated for Vocational Courses and Trades such as Mechanics and Wet Trades?



QUESTION No: 57/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of Vocational Courses being delivered at our Secondary Schools for the academic year 2021/22; together with details of numbers of students following these courses, the educational establishment delivering the courses, the completion date of the courses and the qualifications obtainable upon successful completion of said courses?

QUESTION No: 58/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide updated details in respect of any possible changes it hopes to introduce in respect to school leaving age so as to bring this into line with the United Kingdom?

QUESTION No: 59/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details of the grand total debt outstanding from students who have not successfully 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 scholarship contracts?

QUESTION No: 60/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether reports have been received by the Department of Education as to the prevalence of children vaping in and within the school precincts?

QUESTION No: 61/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state its position on the importance of gas guzzling used motor vehicles and confirm whether it intends to ban the importation of non-hybrid/electric motor vehicles?



QUESTION No: 62/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm what steps it is taking to encourage and promote electrification of motor vehicles in order to further the decarbonisation agenda?

QUESTION No: 63/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm that despite previous questions in this House nothing is done to strengthen anti-idling laws or prevent further damage to young lungs and our air quality?

QUESTION No: 64/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the rationale for the positioning of the current AQ mesh monitors?

QUESTION No: 65/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what upgrades have been made to the current AQ monitors over the last two years?

QUESTION No: 66/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm how many occasions the AQ monitors have been offline over the last 2 years and for what duration?

QUESTION No: 67/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state that it is in full compliance with WHO revised air quality recommendations?



QUESTION No: 68/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why it appears that levels of nitrogen dioxide at Harbour Views Road are 15 times greater than the level of the WHO annual mean limit of 10ug/m³ of nitrogen dioxide.

QUESTION No: 69/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government set out what it has done to better improve our air quality over the last two years?

QUESTION No: 70/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm that it will roll out further AQ monitors to cover more areas of Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 71/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what measures the Government has taken in relation to the vents pouring fumes at the back of the Elliott Hotel onto Canon Lane?

QUESTION No: 72/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state its position in relation to the wave energy project?

QUESTION No: 73/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government provide details as to the number of fines imposed by the pertinent authority in respect of dog fouling offences?



QUESTION No: 74/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many complaints it has received in relation to the cleanliness of our streets and on how many occasions it has had to engage with Britannia to voice those complaints?

QUESTION No: 75/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why bin sheds across Gibraltar have not been maintained?

QUESTION No: 76/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Now that the weather has improved, can the Government state how it will ensure beach cleaning standards are met given the increased building activity at both Eastern and Caleta?

QUESTION No: 77/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government set out the beach cleaning regime?

QUESTION No: 78/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update the House of the timing for the sewage plant?

QUESTION No: 79/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is there any program designed to thin out vegetation in the Upper Rock allowing better habitats for birds and animals?

QUESTION No: 80/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the Government doing in order to limit the damage caused by feral cats to wildlife in the Upper Rock?



QUESTION No: 81/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What programs are in place in order to introduce different species of trees in the Upper Rock?

QUESTION No: 82/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What programs are in place in order to ensure trees are not choked by overgrown vegetation in the Upper Rock?

QUESTION No: 83/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is it the intention of Government to create more firebreaks in the Upper Rock by clearing areas of some of its vegetation?

QUESTION No: 84/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details of the cost of the essential maintenance carried out at The Skywalk site resulting in its temporary closure from 18th to 25th February together with details of the company that carried it out and the nature of the maintenance.

QUESTION No: 85/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details as to when the stacks of unused solar panels are going to be removed or otherwise installed which now lay abandoned at the Mid Harbours Estate together with the costs of the panels and from which company they were purchased.

QUESTION No: 86/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government update the house on the progress of the development of plans for proposed dog parks and their works and locations?



QUESTION No: 87/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Has the Government signed the contract in respect of the future St Mary's school with the developers of that site and if so what are the financial terms of the agreement and how long will the agreement run for?

QUESTION No: 88/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government confirm whether the recently announced decision to convert a number of supply teachers into permanent posts had any cost effect in terms of future pension entitlement?

QUESTION No: 89/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Are there any plans for cycling lanes in the new schools?

QUESTION No: 90/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what changes if any are envisaged in relation to civil aviation in a Post Brexit world?

QUESTION No: 91/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to QW46/2021, can the Government state whether it is any closer to request Expressions of Interest in the former GBC premises site and what its own preferred options are for development in that area.

QUESTION No: 92/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to QW47/2021, please provide an update with regard to the new premises for the housing of the Gibraltar National Archives.



