

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 Thursday 19th January 2023.



Simon C Galliano
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Employment provide updated statistics in respect of the number of cases currently going through the Employment Tribunal process, with breakdowns in respect of what stage they are in the process?

QUESTION No: 2/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of what maintenance and repairs it is currently undertaking in respect of all facilities provided at children's play parks, together with details of expected completion dates?

QUESTION No: 3/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

During which dates have any of the GSLA Swimming Pools been closed for public use, indicating reasons why?



QUESTION No: 4/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Minister for Sport update this House with details of what facilities still require full completion or remedial works in respect of all facilities built or refurbished for the 2019 Island Games?

QUESTION No: 5/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm whether it is considering the introduction of a Sport England type scheme?

QUESTION No: 6/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state when the parking facility at the Lathbury Barrack stadium will be made available to the public and how many will be made available.

QUESTION No: 7/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What steps has government already put into action following meetings with housing estate tenants last month?

QUESTION No: 8/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government update this House on the road surfacing programme for 2023?

QUESTION No: 9/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many bus user surveys have been conducted over the last 3 years and can the Government state whether it will publish the results of the survey in full?



QUESTION No: 10/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government confirm in the context of its ban of 2 stroke motorcycles that will curtail the circulation of these vehicles around residential areas, the centre of town and other areas where emissions are having an impact on human health?

QUESTION No: 11/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Given that a significant number of motorcycles are coming from Spain what steps are the Government taking, with or without dealing with their counterparts across the border, to reduce emissions from these vehicles on our streets?

QUESTION No: 12/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state, given that it has been using EV cars and motorcycles, how these vehicles have performed in relation to repairs, maintenance and reliability in comparison to previous petrol powered vehicles?

QUESTION No: 13/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the new south district access through the dockyard project start and end and how does the government intend to finance this project?

QUESTION No: 14/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

When does Government intend to refurbish Watergardens Small Boats Marina as signified during the 2022/23 Appropriation Bill?

QUESTION No: 15/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When and where is the parcel post post-office building moving to?



QUESTION No: 16/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What specific proposals does the Government have to improve Gibraltar's transport infrastructure as has been recently identified by the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the cruise industry?

QUESTION No: 17/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please confirm that the Gibraltar Port cruise call schedules for 2023 and 2024 are accurate.

QUESTION No: 18/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many cruise visits have materialised from Viking following the Minister for Tourism's meeting with its Vice President of Maritime Operations and the Chairman in May 2021?

QUESTION No: 19/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

When will the Government bring an online safety bill to this House?

QUESTION No: 20/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government agree that the Police should not provide security for events such as the Cavalcade and other public events?

QUESTION No: 21/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Will Government be assisting the Scouts Association to improve security measures at Governor's Lookout Campsite in order to curtail recurrences of recent vandalism?



QUESTION No: 22/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Will Government consider publishing an early draft of schools' academic calendar for 2023/24 in order to allow parents/guardians to plan ahead in respect of their annual leave requirements with their employers?

QUESTION No: 23/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of the number of pupils who have been suspended from school so far in this academic year, indicating the school sector where the pupil is enrolled together with details of alternative learning programmes offered to them?

QUESTION No: 24/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state when unsightly bin sheds will be replaced?

QUESTION No: 25/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what readings it has managed to obtain from the Governors Lane AQ Monitor and what conclusions have been drawn?

QUESTION No: 26/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

In relation to Vapes what measures are being considered including taxing these items, given difficulties around indiscriminate disposal and difficulties around their recycling?

QUESTION No: 27/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state why CCTV cameras on the upper rock at Queens Balcony and the bottom of the hill leading up to O'Haras have been removed?



QUESTION No: 28/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how it came by its decision to cancel New Years' fireworks?

QUESTION No: 29/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what risk assessment it carried out and what steps it has taken in relation to the privately held firework displays in our community?

QUESTION No: 30/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how many illegal fireworks were confiscated at our land border with Spain?

QUESTION No: 31/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government accept that fireworks and “petardos” can be a huge nuisance and a danger to people and animals?

