

14 February, 2023

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 14th February 2023.



Simon C Galliano
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 114/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport update this House in respect of the progress made, since his answer to Question No. 439 of 2022, to permanently settle the management and manning systems at Europa Sports Complex?

QUESTION No: 115/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House in respect of the agreed Staffing Compliment at the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority, indicating which posts are presently vacant and which are being filled in an acting capacity?

QUESTION No: 116/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government inform this House how many cancellations have been necessary at any of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority's facilities since 1st September 2021; indicating the location, date and reason for the cancellation?



QUESTION No: 117/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What progress, if any, has been made to remove weeds which continue to be seen growing in roof gutters at Varyl Begg Estate.

QUESTION No: 118/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details of the lift maintenance programme the Government has in respect of the Government rental housing estates to include (i) how often lifts are subject to maintenance; (ii) whether the Government is satisfied with its effectiveness; and (iii) which company provides the service.

QUESTION No: 119/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

In the last 12 months prior to its closure, how many people used the ice-skating rink at the Kings Bastion Leisure Centre?

QUESTION No: 120/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

In the last 12 months prior to its closure, what was the net income or deficit of the ice rink at the Kings Bastion Leisure Centre?

QUESTION No: 121/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

In the past 12 months, how many people have used the boulder park at the leisure centre?

QUESTION No: 122/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

In the last 12 months, what has been the net income or deficit at the boulder park in the Kings Bastion Leisure Centre?



QUESTION No: 123/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government detail what services Gibraltar Car Parks provides under its contract?

QUESTION No: 124/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how much Gibraltar Car Parks are paid for their services?

QUESTION No: 125/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state of the total number of cars registered over the last 12 months, how many were: (i) petrol, (ii) diesel, (iii) hybrid or (iv) electric?

QUESTION No: 126/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

At 31 December 2022 how many owners of registered cars appear as the owner of:

1. One car;
2. Two cars;
3. Three cars;
4. More than three cars.

QUESTION No: 127/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

At 31 December 2022 how many households have:

1. One car registered with that household's address;
2. Two cars registered with that household's address;
3. Three cars registered with that household's address;
4. More than three cars registered with that household's address.



QUESTION No: 128/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Given the statements made by the Commissioner of Police regarding policing resources, how confident is the Government that new laws introduced to regulate the use of electric scooters and the 1.5 Meter distance rule for cyclists will be enforced?

QUESTION No: 129/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Will the new Fire Station promised by the GSLP/Liberals in 2011, 2015 and 2019 be built and if so where?

QUESTION No: 130/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide an update as to the development of the Queens Cinema and Queens Hotel site?

QUESTION No: 131/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Following the issuing of an Expressions of Interest in respect of a plot of land at Europort Road, what measures are being put in place to address the loss of parking spaces which will result should the development proceed?

QUESTION No: 132/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What premium has been or will be paid for the Rooke site now the subject of a recent application for outline planning permission filed by Carlton Properties Limited?

QUESTION No: 133/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Which supermarket is expected to form part of the proposed development by Carlton Properties Limited at the Rooke site?



QUESTION No: 134/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Will the raised platform deck at the proposed new development at the Rooke site filed by Carlton Properties Limited be accessible to members of the public?

QUESTION No: 135/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Why is the plot to be occupied by Carlton Properties Limited at the Rooke site reduced in space from that advertised in the expressions of interest?

QUESTION No: 136/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is the Government supportive of the recently announced development filed by Carlton Properties Limited at the Rooke site?

QUESTION No: 137/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update in respect of the expressions of interest issued in connection with the old GBC site.

QUESTION No: 138/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government confirm that the Hydrotherapy Pool at Saint Martin's School is now fully operational?

QUESTION No: 139/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Is Government planning any future Life Skills or Vocational courses for pupils of Saint Martin's School to follow once they have completed their compulsory educational years at said school?



QUESTION No: 140/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of how long the Performance Room at Bayside's Music Department has been out of use and the estimated date by when this facility will once again be available for use by pupils and staff?

QUESTION No: 141/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Education provide details of any damage caused to music equipment and related apparatus, inclusive of costs to repair or replace these, at both Secondary Schools?

QUESTION No: 142/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide full details of the damage caused to classrooms and equipment at any of our schools as a result of water ingress or construction defects, together with estimated costs to repair or replace damaged fixtures and/or equipment?

QUESTION No: 143/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House in respect of the international accreditation of Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) courses offered by the University of Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 144/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of the number of students who have returned to Gibraltar without fully completing their further or higher education studies since 1st September 2020; indicating the reasons why, together with details of the date and corresponding academic year in which the student left the course they were enrolled?

