

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 22nd June 2022.



Simon C Galliano
(Ag) Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 207/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No. 32 of 2022, can Government provide details of the opening times at the Youth Clubs for the forthcoming summer school holidays period?

QUESTION No: 208/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to his answer to Question No. 35 of 2022, where he stated his hopes of completion by the month of June, can the Minister for Sports update this House with details of which remedial works in respect of sporting facilities have now been fully completed, together with details of those still pending and their revised completion dates?

QUESTION No: 209/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the Government doing to resolve the dispute that Unite the Union has declared with Customs over the issues relating to the Marine Section?



QUESTION No: 210/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government explain the reasons behind the policy where a non-EU and non-British resident in Gibraltar (with a residency card) married to a Gibraltar believer is not provided by the ETB with a work permit where a recruitment agency wants to place him in firm employment albeit under a zero hour contract or a contract below a certain number of hours?

QUESTION No: 211/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update with regard to the construction of the new play park at Mid Harbours Estate.

QUESTION No: 212/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state what efforts are being made to improve and resolve what the Public Services Ombudsman has described in his 2020 report as “an unacceptable level of complaints” relating to non-reply and/or delay in replies to letters to the Housing department/authority.

QUESTION No: 213/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether the Government is considering adopting a policy for means testing in connection with Government rented accommodation.

QUESTION No: 214/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update with regard to the Government's review of the Housing Allocation Scheme.

QUESTION No: 215/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can Government update the House on the discussions to resolve the dispute at the Information Technology and Logistics Department?



QUESTION No: 216/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Are the communal areas in Knight's Court included in any cleaning contract with the Government [if so with whom] or are they the responsibility of the Housing Ministry or anyone else and if so who?

QUESTION No: 217/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many dwelling-houses has the Government identified as empty at 31 May 2022 and available for housing allocation?

QUESTION No: 218/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many dwelling-houses have been allocated by the Housing Authority in the calendar year 2021 breaking these down by room composition?

QUESTION No: 219/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many dwelling-houses have been allocated by the Housing Authority in the first five months of 2022 up to 31 May 2022 breaking these down by room composition?

QUESTION No: 220/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Further to written question W14/2022, can the Government state what it is doing to encourage our taxi fleet to go green?

QUESTION No: 221/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Further to written question W17/2022 can the Government state in detail the eligibility criteria for the provision of grants for the purpose of grants towards the purchase of electric motorcycles and electric bicycles?



QUESTION No: 222/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What is the rationale for applying higher fees to persons from the same household who seek a Zone parking permit when someone else in the same household is renting an indoor parking space elsewhere?

QUESTION No: 223/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government state the revenue by way of parking fees paid by residents/householders resident of the various parking zones for a first vehicle broken down by parking zone and by numbers of permits per zone?

QUESTION No: 224/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government confirm the revenue by way of parking fees paid by residents/householders resident of the various parking zones for a second vehicle broken down by parking zone and by numbers of permits per zone?

QUESTION No: 225/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government confirm the revenue by way of parking fees paid by residents/householders resident of the various parking zones for a third vehicle broken down by parking zone and by numbers of permits per zone?

QUESTION No: 226/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it provides a vasectomy service with the GHA and if not why?

QUESTION No: 227/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it is aware that NGOs and charities are filling the gap created by under resourced areas of public provision namely dentistry and speech therapy?



QUESTION No: 228/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how it monitors compliance with best practice so that it can provide reassurance to the public that the voluntary service being provided by NGOs and charities is in line with what is a globally expected standard?

QUESTION No: 229/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state, what other areas which have traditionally been under the auspices of the GHA or other care/social services, are now being partially picked up and supported by NGOs and charities?

QUESTION No: 230/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how private practice pharmacists are paid for the dispensing work they do for the Government?

QUESTION No: 231/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how the EMIS for pharmaceuticals works in detail?

QUESTION No: 232/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how much it cost the tax payer to set up the EMIS programme in the first place and how much is the annual maintenance cost?

QUESTION No: 233/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how the long term partnership with Dutch multinational corporation Philips came about?



QUESTION No: 234/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether the £17 million contract with Philips was subject to a Government tender process and if not why not?

QUESTION No: 235/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government confirm that it has not changed the previously announced policy decision that tenants of Government housing do not themselves need to take steps to register under the new Register of Property Occupation?

QUESTION No: 236/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Of the 39,854 COVID Boosters administered to 9 June 2022 how many of those were first COVID Boosters [that is a third dose of the COVID vaccine] broken down by residents and non-residents?

QUESTION No: 237/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Of the 39,854 COVID Boosters administered to 9 June 2022 how many of those were second COVID Boosters [that is a fourth dose of the COVID vaccine] broken down by residents and non-residents?

QUESTION No: 238/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Of the 18,806 confirmed COVID cases detected in Gibraltar to 9 June 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: 239/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

To the extent that of the 18,806 confirmed COVID cases detected in Gibraltar to 9 June 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: 240/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many persons under the age of 18 have been seen by or been referred to mental health services or practitioners at St Bernard's Hospital or Ocean Views or the Community Mental Health services team in the calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 [up to 31 May 2022] broken down by each calendar year and GHA facility mentioned.

QUESTION No: 241/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many persons under the age of 18 were prescribed medication for anti-depressants or anti-psychotic drugs by GHA personnel in each of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 [up to 31 May 2022] broken down by each calendar year mentioned?

QUESTION No: 242/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details on the total number of students who sat "A" Level or equivalent examinations during the Summer 2022 Examinations sessions, broken down by educational establishment?

QUESTION No: 243/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details, broken down by educational establishment, in respect of the minimum academic entry requirements required in order for a pupil to enrol in "A" Level or equivalent courses commencing in September 2022?



