

21 December, 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 Wednesday 21st December 2022.



Simon C Galliano
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 523/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the time-table allocations for all the swimming pools falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority?

QUESTION No: 524/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the Housing Ministry publish the promised booklet setting out the policies regarding Government rented flats and what will it contain?

QUESTION No: 525/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is causing the delay regarding the review of the Housing Act?



QUESTION No: 526/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state how many units will be released to the Government rental housing stock broken down to the number of rooms when the affordable flats become available to tenants.

QUESTION No: 527/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will Government fix the significant issue faced by users of the Mid Harbours garage regarding water penetration?

QUESTION No: 528/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How does the Government propose to deal with the on-going issue of motorbikes which illegally park at the Mid-Harbours estate parking?

QUESTION No: 529/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have any plans to refurbish Arengo's Palace?

QUESTION No: 530/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Why does the Minister for Housing not reply to letters sent to him by the Chilton Court Committee?

QUESTION No: 531/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who is funding the proposed development at the Chilton Court Youth Club?



QUESTION No: 532/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is the development of the Chilton Court Youth Club exclusively for residents of Chilton Court and if not who will be able to access and use its facilities?

QUESTION No: 533/2022

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QUESTION No: 534/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Further to question 461/2022 can the Government state how much the strategic document for mobility cost to commission?

QUESTION No: 535/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Further to question 461/2022 can the Government state how much money it will place at the disposal of the Ministry of Transport in order to deploy its cycling strategy?

QUESTION No: 536/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Further to question 463/2022 can the Government state how many representations were received and by what group, organisation, or agency?

QUESTION No: 537/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many:

- (1) registered vehicles were there in Gibraltar each year since and including 2016?
- (2) NEW vehicles have been registered each year since and including 2016?



QUESTION No: 538/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When does the Government intend to refurbish the toilets at the Coach park?

QUESTION No: 539/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who, precisely, is the Minister for Tourism meeting when he refers to the “wider Wizz team”, when is he meeting with them and when does he expect to welcome the airline back to Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 540/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What update can the Government provide in connection with the expected disruption in flights from the UK due to industrial action in the UK over the Christmas period?

QUESTION No: 541/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the Government upkeep and clean the entry point into the City centre, namely Landport Tunnel?

QUESTION No: 542/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will Government, as a matter of urgency, refurbish the Cruise Liner terminal and surrounding area?



QUESTION No: 543/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What was the cost of the recent aviation conference held in Gibraltar to include the amount that the Government paid in respect of it, broken down into the following headings:

- (i) accommodation;
- (ii) travel;
- (iii) entertainment; and
- (iv) use of conference facilities.

QUESTION No: 544/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House in respect of the selection process for the vacant post of Construction Training Centre Manager?

QUESTION No: 545/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the manufacturers of the modular units in China, or any other entities, are providing any special financing arrangement for the purchase of these modular units and if so what are the financing arrangements?

QUESTION No: 546/2022

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 date?

1 November 2022



QUESTION No: 547/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 November 2022

QUESTION No: 548/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the remuneration paid to each of the directors of GBIC Limited?

QUESTION No: 549/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why GBIC Limited is the preferred contractor on building projects in its national economic plan?

QUESTION No: 550/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the directors of Community Supplies and Services Limited have been paid any fees as directors or lawyers and if so please identify the amount since incorporation?

QUESTION No: 551/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise which Government owned company or companies, Gibraltar Savings Bank owned company or companies, or Gibraltar Development Corporation owned company or companies have purchased loan notes from Community Supplies and Services Limited and in what monetary amount and for what tenure and interest rate?



QUESTION No: 552/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what security has Community Supplies and Services Limited given in respect of loan notes purchased by Government owned company or companies, Gibraltar Savings Bank owned company or companies, or Gibraltar Development Corporation owned company or companies?

QUESTION No: 553/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why Community Supplies and Services Limited has not registered as a charity?

QUESTION No: 554/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what role does Gibraltar Properties Limited play in the National Economic Plan?

QUESTION No: 555/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what role does GSBA Limited play in the National Economic Plan?

QUESTION No: 556/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the estimated cost to date of the National Economic Plan and how much of this will be financed by the Gibraltar Savings Bank?

QUESTION No: 557/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide the details of the monetary value, interest rate and term of the loan notes to be purchased by the Gibraltar Savings Bank in respect of the proposed Victoria Stadium development?



QUESTION No: 558/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise who conducted the financial analysis of the viability of the Victoria Stadium development and has this been subjected to independent expert review?

QUESTION No: 559/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what security will be given in respect of the loan notes to be purchased by the Gibraltar Savings Bank for the Victoria Stadium development and what Loan to Value ratio does this represent?

QUESTION No: 560/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many vacancies are there within Government owned companies identifying the company?

QUESTION No: 561/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who is developing the new parking facility at North Mole Road?

