

25 November, 2022

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 Friday 25th November 2022.



Simon C Galliano
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 409/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what progress it has made with its 2020 proposed Montagu Park project?

QUESTION No: 410/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the current status of the Business Improvement District scheme?

QUESTION No: 411/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of fees paid to Isolass in respect of the conduct of the independent ballot for the BID scheme, and also provide a copy of their engagement letter?



QUESTION No: 412/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What, specifically, is the Minister for Tourism doing to secure tourism and business opportunities with Morocco?

QUESTION No: 413/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government support the application for the Sea Breeze floating hotel filed with the DPC?

QUESTION No: 414/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state how the provision of tours and tour guides are regulated.

QUESTION No: 415/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the following details relating to the recent visit to the World Travel Market:

- (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 or any member of the delegation met at each event;
- (iv) What new business has been secured as a result of the trip; and
- (v) The duration of the trip?

QUESTION No: 416/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What further engagement has the Minister for Tourism had with Eastern Airways?

QUESTION No: 417/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Are there any further developments with regard to Wizz Air?



QUESTION No: 418/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What further updates can the Government provide in connection with the maintenance checks being carried out to the airport radar as reported by GBC?

QUESTION No: 419/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What assurances has the Government obtained from the MOD in connection with flight interruptions owing to radar maintenance works?

QUESTION No: 420/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the waiting lists for operations across all disciplines within the GHA?

QUESTION No: 421/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

In relation to radiology can the Government state the waiting time for those needing all scans?

QUESTION No: 422/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the anticipated cost of bespoke ambulances for Gibraltar as referred to by the GHA's Director General in his public presentation on Monday 14 November 2022?

QUESTION No: 423/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why it hasn't picked up on what the Chief Pharmacist has characterised as shocking and a tragedy the nearly £1 Million of wasted prescription medicines?



QUESTION No: 424/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it intends to extend the current Director General's appointment beyond the 18 month interim period due to expire in July 2023 and whether it has yet identified a permanent successor as stated in its press release of 9/16/2021?

QUESTION No: 425/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a detailed analysis of the Gibraltar Health Authority costs of £1,124,422.65 incurred in the COVID-19 Response Fund in the three months ended 30 June 2022?

QUESTION No: 426/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how many responses it has received in respect of the Command paper on the repealing and replacing of the Gambling Act 2005 and are any changes to the proposed Bill envisaged as a result of the feedback received?

QUESTION No: 427/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the collapse of FTX has impacted on any FSC DLT licence holders and what measures has the FSC taken to protect customer assets?

QUESTION No: 428/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise whether any proof-of-reserve was or has been requested of ZUBR Exchange Limited an FTX owned company and FSC DLT licensee?

QUESTION No: 429/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state how the Government intends to meet the demands for supported independent living for those living with dementia, mental health issues and special needs.



QUESTION No: 430/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is it intended that the proposed Funeral Home near the North Front Cemetery will be privately managed?

QUESTION No: 431/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can Government confirm what arrangements will be made to provide mortuary facilities to bereaved families before the construction of any new funeral home near North Front Cemetery?

QUESTION No: 432/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many third COVID boosters (fifth COVID vaccine) had been administered by GHA by 15 November 2022 broken down by residents and non-residents?

QUESTION No: 433/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many attendances were there at A&E at St Bernard's Hospital for mental health reasons in the calendar year 2021?

QUESTION No: 434/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many patients were seen by General Practitioners in the Primary Care centre for mental health conditions in the calendar years 2020 and 2021?

QUESTION No: 435/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many people were administered anti-psychotic or anti-depressant medication by the GHA in the calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to 31 October 2022) giving a breakdown by each year?



QUESTION No: 436/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What steps are being taken to digitise the paper notes of patients at Ocean Views and any other mental health records that are not digitised in other GHA facilities?

QUESTION No: 437/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is the Code of Practice to help the interpretation of the Mental Health Act 2016 ready?

QUESTION No: 438/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has and if so why has Gibraltar deferred reporting to the FATF?

QUESTION No: 439/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W37 of 2022, can the Minister for Sport explain the temporary management and manning system currently in place at Europa Sports Complex whilst we await a final long term agreement?