QUESTION No: 93/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether the Government is aware of any developments with regard to St Andrew's Church at Town Range and if so what these are.

QUESTION No: 94/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update with regards to the Northern Defences refurbishment programme especially in regard to future management plans and likely private sector parties involved.

QUESTION No: 95/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many expressions of interest have been received in respect of the Victualling Yard?

QUESTION No: 232/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what plans it has to overhaul the PCC/GHA telephone appointment system?

QUESTION No: 233/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many GHA and non GHA operations have been cancelled over the last 3 months broken into a category and reasons for cancellation?

QUESTION No: 234/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state that the commercial entity which has applied to use premises at Europort for the purposes of providing MRI scanning services to the GHA is incorporated in Belize?



QUESTION No: 235/2021

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the commercial rationale for abandoning its decision to purchase its own MRI scanner?

QUESTION No: 246/2021

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Of the social workers currently suspended, how many of them are on full pay?

QUESTION No: 247/2021

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Government provide a list of how many social workers are currently suspended, giving details of how long have they been suspended for, and what the reason for their suspension is?

QUESTION No: 248/2021

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

When will the Care Agency be replacing the two doctors with drug addiction speciality who left Bruce's Farm in the last year?

QUESTION No: 249/2021

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What aftercare programme is available when patients leave Bruce's Farm?

QUESTION No: 96/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Is it Government's intention to set aside allotted days for dental interventions at an operating theatre for individuals with special needs who for a variety of reasons may require this to be done under general anaesthetic?



QUESTION No: 97/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide statistics in respect of the number of school children, broken down by ages, who have been referred to:

- (a) Mental Health Services;
- (b) Child Protection Services,

since the start of the present academic year?

QUESTION No: 98/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why street lamps appear to remain on throughout the day?

QUESTION No: 99/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether the diesel skid generators are still operational?

QUESTION No: 100/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the backlog for surgical and non-surgical interventions in respect to each and every discipline within the GHA?

QUESTION No: 101/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state its position in relation to GHA medical practitioners pursuing parallel businesses in provision of private healthcare services?

QUESTION No: 102/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it intends to ensure that provision of all forms of aesthetic medicine in the private sector is regulated in Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 103/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of reported cases of hepatitis in children in Gibraltar over the last two years?

QUESTION No: 104/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

From GHA data, can the Government confirm how many children or young adults from 2-18 are suffering from and are being treated in relation to allergies?

QUESTION No: 105/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of patients being treated for any form of a respiratory disease in the last 24 months?

QUESTION No: 106/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm how many children and young adults from age 2-18 are asthmatics?

QUESTION No: 107/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it will continue to offer the Covid vaccine beyond June 2022?

QUESTION No: 108/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm what support is being offered to those sufferers of long Covid and what future provision is being made beyond July 2022?

QUESTION No: 109/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm that it will publish the GHA's strategic objectives?



QUESTION No: 110/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it will publish its "Reset, Restart and Recover Strategy"?

QUESTION No: 111/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm that all calls to the GHA telephone line remain free of charge?

QUESTION No: 112/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

In relation to the GHA's appointment telephone service, can the Government state over the last 12 months:

- (i) how long callers are being made to wait until their call is substantively dealt with;
- (ii) how many calls are terminated or cut off and for what reasons; and
- (iii) of those calls terminated the percentage which are attributable to patients given excessive waiting times?

QUESTION No: 113/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of complaints the GHA has received in the last 12 months?

QUESTION No: 114/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many complaints it has received about the conduct of private care providers and the nature of those complaints?

QUESTION No: 115/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what standards private care providers in Gibraltar are bound by?



QUESTION No: 116/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how it regulates or monitors private carer provisions in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 117/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many legal claims have been issued against the GHA in the last 3 years?

QUESTION No: 118/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state, of the number and value of legal claims issued over the last three years, how many relate to clinical negligence and/or misdiagnosis?

QUESTION No: 119/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many complaints as opposed to legal claims have been received in relation to misdiagnosis?

QUESTION No: 120/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many GHA legal claims have been settled by payment of a sum to claimants in the last three years?

QUESTION No: 121/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the total value of legal fees paid out to law firms on the GHA Panel for legal services broken down into law firms?



QUESTION No: 122/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the plans for the procurement and provision of a local MRI scanner?

QUESTION No: 123/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state its relationship with AC LTD, a company incorporated in the Central America territory of Belize, which has applied for consent to provide MRI services from premises within the Atlantic Suites complex?