QUESTION No: 562/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

For whose use is the new parking facility at North Mole Road been constructed?

QUESTION No: 563/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Where and when will the workers' hostel be constructed and by which company?



QUESTION No: 564/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What work does Community Services and Supplies Limited do for the Government?

QUESTION No: 565/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Are employees of Wonderworks Media Limited working in Government departments and if so how many, in which departments, the duration of their employment contracts and why are they working there?

QUESTION No: 566/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Why have child welfare payments been delayed in December?

QUESTION No: 567/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has the Government spent or used any part of the additional £25Million which the Minister for Financial Stability confirmed in answer to Q491-2/2022 had been borrowed this financial year and if so how much and on what?

QUESTION No: 568/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has the Gibraltar Football Association or any other entity paid or agreed to pay a premium for the development of the current site of the Victoria Stadium, if so which entity and in what amount?

QUESTION No: 569/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments are projected to form part of the new Victoria Stadium development?



QUESTION No: 570/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How much has the Gibraltar Savings Bank loaned/intends on loaning to the GFA for the purposes of the new stadium development and at what interest rate?

QUESTION No: 571/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What is the overall cost of the new stadium expected to be?

QUESTION No: 572/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Can government tell this House why it has deviated from the original plan to allow UEFA/FIFA to pay for the development of the stadium?

QUESTION No: 573/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Could Minister Bossano explain his criteria for seeing constituents who seek to visit him to address their grievances?

QUESTION No: 574/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Is there a board in place to decide on the granting of disability allowances?

QUESTION No: 575/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government explain why an Ambulance caught fire in late November 2022?

QUESTION No: 576/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when the promised new Ambulances will arrive in Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 577/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Minister for Health confirm how many people are now required to pay for their own prescriptions in light of the change in prescription policy at the GHA?

QUESTION No: 578/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of complaints received in respect of verbal or threatened physical abuse occasioned by members of the public towards GHA staff in 2022 so far?

QUESTION No: 579/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

In 11 months in 2021 11,900 children aged 16 and under were seen by GPs at the PCC, does the Government have the statistic for 2022 so far?

QUESTION No: 580/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Minister for Health confirm how many people have waited over 3 months in 2022 for radiological scans namely: (i) x-rays; (ii) ultrasound; (iii) CT and (iv) MRI?

QUESTION No: 581/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many people registered with the GHA and normally resident in Gibraltar are receiving treatment for cancer locally or with tertiary providers abroad broken down to cancer type?

QUESTION No: 582/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many people registered with the GHA and normally resident in Gibraltar are receiving treatment for (i) heart disease or (ii) respiratory disease local or with tertiary providers broken down, in respect to heart disease, to acquired or congenital heart disease or in respect of respiratory disease type.



QUESTION No: 583/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what progress it has made to recover the sums expended on defective or otherwise faulty PPE in respect to Gibraltar's Covid-19 response?

QUESTION No: 584/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Further to Q282/2022 the Minister confirmed to me in writing that £1,483,238.47 of the total mental health budget was attributed to Counselling/Psychologists and Psychiatrists. Can the Minister now confirm how the balance of the £5.7 Million Mental Health Budget (less the £1.48M odd) is spent?

QUESTION No: 585/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm that the Gibraltar Bankers' Association consulted it on the withdrawal of cheques by 31 December 2023 and if so why does it agree this should occur in Gibraltar before the United Kingdom where this was shelved due to objections from stakeholders?

QUESTION No: 586/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Which company is employing clerks at the GHA?

QUESTION No: 587/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many of the 54 vacant posts in the Gibraltar Health Authority arising from the answer to Q293/2022 had been filled at 13 December 2022?

QUESTION No: 588/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government intend to review the current COVID self-isolation periods?



QUESTION No: 589/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many Strep A cases have been diagnosed in Gibraltar by Gibraltar Health Authority personnel at 13 December 2022?

QUESTION No: 590/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What measures are the GHA taking to make the risks and symptoms of Strep A better known in the community and what is it doing to deal with any cases that arise?

QUESTION No: 591/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What measures are being considered by GHA in response to the recommendations made by the Coroner in relation to the recent case of an emergency response in a case where a 36-year-old man died?

QUESTION No: 592/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How much money has been spent on:

- (1) hardware;
- (2) software;
- (3) personnel;
- (4) equipment;
- (5) contracted services;
- (6) consultants,

in connection with the computer or information technology infrastructure of the Government or its digital systems or e-government services over each of the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/21 and 2021/22 broken down by financial year and by each of the six individual items in the question?



QUESTION No: 593/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What plans do government have for staffing levels in Aquagib once it 'renationalises' water supplies locally, in the form of taking the company into public ownership next year?

QUESTION No: 594/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

When will a permanent solution to the water supply be completed?

QUESTION No: 595/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Has government carried out an investigation into the maintenance of water reserves following the Power's Drive tunnel fire?