QUESTION No: 440/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House if there have been any changes to the number of cases currently going through the Employment Tribunal process since the last answer provided to Question No W39 of 2022?

QUESTION No: 441/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Youth provide details of forthcoming planned refurbishment works in respect of all our Youth Clubs?



QUESTION No: 442/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Youth update this House in respect of providing premises for the Laguna Youth Club within their own Housing Estate?

QUESTION No: 443/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Does Government have any plans to relocate the skateboard park which was previously open at the North-East end of Victoria Stadium complex?

QUESTION No: 444/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many notices to quit has the Government issued to tenants, licensees or trespassers of Government housing stock in the last six years identifying:

- (a) the category (i.e. tenants, licensees and trespassers);
- (b) the year?

QUESTION No: 445/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many proceedings have been issued by the Government to tenants, licensees or trespassers of Government housing stock in the last six years identifying:

- (a) the category (i.e. tenants, licensees and trespassers);
- (b) the year;
- (c) what court were proceedings issued in;
- (d) the outcome in brief terms.

QUESTION No: 446/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many Gibraltar residents are registered with the ETB as unemployed and what are their nationalities?



QUESTION No: 447/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many people (if any) are registered with the ETB as searching for a job but not registered unemployed and what are their nationalities?

QUESTION No: 448/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many claims filed with the Employment Tribunal are waiting for the appointment of a Chairman?

QUESTION No: 449/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Of those claims filed with the Employment Tribunal that are waiting for the appointment of a Chairman please state the month and year the claims were filed?

QUESTION No: 450/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

During his 2022 Budget speech the Minister for Employment committed to a “Lead Chairperson, who will be appointed shortly, and will also be carrying out the functions of President of Chairpersons” in relation to the Employment Tribunal. Has that occurred?

QUESTION No: 451/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Minister for Employment believe as he said in his 2022 Budget speech that the Government’s “reform[s] will also ensure that all Employment Tribunal cases are heard in a timely and judicious manner”?

QUESTION No: 452/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Minister for the Employment still stand by the statement he made in his 2022 Budget Address that “the reform of the Employment Tribunal in recent years has delivered an effective, modern Tribunal system”?



QUESTION No: 453/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state who the new residential building at the site of the Laguna Youth Club is expected to house.

QUESTION No: 454/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have any plans to deal with parking spaces which lay unoccupied in the Mid-Harbours estate?

QUESTION No: 455/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to the replies given by the Minister for Housing with regard to the refurbishment of Chilton Court, please provide a detailed commitment as to when the refurbishment programme is to start and what it will entail.

QUESTION No: 456/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the cleaning schedule for communal areas in Government estates.

QUESTION No: 457/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who monitors the security cameras installed in housing estates to ensure that anti-social behaviour is dealt with?

QUESTION No: 458/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details of the Government's policy with regard to eligibility for pensioner flats.



QUESTION No: 459/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have enough housing stock to meet the needs of all applicants on the housing waiting list?

QUESTION No: 460/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it will be installing pop up cycle lanes in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 461/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether it has commissioned a specific report on safe cycling in Gibraltar given our unique road infrastructure?

QUESTION No: 462/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the nature and breadth of its consultation with the 1.5M rule in relation to cyclists?

QUESTION No: 463/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the rationale for the imposition of £300 fine for a contravention of the 1.5M rule and why it is significantly higher than the UK and other European countries?

QUESTION No: 464/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What is the total legal assistance cost to the consolidated fund in each of the last 6 years divided by areas of the law (e.g., family law)?



QUESTION No: 465/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the Government employ the full complement of staff at the Town Planning department, to include the Town Planner?

QUESTION No: 466/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How much has the Government spent on the refurbishment works in respect of the Northern Defences since 2014?

QUESTION No: 467/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many visitors have there been to the Northern Defences since the government started its refurbishment?

QUESTION No: 468/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the refurbishment works to the Parliament building will commence and what the cost will be.

QUESTION No: 469/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What plans are there to increase public physical and online access to our National Archives?

QUESTION No: 470/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government intend to create a space to allow some of the so far temporary exhibitions on local history organised by the National Archives to be on permanent exhibition?