QUESTION No: 32/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What plans, if any, does the Government have to control the use of fireworks, particularly during New Year’s Eve?

QUESTION No: 33/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

The Eastside development will have green areas for residents. What plans does the government have to provide residents of Devil's Tower Road with green spaces and recreational parks for families?



QUESTION No: 34/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update regarding the promised review of entertainment legislation.

QUESTION No: 35/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What financial contribution did the Government make for the payment of private security for the Cavalcade?

QUESTION No: 36/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What is government's current level of satisfaction with its outdoors cleaning contractors?

QUESTION No: 37/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Has Gibraltar Public Health Department got any plans to spread awareness or launch campaigns on the effects of smoking and vaping and on laws relating to smoking and vaping for under 18s?

QUESTION No: 38/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Since its calls for funding for a national theatre, how much has the Ministry of Culture raised and what is the target budget cost in terms of funds required to execute the build and delivery of the theatre?

QUESTION No: 39/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Will Government be hosting the traditional 'music festival' this summer?



QUESTION No: 40/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Has Government been able to solve the intranet problems being recently experienced in some schools which at times gives problems in updating attendance registers, communications between staff, etc?

QUESTION No: 41/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state what measures and resources were put in place to prepare for the double effect of Covid and winter flu on the health service?

QUESTION No: 42/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government advise the waiting time for knee operations?

QUESTION No: 43/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state the numbers of excess deaths for each year for the last ten years?

QUESTION No: 44/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Of the agency workers currently working within the GHA how many of them have been working within that organisation for a) less than 1 year, b) more than 1, 2 or 3 years?

QUESTION No: 45/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Of the workers currently working within the GHA with renewable contracts of 12 months or less, how many of them have been working within that organisation for a) less than 1 year, b) more than 1, 2 or 3 years?



QUESTION No: 46/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Of the workers currently working within the Care Agency and Elderly Residential Services with renewable contracts of 12 months or less, how many of them have been working within those organisations for a) less than 1 year, b) more than 1, 2 or 3 years?

QUESTION No: 47/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Of the agency workers currently working within the Care Agency and Elderly Residential Services how many of them have been working within those organisations for a) less than 1 year, b) more than 1, 2 or 3 years?

QUESTION No: 48/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to amend the Insolvency Act 2011?

QUESTION No: 49/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to amend the Protect Cell Companies Act to bring it into line with the Insolvency Act 2011?

QUESTION No: 50/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to conduct a review of the Insolvency Rules 2014?

QUESTION No: 51/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to review the Notice of Specified Forms associated with the Insolvency Act and Rules?



QUESTION No: 52/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Does the Government intend to introduce legislation limiting the liability of professional trustees along the lines of the law in Jersey under Article 32 of the Trusts (Jersey) Law 1984?

QUESTION No: 53/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Further to the answer to Q 586/2022, please confirm that 'MCB' is indeed a reference to Micro Business Systems Ltd and if not, which company is it; the date, duration and amount payable under the contract between the GHA and MCB; were the services supplied by MCB the subject of a tender process before the contract was secured by that company; and how many employees does MCB have/has had working at the GHA?

QUESTION No: 54/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many people have been administered the seasonal flu vaccine by GHA to 10 January 2023?

QUESTION No: 55/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many people have been administered the seasonal flu vaccine by GHA to 10 January 2023 broken down by the following age categories?

1. Under 18
2. 18-30
3. 31-45
4. 46-65
5. Over 65?

QUESTION No: 56/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has the GHA or Government now agreed terms with the GHA's Chief Executive as to whether his contract will be extended or whether he will leave his post when his current contract expires?



QUESTION No: 57/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

What was the reason for the resignation of the GHA Medical Director?

QUESTION No: 58/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When do GHA expect a new Medical Director to be appointed?

QUESTION No: 59/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What procedure is followed when a patient is referred to another medical centre as a sponsored patient?

QUESTION No: 60/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

At the GHA, what was the process for the recruitment of the Unit General Manager post?

QUESTION No: 61/2023

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 December 2022

QUESTION No: 62/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 December 2022



QUESTION No: 63/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the total value of loan notes purchased by GSBA Limited from Gibraltar Community Projects Limited including term and interest rate?