QUESTION No: 145/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

How many vessels have been warned or otherwise fined for discharge of black or grey smoke over the last 12 months?



QUESTION No: 146/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state where Gibraltar is in relation to meeting energy saving targets?

QUESTION No: 147/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many registered dogs were there in Gibraltar at 31 December 2022?

QUESTION No: 148/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What is the total number of pupils with special needs in Government schools in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?

QUESTION No: 149/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Further to the answer provided to Question No.40 of 2023, can Government provide explanations as to why schools are still experiencing Intranet problems despite the Minister's answer with assurances that these issues had now been resolved?

QUESTION No: 150/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the contingency measures for a non negotiated outcome in respect to the movement of health care work across the land frontier?

QUESTION No: 151/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update this House on its review of all medicines prescribed at the PCC and St Bernards Hospital?

QUESTION No: 152/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of persons currently on repeat opioid prescriptions?



QUESTION No: 153/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the number of opioid painkillers imported into Gibraltar for each year over the last 5 years?

QUESTION No: 154/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the incidence rate of diabetes in the community sorted by type one and type two, ordered by sex and age groups over the past 10 years?

QUESTION No: 155/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the incidence of death by heart attack over the last 10 years?

QUESTION No: 156/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the reason why up to 48% of all cancers diagnosed are at an advanced stage 4 of the disease?

QUESTION No: 157/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when it expects the new cancer unit to be up and running?

QUESTION No: 158/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm the cost of the proposed new cancer unit (including new staff provision) on the 5th floor of St Bernards Hospital?

QUESTION No: 159/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the contract terms in respect of the entity engaged to make provision for care at the Sandpits mental health facility?



QUESTION No: 160/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm who pays for the provision of meals at the Sandpits mental health facility?

QUESTION No: 161/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state under whose budget the Sandpits mental health facility comes under?

QUESTION No: 162/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the annual running cost of the Sandpits mental health facility?

QUESTION No: 163/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why Gibraltar continues to be plagued by power cuts?

QUESTION No: 164/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

How many power outages were there in 2022, and can government list the reasons for each of those?

QUESTION No: 165/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Why has the GHA reintroduced masks on entering the Hospital facilities, and where have these masks been purchased?

QUESTION No: 166/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Given the recent announcement that Prof. Geoghegan will be stepping back from his role as Director General, can Government confirm how the management team will be organising itself in the interim to provide leadership to the GHA?



QUESTION No: 167/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Given that Professor Geoghegan has indicated that he will be involved in selection process of his successor, can government confirm what the selection process will entail and who else will be involved in this process?

QUESTION No: 168/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details of the recent trips conducted by the Ministry of Tourism in 2023 to include the destination; who attended; the cost; and the purpose of the visit.

QUESTION No: 169/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What enquiries has the Government made of Royal Caribbean in respect of its decision not to include Gibraltar in any of its itineraries for 2024?

QUESTION No: 170/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When was the last time that the Minister for Tourism or anyone in his department had contact with the Royal Caribbean before January 2023?

QUESTION No: 171/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does Government have a plan to mitigate the departure of Royal Carribbean cruise liner stops in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 172/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What discussions have there been, if any, with easyjet or any other air carriers, since the Edinburgh route pulled out, in order to mitigate or replace the loss of travellers from this cancelled route?



QUESTION No: 198/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise further to Q387/2022 if the Principal Auditor has now completed his work for the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 as stated by the end of December 2022, and what was the nature and quantum of the changes he requested for each of those financial years?

QUESTION No: 199/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how much money has it spent in supporting the BID (Business Improvement District) project from initial conception to the date of the moratorium?

QUESTION No: 200/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What CCTV cameras (and where) are in place in the Eastern beach area to assist in the prevention of criminal activity in that area, even if they have not been installed for that specific purpose?

QUESTION No: 201/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Can the Government confirm that any CCTV cameras in place in the Eastern beach area which would assist law enforcement agencies to assist in the prevention of criminal activity in that area have been continuously functioning?

QUESTION No: 202/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Is the Government satisfied that there are sufficient CCTV cameras in place in the Eastern beach area to prevent criminal activity in that area?

QUESTION No: 203/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What early warning systems are there in place to detect incursions into BGTW?



QUESTION No: 204/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What systems are in place to assist cooperation between Spanish and British Gibraltar law enforcement officers when engaged in the pursuit of suspects in the waters around Gibraltar including BGTW, international waters and Spanish waters?

QUESTION No: 205/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

What conventions or international standards underpinning cooperation between law enforcement agencies do British Gibraltar law enforcement agencies adhere to when pursuing suspects between territorial waters of different countries and between international waters and those territorial waters or assisting the law enforcement agencies of other countries in the same situation?