QUESTION No: 471/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W29 of 2022, can the Minister for Education explain why there are no students as Year 12 equivalents at the Gibraltar College of Further Education for the academic year 2022/23?

QUESTION No: 472/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W29 of 2022, can the Minister for Education explain the high number of students registered as Year 13 equivalents at the Gibraltar College of Further Education when compared to students attending Bayside and Westside Schools?

QUESTION No: 473/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W30 of 2022, can the Minister for Education explain why the total number of pupils listed under the heading “Main Area of Need” does not coincide with the total number of pupils then further listed under the subheadings of needs. These non-reconciliation of totals equally apply to statistics given for all the four academic years requested in the original Question?

QUESTION No: 474/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W43 of 2022, can the Minister for Education explain why the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance is not being delivered within our Secondary Schools’ or the Gibraltar College premises?

QUESTION No: 475/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W44 of 2022, can the Minister for Education explain what alternatives does the Department of Education offer to any parent who for a variety of reasons find it extremely difficult to drop off or collect children for educational activities at a location other than the school premises where they are enrolled?



QUESTION No: 476/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer given through Written Question W45 of 2022, can the Minister for Education provide updates in respect of the success, or otherwise, of their efforts to curtail vandalism within our school premises?

QUESTION No: 477/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the Speech Therapy facilities currently in place and available for students of all Government Schools?

QUESTION No: 478/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details of repayments outstanding from pupils who have not completed any courses for which they were granted scholarships, indicating the dates from which such repayments were due, frequency and amounts to be paid, together with the date by when individuals' repayments are expected to be completed?

QUESTION No: 479/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide this House with updated details in respect of all vacant teaching posts, identifying the school/establishment where these may exist together with the grade they pertain to, and further indicating how many are being covered in an acting capacity and by when it is expected these posts will be allocated on a substantive basis?

QUESTION No: 480/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when it is to publish its next greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions declaration?



QUESTION No: 481/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what Gibraltar's share of renewable energy is?

QUESTION No: 482/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state whether or not Commonwealth Park and Campion Park are designated as smoke free zones and if not why not?

QUESTION No: 483/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what progress it has made with its 2020 proposed Walk the Wall Project?

QUESTION No: 484/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is the Government taking any extra measures to protect against fire in the Upper Rock?

QUESTION No: 485/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Did the Government attend COP27?

QUESTION No: 486/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How will the Government respond or envisage implementing the recommendations emerging from COP27 and what impact will this have on its own Climate Change strategy issued in 2021?



QUESTION No: 487/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government confirm when it would expect to sign the underlease in respect of the future St Mary's School and what the financial terms of the agreement entered into with the developers dated 30 September 2021 in relation to that school are and in particular what the annual rent or fee payable in relation to the school will be and what amount has been fixed in respect of the option to purchase?

QUESTION No: 488/2022

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 future applicants, together with details of starting dates and qualifications to be obtained upon successful completion of said courses?

QUESTION No: 489/2022

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Does Government intend to publicly advertise any Instructors or Management Posts for applications by persons not currently Government employees in respect of existing or future vacancies at both the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre and the Engineering Trades Training Centre?

QUESTION No: 490/2022

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 October 2022



QUESTION No: 491/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 October 2022

QUESTION No: 492/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if any Minister directs the activities of Community Supplies and Services Limited?

QUESTION No: 493/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it has any financial or other indirect interest in Community Supplies and Services Limited?

QUESTION No: 494/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise where Community Supplies and Services Limited obtains its financing from?

QUESTION No: 495/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if any civil servants have been seconded to or in any other way provide services to Community Supplies and Services Limited?

QUESTION No: 496/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the proposed Coaling Island modular unit temporary housing development is sponsored or to be sponsored under the National Economic Plan?



QUESTION No: 497/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a list of projects sponsored under the National Economic Plan together with an explanation as to why they have been so sponsored?

QUESTION No: 498/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many people are in receipt of unemployment benefit and what are their nationalities?

QUESTION No: 499/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many people are in receipt of disability benefit and what are their underlying disability conditions?