QUESTION No: 64/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a copy of the loan notes and term sheets for the loan notes purchased by GSBA Limited from Gibraltar Community Projects Limited?

QUESTION No: 65/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide a copy of the loan notes and term sheets for the loan notes purchased by Gibraltar Community Projects Limited from Community Supplies and Services Limited?

QUESTION No: 66/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how does it expect Community Supplies and Services to be able to repay the 3 year loan notes issued for the construction of the Rooke Nursing Home?

QUESTION No: 67/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how GSBA Limited has used the £40 million borrowed from the Gibraltar Savings Bank for 5 years at a rate of 6%?

QUESTION No: 68/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why Gibraltar Community Projects Limited is lending money to Community Supplies and Services Limited at 4% whereas the cost of borrowing from the Savings Bank by GSBA Limited is 6%?



QUESTION No: 69/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise who is the appointed auditor for each of the following companies:

GSBA Limited
Gibraltar Community Projects Limited
Community Supplies and Services Limited
Gibraltar Community Initiatives Limited
Wonderworks Media Limited?

QUESTION No: 70/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm that Gibraltar Community Projects Limited is borrowing only from GSBA Limited?

QUESTION No: 71/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise whether the early redemption discretions for new issues of Gibraltar Savings Bank debentures have been stopped?

QUESTION No: 72/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise further to its press release 7/2023 exactly how many pre-fabricated modular units have been shipped to Gibraltar on the 'Great Faith'?

QUESTION No: 73/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the landed unit cost in GBP and total cost of the pre-fabricated modular units shipped to Gibraltar on the 'Great Faith'?



QUESTION No: 74/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the total cost of the pre-fabricated modular units has been paid in advance of shipment?

QUESTION No: 75/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the pre-fabricated modular units that were shipped on the 'Great Faith' are entirely for use on the Rooke Nursing home site and what is the expected configuration/use of units per floor?

QUESTION No: 76/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what warranties have been obtained (and by whom) in respect of the pre-fabricated modular units for defects and for what period?

QUESTION No: 77/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Mr Speaker, how many applications for disability benefit or appeals from the refusal to provide disability benefit have been determined since 1 July 2022?

QUESTION No: 78/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Mr Speaker how many applications for disability benefit remain outstanding for a) less than 1 year, b) more than 1, 2 or 3 years?

QUESTION No: 79/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

How many appeals against the decision to refuse disability benefit remain outstanding for less than 1 year and how many remain outstanding for 1, 2 or 3 years?



QUESTION No: 80/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Mr Speaker, of those applications for disability benefit or appeals from the refusal to provide disability benefit that have been determined since 1 July 2022, how many have been successful and how many unsuccessful?

QUESTION No: 81/2023

Questioner: The Hon D A Feetham

Following on from the answer to supplementary questions to Question 560 of 2022, can the Government now state how many jobs or positions within Government owned companies are vacant as at 22 December 2022?

QUESTION No: 82/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many Government flats will be released following the allocation of apartments at the Rooke residential development for the elderly?

QUESTION No: 83/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether there is still an intention to build a hotel as part of the Victoria Stadium development.

QUESTION No: 84/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When is it expected that the construction of the new Victoria Stadium and adjoining residential/commercial complex will commence and will the contract for the works go out to tender?

QUESTION No: 85/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Who has undertaken a financial feasibility plan for the projected new Victoria stadium and has the Government or Savings Bank received a copy?



QUESTION No: 86/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has the Government been told by GFA whether it is currently permissible under UEFA rules for the proposed new stadium to be of a smaller size than 8000 seats?

QUESTION No: 87/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Is the Government aware what the projected cost for building a 5000-seater and/or 8000-seater new football stadium would be without the proposed residential and commercial development?

QUESTION No: 88/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Has the Minister for the Savings Bank approved the extent of residential and/or commercial configurations of the proposed new Victoria Stadium project and if so on what basis?

QUESTION No: 89/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Who is determining what the size of the residential or commercial parts of the proposed new Victoria Stadium should be and how many apartments should form part of the project?