QUESTION No: 244/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government confirm if it intends to organise any cultural events this year in connection with our traditional National Day celebrations as in the past before Covid-19 restrictions?

QUESTION No: 245/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state what progress is being made in respect of the promised ongoing programme of cleaning and restoration of historic walls aside from the Northern defences.

QUESTION No: 246/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the state of play in connection with the promised Gibraltar Museum of Naval and Military History?

QUESTION No: 247/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state what progress has been made in connection with the Government's policy to add buildings, monuments and artefacts to the list of statutory schedules.

QUESTION No: 248/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Did the Government provide any financial or other assistance in connection with the recently completed restoration of Lord Airey's Battery?

QUESTION No: 249/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When is the cleaning contract with Britannia due to expire and have terms been negotiated for an extension of the contract and if so has a new contract or an extension to the current contract been signed and what are the main terms of the new arrangements?



QUESTION No: 250/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Are Government planning to hold a music festival or musical event in 2022; if so when, where, of what type and how much is it expected to cost?

QUESTION No: 251/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the total number of Private Letter Boxes that the Post Office has made available to rent?

QUESTION No: 252/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the following details relating to the Minister for Tourism's trip to Bangladesh:

- (i) Who comprised the Government's delegation;
- (ii) The total cost of the trip broken down into air travel costs, lodgings and entertainment;
- (iii) Who the Minister met;
- (iv) What new business has been secured as a result of the trip; and
- (v) The duration of the trip?

QUESTION No: 253/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether the Government intends to attend the next Fitur fair in Madrid and why it did not attend the fair this year?

QUESTION No: 254/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What efforts are being made to maintain and refurbish Gibraltar's entry points by land and sea?



QUESTION No: 255/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Which company owns and/or operates the bar in the departure lounge at the airport?

QUESTION No: 256/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it is considering the reclassification of ketamine from a class c to a class b controlled substance?

QUESTION No: 257/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether the RGP have been provided with equipment that allows them to test for nitrous oxide in advance of the legislation being brought before this House criminalising the misuse of this substance?

QUESTION No: 258/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What plans does the Government have to address juvenile delinquency?

QUESTION No: 259/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of Training Courses which it intends to offer at the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre and Engineering Trades Training Centre for students who may wish to follow a Vocational Route upon completion of their GCSEs and/or "A" Levels in 2022, providing details of the estimated commencement and completion date of such courses and the qualifications to be obtained upon successful completion of said courses?

QUESTION No: 260/2022

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 May 2022



QUESTION No: 261/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 May 2022

QUESTION No: 262/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what being a 'Sponsored project under the National Economic Plan' means in the context of the refurbishment of the Jewish Home and why was GBIC involved given that there was no apparent use of modular construction?

QUESTION No: 263/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many applications for disability benefit (inclusive of an appeal) are outstanding for longer than 1 year, 2 years and 3 years?

QUESTION No: 264/2022

Question Withdrawn.

QUESTION No: 265/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many individuals availed themselves of the 6 month extension to the Tax Amnesty announced in the 2016 Budget and how much tax was collected?

QUESTION No: 266/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the total cost to the taxpayer of the Chief Minister's Papal visit including Government employees split between travel and accommodation, and could the Government also advise with which commercial airlines the flights were booked and class of travel?



QUESTION No: 267/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a list of Government Ministers, including the Chief Minister, and officials who have flown club class in the period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 giving details of cost and destination?

QUESTION No: 268/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a detailed breakdown of the office rent and service charge costs of £9,253,765 incurred in 2018/2019 by the Treasury Department?

QUESTION No: 269/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a list of all private sector rented offices occupied by Ministers as at 31 March 2022 listing each Minister, date of first occupation and the associated annual cost of rental?

QUESTION No: 270/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a list of all private sector property rentals by it and the Gibraltar Development Corporation as at 31 March 2022 giving date and length of lease, annual rental with associated department or agency using the premises and purpose?

QUESTION No: 271/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how it has been satisfied that Balaena LTD, a company registered in England and Wales with number 12030661, can perform its duties as guarantor under the new Dockyard lease given that its unaudited accounts filed at Companies House UK for the year ended 31 June 2021 showed it had at that date negative net assets of £21,992?



QUESTION No: 272/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What preventative measures (if any) are being taken to prevent another incident such as the one that took place on the evening of Wednesday 18 May when HMC Seeker was the subject of an arson attack so that the risk of reoccurrence is minimised?

QUESTION No: 273/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What percentage of food imports to Gibraltar come from non-EU countries?

QUESTION No: 274/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Why is it not possible for administrative assistants to apply for job vacancies for secretary posts?

QUESTION No: 275/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government state whether the proposed Treaty between the EU and the UK on a future relationship with the EU for Gibraltar will have approximately 300 Articles?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W18/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a breakdown of where and how all the monies deposited in the Gibraltar Savings Bank have been invested and the rate of return on each of these investments as at 30 April 2022?

QUESTION No: W19/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please provide a breakdown with maturity details, monetary amount and interest rates of Gibraltar Savings Bank Debentures or other debt security as at 30 April 2022?

QUESTION No: W20/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the monetary value of Government deposits with the Savings Bank for the following date?

30 April 2022

QUESTION No: W21/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the monetary value of Government deposits with the Gibraltar International Bank for the following date?

30 April 2022

QUESTION No: W22/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please advise the total liquid reserves figure and its constituents namely Consolidated fund, Improvement and Development Fund, Government Owned Companies, deposits, contingencies and other funds for the following date?

1 April 2022



QUESTION No: W23/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government please advise how total liquid reserves are invested/held given details of all bank/savings bank accounts and cash held for the following date?

1 April 2022