QUESTION No: 500/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state who it is intended to re-house in the Coaling Island temporary housing development.

QUESTION No: 501/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state which 'neighbourhoods' are subject to alteration and demolition and which 'urban remodelling' is being envisaged as stated in the planning statement filed in connection with the Coaling Island temporary housing development.

QUESTION No: 502/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state what is being built on the neighbourhoods ear-marked for 'alteration and demolition' as scantily outlined in the planning statement filed in connection with the Coaling Island temporary housing development.



QUESTION No: 503/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state what plans the Government has to build further developments using module blocks.

QUESTION No: 504/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Where are the current occupiers of the Coaling Island site going to be moved to make way for the Coaling Island temporary housing development.

QUESTION No: 505/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What planning and aesthetics considerations have been taken account of in respect of the Coaling Island temporary housing development which will be very close to a site which the government has earmarked for high end residential living, namely Victoria Keys?

QUESTION No: 506/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government confirm how a judgment is being made as to whether to send households a 2022 Census form requesting online completion of the questionnaire to some people and paper questionnaires to other people?

QUESTION No: 507/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many households have received 2022 Census letters seeking online completion of the questionnaire and how many paper questionnaires have been sent to households?

QUESTION No: 508/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When would it be expected that the report on the 2022 Census would be published?



QUESTION No: 509/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Company Tax collected in the month of September 2022?

QUESTION No: 510/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to Q392/2022 can the Government provide a similar schedule giving the breakdown of £10,700,000 of the estimated office rent and service charges for the Treasury Department for the year 2022/23 detailing the same information but identifying the lessor and grouping the information into a) Government owned lessors with a subtotal and b) Private sector lessors with a subtotal?

QUESTION No: 511/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what is the economic rationale for previously public buildings to be rented from Government owned companies (eg GAR Limited) by the Treasury Department at a built in increase of 3% per annum for 20 years and what are these companies doing with the money estimated at around £9 million per annum?

QUESTION No: 512/2022

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm that it has abandoned the introduction of a £25 per week Company COVID charge announced in the Chief Minister's 2022 Budget Speech?

QUESTION No: 513/2022

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many legal claims or threatened legal claims against the Government, Government agencies or Government companies have been settled in the last 6 years where the claimant has been eventually paid more than £50,000?



QUESTION No: 514/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Did the Chief Minister, Ministers, or any public servant give instructions for the cleaning of the housing estates ahead of the Chief Minister's recent visits?

QUESTION No: 515/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many units in the Hassans Centenary, Bob Peliza Mews and Chatham Views developments remain unallocated and why is this the case, considering the continuing and high demand for housing?

QUESTION No: 516/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many people of those initially allocated homes at Bob Peliza Mews and Chatham Views have now requested to discontinue with their purchase?

QUESTION No: 517/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Why have prospective purchasers of Bob Peliza Mews and Chatham Views not yet signed any purchase agreements given they were allocated homes some years ago?

QUESTION No: 518/2022

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is the Government considering increasing the selling price to purchasers of Bob Peliza Mews and/or Chatham Views from that originally advertised?

QUESTION No: 519/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What is the current estimated projected construction cost of each of Hassans Centenary Terraces, Bob Peliza Mews and Chatham Views and how does the current projected construction cost compare with the original contracted construction cost and the original tendered construction cost if different?



QUESTION No: 520/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Further to Q203-204 of 2022 can the Government provide an updated list of all departments, public authorities and agencies which are providing public counter services and the times of operation of those?

QUESTION No: 521/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government provide an updated list of all departments, public authorities and agencies which are not currently providing public counter services?

QUESTION No: 522/2022

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What progress has there been in securing the extension of reciprocal healthcare arrangements to people resident in Gibraltar when they visit the EU or Spain under the existing European Health Insurance Card or Global Health Insurance Card schemes or any other arrangements?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W64/2022

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 September 2022?

QUESTION No: W65/2022

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 September 2022?

QUESTION No: W66/2022

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 September 2022

QUESTION No: W67/2022

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 September 2022



QUESTION No: W68/2022

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 October 2022

QUESTION No: W69/2022

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 October 2022