QUESTION No: 90/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

What entity (outside of the civil service's statistic department) was engaged to carry out the 2022 census, and at what cost to the taxpayer?

QUESTION No: 91/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how much it has spent on LNG and diesel in 2022?



QUESTION No: 92/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Philips

Can the Government state how much the power outages in 2022 cost the tax payer in overtime?

QUESTION No: 93/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise whether Civil Servants are allowed under General Orders to act as directors for private companies and if so does the Chief Secretary keep a register of such individuals to monitor potential conflicts of interest?

QUESTION No: 94/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide (as in prior years) an analysis of total individual departmental expenditure outturn for the six months ended 30 September 2022?

QUESTION No: 95/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government know by what number the housing waiting list will be reduced following the release of the 161 flats in the Government rental housing stock following, in turn, the affordable housing developments becoming available?

QUESTION No: 96/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have any intention to build any flats for Government rental?

QUESTION No: 97/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What are the expected costs of the additional storey to the Eastern Beach Car Park and which entity will fund it?



QUESTION No: 98/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who will be eligible to use the extra floor of parking being considered at the Eastern Beach Car Park?

QUESTION No: 99/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the parkings at the Forbes Ex Ready Mix Site at Devil's Tower Road which the developer had committed to provide to the public be made available?

QUESTION No: 100/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Have the parkings at the Forbes Ex Ready Mix Site at Devil's Tower Road which the developer committed to make available to the public been or are they being sold and if so for how much?

QUESTION No: 101/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether employees of Wonderworks Media Limited or any other private entity work or have worked in/from/at the Ministry for Tourism and if so how many, the duration of their employment contracts and the duties they are/were performing.

QUESTION No: 102/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether employees of Wonderworks Media Limited or any other private entity, work or have worked in/from/at any Government department (other than the Ministry for Tourism), Government agencies, authorities or companies and if so how many, the duration of their employment contracts and the duties they are/were performing including details of the entity under which they have been/are employed.



QUESTION No: 103/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is there sufficient parking for all Hassans Centenary Terraces residents?

QUESTION No: 104/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Have the human resources issues which have been the cause of recent flight diversions at Gibraltar Airport been resolved?

QUESTION No: 105/2023

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What contingency measures have been put in place in order to prevent flight diversions which have arisen as a result of a faulty telephone line in Spain and fuel bowser technical issues at Gibraltar Airport?

QUESTION No: 106/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

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

QUESTION No: 107/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

When do the Government intend to wholly or partly decommission the use of Winston Churchill Avenue and will this be pedestrianised?

QUESTION No: 108/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Will the CEPESA petrol station be relocated or shut down as a result of the proposed new Victoria Stadium project and if relocated by whom, at what cost and to where?



QUESTION No: 109/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Does the Government consider that returning graduates should join the Civil Service and if so how will it provide entry opportunities for that to happen?

QUESTION No: 110/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

Can the Government confirm how many vacant administrative posts there were in Government departments on 10 January 2023 and provide a breakdown of where these vacancies arise by department and by grade?

QUESTION No: 111/2023

Questioner: The Hon K A Azopardi

How many officers were occupying administrative posts in Government departments on an acting or temporary basis at 11 January 2023 broken down by particular clerical grade and by the department in which the particular officer is occupying the post?

QUESTION No: 112/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

Does the government have any updated figures of the macroeconomic impact of a no deal Brexit scenario?

QUESTION No: 113/2023

Questioner: The Hon Ms M D Hassan Nahon

In his New Year speech, the Chief Minister states that:

“if there is no deal for reasons we cannot control, I assure you we will be ready to mitigate such an outcome”

Could the CM explain the substance of how he plans to do this?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W1/2023

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 November 2022?

QUESTION No: W2/2023

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 November 2022?

QUESTION No: W3/2023

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 November 2022

QUESTION No: W4/2023

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 November 2022

QUESTION No: W5/2023

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 December 2022



QUESTION No: W6/2023

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 December 2022

QUESTION No: W7/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details in respect of all Trainees currently enrolled and undergoing training at both Training Centres, providing revised expected completion dates and details of the courses they are following?