QUESTION No: 596/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What programme of structured activities is in place for patients at Ocean Views?

QUESTION No: 597/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Is this season's vaccination programme carried out directly by the GHA or has it been outsourced?

QUESTION No: 598/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many new monthly appointments are being rolled out at the PCC and are they being filled?



QUESTION No: 599/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

In the last three months, stating month by month, how many PCC appointments have been obtained:

- (1) by phone
- (2) online
- (3) in person

QUESTION No: 600/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What are the current waiting lists at the GHA for:

- (1) rheumatology - clinics and operations
- (2) orthopaedics - clinics and operations

QUESTION No: 601/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of how many Learning Support Assistants are engaged in all schools, providing statistics showing their distribution among schools, together with details of criteria used for allocating these Learning Support Assistants in each school?

QUESTION No: 602/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a breakdown for the last three academic years showing the number of teachers who have accessed the services provided by the Wellbeing Support Team, indicating the school sector in which these teachers are/were employed?



QUESTION No: 603/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide statistics showing the number of students ordinarily enrolled in our mainstream schools for whom “Alternative Learning” programmes have been provided, indicating the reasons why?

QUESTION No: 604/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Is the Department of Education planning to offer courses in Drama related studies other than the traditional GCSE or “A” Level courses which have been provided in our Secondary Schools?

QUESTION No: 605/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a detailed breakdown of all expenditure associated with the delivery of the BTEC Level National Extended Certificate in Music, Technical Certificate in Hairdressing and any other courses being partly or wholly delivered at sites other than our Secondary Schools or College of Further Education, showing to whom payments are made and in respect of what specific services or other costs?

QUESTION No: 606/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House in respect of their intentions to provide “Hot Meals” for pupils in schools?

QUESTION No: 607/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide an update of works undertaken and costs incurred so far in this Financial Year in respect of the approved £50,000 expenditure under the Improvement and Development Fund; Head 102 – Projects, Sub-Head 4(k): Governor’s Lookout Scout Activity Centre and Campsite?



QUESTION No: 608/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Will the Department of Education be accepting and considering applications for discretionary funding towards the recently announced course being offered by the University of Gibraltar, with lectures to be delivered in February and March 2023, leading to a "Professional Certificate of Competence in Blockchain and Smart Contracts"?

QUESTION No: 609/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many complaints it or the Environmental Agency has received in respect of dust emissions?

QUESTION No: 610/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what action the Government or the Environmental Agency has done in respect to breach of the Environment (Control of Dust) Regulations 2010 by individuals or companies?

QUESTION No: 611/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why it has paid over £129,440 to Benzaquen Associates over 8 months in 2022 with no Public Health Bill appearing before this House?

QUESTION No: 612/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many checks for unregistered dogs have been made since 1st January 2018 and how many fines have been issued?

QUESTION No: 613/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Mr Speaker, how many convictions or fines issued have there been in each of the last 4 years for failure to register or licence a dog in Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 614/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Mr Speaker, how many convictions or fines issued have there been for dog fouling in each of the last 4 years?

QUESTION No: 615/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In relation to any convictions and/or fines for dog fouling, how many have resulted from the Government's DNA testing program?

QUESTION No: 616/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many DNA samples of dog faeces have been tested since 1st January 2018 and how many fines have resulted from that testing?

QUESTION No: 617/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Piles of rubbish continues to present a problem at the Mid-Harbours garage, when will the Government resolve this long-standing issue?

QUESTION No: 618/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the total number of museum visitors by year and month since the last time this information was updated on 11th December 2019 in table T.3 of the online Government statistics.

QUESTION No: 619/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What amounts have been received since the introduction of the overnight stay tax of £3 per person, since the measure was introduced?



QUESTION No: 620/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many new pupils are expected to be enrolled into St Martin's school in academic year 2023/2024 broken down into ages?

QUESTION No: 621/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please list which events (to include music concerts) the Government or its agencies is planning to hold, sponsor and/or promote during the course of 2023.

QUESTION No: 622/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can Government set out the current process in respect of the exportation, recycling, collection and treatment of household waste?

QUESTION No: 623/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How are articles of household waste that are able to be recycled treated in comparison with other non-recyclable articles and where are they sent to once they are collected and leave Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 624/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What is the annual rental cost that will be paid in respect of St Mary's School?

QUESTION No: 625/2022

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

On the matter of the sewage treatment plant, by when does Government expect to announce a successful bidder and start date for this long-awaited project?



QUESTION No: 626/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Why was the time for the submission of expressions of interest in respect of Rosia Bay so short?

QUESTION No: 627/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have any plans for the area of the old airport terminal and if so, what are they?

QUESTION No: 628/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many expressions of interest have been received for the residential development on the Rooftop Level of Midtown Car Park and has the Government identified a preferred bidder?