QUESTION No: 206/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many incursions have there been in the last five years into BGTW by Spanish law enforcement agencies, which have involved 1) innocent passage 2) pursuit of suspects involved in criminal activity?

QUESTION No: 207/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many incursions in the last five years into BGTW by Spanish law enforcement agencies have involved a request for assistance from law enforcement agencies or authorities in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 208/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many incursions in the last five years into BGTW by Spanish law enforcement agencies have not involved a request for assistance from law enforcement agencies or authorities in Gibraltar?



QUESTION No: 209/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many incursions in the last five years into Spanish territorial waters have there been by law enforcement agencies in Gibraltar either a) because of innocent passage or b) in pursuit of suspects?

QUESTION No: 210/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Of those incursions in the last five years into Spanish territorial waters by Gibraltar law enforcement agencies in pursuit of suspects, how many involved a request for assistance from Spanish authorities / law enforcement agencies?

QUESTION No: 211/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

In relation to the recent incident at eastern beach, did Spanish officers at any time call for assistance from British Gibraltar counterparts or authorities?

QUESTION No: 212/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

From what direction did the Spanish customs vessel involved in the recent incident at eastern beach enter BGTW?

QUESTION No: 213/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government still intend not to make the beach livestream cameras available for online viewing between 11pm and 6am and if so why?

QUESTION No: 214/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Do the Royal Gibraltar Police patrol our beaches overnight to prevent unlawful activity and/or do other agencies such as HM Customs or Borders & Coastguard have such responsibilities?



QUESTION No: 215/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have RGP officers or HM Customs officers been instructed not to patrol our beaches or waters at night or to lessen the frequency of patrols generally or within certain areas at certain hours and if so why?

QUESTION No: 216/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When did the Royal Gibraltar Police and/or any other enforcement agency become aware that a Spanish SVA vessel was within Gibraltar waters and so close to shore before the incident on or about 2 February 2023?

QUESTION No: 217/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When did the Royal Gibraltar Police and/or any other enforcement agency become aware that a small RIB from a Spanish SVA vessel had landed at Eastern Beach on or about 2 February 2023?

QUESTION No: 218/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is Government aware what diplomatic action has been taken in respect of the landing at Eastern Beach of armed Spanish officers and the shooting of firearms at Eastern Beach and what steps has it taken in relation to the incident?

QUESTION No: 219/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Have the Royal Gibraltar Police undertaken any arrests in relation to the incident at Eastern Beach on or about Thursday 2 February 2023?

QUESTION No: 220/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government accept that the incident at Eastern Beach on or about 2 February 2023 exposes flaws in our monitoring, security and enforcement systems and if so how will these be improved?



QUESTION No: 221/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many prosecutions have there been for tobacco smuggling offences in the last five calendar years – namely 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?

QUESTION No: 222/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is the Government satisfied that the Royal Gibraltar Police, HM Customs and/or Borders and Coastguard have sufficient personnel, equipment, resources and support to monitor and enforce Gibraltar law within Gibraltar waters and at our beaches and curb any smuggling and unlawful activity?

QUESTION No: 223/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does the government believe it is doing enough to curb illicit smuggling?

QUESTION No: 224/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has the planned trade office opened in Tangier?

QUESTION No: 225/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether Gibtelecom has any intention of carrying out construction works at its Mount Pleasant site and if so please provide details in relation to this to include what the company intends to do with the site it currently occupies at John Mackintosh Square.

QUESTION No: 226/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state if there are plans by Government departments to occupy office space at the Bassadone site at New Harbours and if so which departments, when they intend to move and at what rent.



QUESTION No: 227/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the children's park at Glacis Estate will be ready for use.

QUESTION No: 228/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state when the 161 flats in the Government rental stock will be released following the affordable housing flats becoming available broken down by each development and phase.

QUESTION No: 229/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state if there will be sufficient parking for all residents in the first phase of Hassans Centenary Terraces when the flats are first expected to be delivered in July this year.

QUESTION No: 230/2023

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: 231/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does Government intend to bring a Bill to Parliament in the form of or along the lines of the Parliament (Amendment No.2) Bill 2019?

QUESTION No: 232/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many applications for Blue ID cards have been filed and granted in 2022?



QUESTION No: 233/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many applications for Green ID cards have been filed and granted in 2022?

QUESTION No: 234/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is the tender award of 20 January 2023 to Jebel Tarik Security Limited in the sum of £1,041,912 for Tunnel Operator Services a fixed per annum cost and what is the reason for the high cost of the contract?

QUESTION No: 235/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What consultation has there been with stakeholders and interested parties regarding the legislation on trade union recognition?