QUESTION No: 124/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether any Government Minister has any connection whatsoever with the Belize company AC Limited?

QUESTION No: 125/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what relationship the GHA or the Government have with a Surgimed Healthcare Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of England?

QUESTION No: 126/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how much the Director General of the GHA is remunerated?

QUESTION No: 127/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a schedule of LNG purchases in the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2022 including volume and price?



QUESTION No: 128/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many patients in Gibraltar are currently subject to hospital orders, providing particulars of when they were admitted and the length of time they have been detained?

QUESTION No: 129/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the Government doing in order to ensure that the Lasting Powers of Attorney and Capacity Act is not used to circumvent the safeguards contained in the Mental Health Act in relation to oversight by the Mental Health Tribunal and the provision of second Opinions?

QUESTION No: 130/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the 38,037 COVID Boosters administered to 5 May 2022 how many of those were first COVID Boosters (i.e. a third dose of the COVID vaccine) broken down by residents and non-residents?

QUESTION No: 131/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the 38,037 COVID Boosters administered to 5 May 2022 how many of those were second COVID Boosters (i.e. a fourth dose of the COVID vaccine) broken down by residents and non-residents?

QUESTION No: 132/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the 17,996 confirmed COVID cases detected in Gibraltar to 5 May 2022 how many people have contracted COVID once and how many have contracted COVID19 more than once ["Repeat Positives"] with a breakdown of how many people have contracted it once, twice or three times or more times?



QUESTION No: 133/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

To the extent that of the 17,996 confirmed COVID cases detected in Gibraltar to 5 May 2022 there have been Repeat Positives (in other words cases of people contracting COVID more than once) can Government provide a breakdown of these by vaccination status namely how many of the Repeat Positives have been vaccinated or are/were unvaccinated against COVID19 at the time of contracting COVID for a second time?

QUESTION No: 134/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can Government update the House in relation to the resolution of the issues concerning the non-recognition of the GHA COVID app?

QUESTION No: 135/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many Operating Department Practitioners exist in the complement of the Gibraltar Health Authority and are there any vacancies at 9 May 2022?

QUESTION No: 136/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many persons currently in the employment of the Gibraltar Health Authority at 9 May 2022 are qualified Operating Department Practitioners but work in other posts or capacities in the GHA?

QUESTION No: 137/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How much money has the Gibraltar Health Authority spent on training in respect of Operating Department Practitioners in the financial years 2019/20; 2020/21 and 2021/22 broken down by year?

QUESTION No: 138/2022

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Is the appointment of the Director General of the Gibraltar Health Authority a permanent appointment or a contractual appointment and if contractual for how long?



QUESTION No: 139/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many social workers are there currently working within the SS system and:

-how many in the last three years have left at the end of an 11 month contract?

-how many have resigned in last two years?

QUESTION No: 140/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many people have been diagnosed with dementia, and of those diagnosed:

(a) How many are men, and how many are women?

(b) How many men and how many women of those diagnosed with dementia are under 65 years of age?

QUESTION No: 141/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many of those individuals diagnosed with dementia are at ERS facilities and how many are in the community (living at home)?

QUESTION No: 142/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Of those individuals living with dementia in the community, how many are receiving domiciliary care?

QUESTION No: 143/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many people with dementia waiting for a bed at ERS are there:

(a) living at home;

(b) at St. Bernards Hospital;

(c) at Ocean Views?



QUESTION No: 144/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What is the policy on GHA orthopaedic surgeons in connection to their private practice work?

QUESTION No: 145/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Has the new Health Minister got any waiting list incentives to improve waiting times and the general backlog stemming from the Covid pandemic, and if so can he expand on these?

QUESTION No: 146/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many specialist urologists are there in the health service and how often are they on call?

QUESTION No: 147/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What is the current policy on what is commonly known as 'tube tying' for women under 30 years of age at the GHA?

QUESTION No: 148/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What is the GHA policy on maintenance of defibrillators around the city?

QUESTION No: 149/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Is Government satisfied with the supply and management of our emergency and transport ambulances?



QUESTION No: 150/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What is the current status of the location where the mortuary has always been and what are the plans for the mortuary now that the pandemic has eased?

QUESTION No: 151/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Is the Health Minister satisfied with his ministry's level of support towards its staff with reference to professional development in the form of secondment for those within the organisation?

QUESTION No: 152/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How were the new GHA executive board members selected?

QUESTION No: 153/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can the Health Minister explain the reason(s) for the extended leave of the new Director General given his short posting so far?