

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 26th September 2024.



John B Reyes
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 652/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide the dates of the most recent inspections by the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service of the firefighting equipment, fire exits, and emergency lighting at the following locations, and confirm whether a safety certificate was issued:

- A. The government hostel at the Queen's Hotel
- B. The government hostel at the Sunrise Motel

QUESTION No: 653/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House with full details in respect of the latest terms, conditions and financial agreements agreed for the operational management and maintenance of Europa Sports Park Complex?



QUESTION No: 654/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

What issues have led to GASA having recently cancelled classes at Lathbury Sports Complex Swimming Pool and by when are these problems expected to be resolved?

QUESTION No: 655/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the number of hourly allocations given to Team Sports, broken down by sporting facility locations and Associations to whom allocations were granted, at any of the premises falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority monthly since June 2023 to date?

QUESTION No: 656/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a detailed breakdown in respect of all fees paid by users of any facilities falling under the auspices of the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority during the financial year 2023/2024, indicating the purpose of their usage, e.g. sporting, cultural, or other types of events?

QUESTION No: 657/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm which department is responsible for the management and operation of the Government hostels located at Queen's Hostel, and at the Sunrise Motel?

QUESTION No: 658/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether the individuals currently residing at the Government hostel located in the Queen's Hotel will be evicted at the end of this month, and if so, where they will be relocated?

QUESTION No: 659/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the new Housing Act be published?



QUESTION No: 660/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Will the Minister for Housing consider addressing the concerns of Varyl Begg residents while the works there are progressing?

QUESTION No: 661/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the addresses of the 17 properties being made available under the Rent and Repair scheme?

QUESTION No: 662/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the 17 properties being made available under the Rent and Repair scheme be made available?

QUESTION No: 663/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Which body will determine who will be able to participate in the Rent and Repair Scheme and will the names of the determining body be published?

QUESTION No: 664/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What aspect of the repair element of the Rent and Repair scheme will be the responsibility of the tenant?

QUESTION No: 665/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Will the Government publish the amended rules of the Housing Allocation Scheme?

QUESTION No: 666/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How is the enforcement of parking fines against foreign registered vehicles that have committed violations in Gibraltar being undertaken?



QUESTION No: 667/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the RGP currently have use of a tow truck?

QUESTION No: 668/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How often is specialist training relating Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) being delivered in Gibraltar to Designated Risk Managers? When was the most recent training in this regard delivered and by whom?

QUESTION No: 669/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many Dedicated Risk Managers are there currently in Gibraltar managing and monitoring those who have been convicted of sexual offences and are subject to monitoring requirements?

QUESTION No: 670/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many registered sex offenders are there currently residing in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 671/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the Government plan to introduce legislation or a scheme similar to the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme in England and Wales (otherwise known as “Sarah’s Law”), or the ‘Keeping Children Safe’ Scheme in Scotland, which allows for limited access to the Sex Offenders Register?

QUESTION No: 672/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the Government plan to introduce legislation similar to the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme in England and Wales (otherwise known as “Clare’s Law”), and the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland, which would enable the RGP to disclose information to a victim, or potential victim, of domestic abuse about their partner or former partner’s previous abusive or violent offending?



QUESTION No: 673/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Income Tax collected in the following months?

June 2024

July 2024

August 2024

QUESTION No: 674/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Company Tax collected in the following months?

June 2024

July 2024

August 2024

QUESTION No: 675/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Have Government had discussions with the European Commission, directly or via the UK, following the June 2024 European Parliamentary elections on the process to achieve the removal of Gibraltar from the EU so-called grey-list given the FATF's reclassification of Gibraltar earlier this year?

QUESTION No: 676/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are the European Commission now placing, seeking or intimating any conditions on the removal of Gibraltar from the EU so-called grey-list given the FATF's reclassification of Gibraltar earlier this year?



QUESTION No: 677/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm the dates (providing the exact dates) of the most recent health and safety inspections carried out by the Environmental Agency at the following locations:

- A. The government hostel at the Queen's Hotel
- B. The government hostel at the Sunrise Motel

QUESTION No: 678/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government clarify how many classrooms or additional spaces are being annexed or used as classrooms for St Martin's School and Early Birds Nursery from the following schools:

- A. Governor's Meadow Lower Primary School
- B. Bishop Fitzgerald Upper Primary School

QUESTION No: 679/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Will the Government re-introduce the careers fair, that traditionally was run by Bayside Westside and College schools, this academic year?

QUESTION No: 680/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government please provide the total number of museum visitors by year and month since January of 2023?

QUESTION No: 681/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

There is an Olive tree, sitting on top of the beginning of Rosia Road, which appears to be pushing out a concrete wall, having currently dislodged it from place. Is the Government aware of this, and if so, does it have any plans on relocating the tree, given the damage it is doing to the wall, and also, to the courtyard of the Alameda Housing Estate?



QUESTION No: 682/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Does the Government have any plans to increase and/or replace any of the accessible toilets situated around Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 683/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister please provide an update on the advanced work contract for the waste-water treatment plant, including, what the costs of the contract will be and when he expects it to be signed?

QUESTION No: 684/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Further to the complaints raised by Verdemar on Gibraltar's waste-water management and their calls to remove Gibraltar from the Emerald Network, can the Government confirm whether such a formal complaint has been raised?

QUESTION No: 685/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

How many reports have been made on sanitary issues relating to the gutting, cleaning or filleting of tuna fish in our Ports and/or Territorial waters?

QUESTION No: 686/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Is the Government satisfied with the state of cleanliness of our beaches?

QUESTION No: 687/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Does the government have any plans to refurbish or improve the state of the beach at Rosia Bay?



QUESTION No: 688/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister confirm whether it has now developed a strategy for the energy efficient renovation of existing buildings, including those with heritage sensitivities?

QUESTION No: 689/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many derelict vehicles, per month, have been removed by the RGP in the past 12 months?

QUESTION No: 690/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House in respect of their intentions to provide hot meals for pupils in schools?

QUESTION No: 691/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the School Catchment areas residents of Hassan Centenary Terraces have fallen under as from September 2024?

QUESTION No: 692/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of the number of pupils now registered as living at Hassans Centenary Terraces, showing the school and year group at which these pupils are enrolled for this academic year which has recently commenced?

QUESTION No: 693/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details and time scale of the works it intends to carry out at St Joseph's Lower Primary School inclusive of the playground?



QUESTION No: 694/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

What process do schools undertake in their implementation of Zero Tolerance within school premises both in respect of pupils and parents/guardians visiting the school?

QUESTION No: 695/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of the number of pupils, together with generic reasons, who have been suspended from school since January 2024, indicating the school sector where the pupil is/was enrolled and duration of suspension?

QUESTION No: 696/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a breakdown for the academic year 2023/2024 showing the number of teachers/instructors who have accessed the services provided by the Wellbeing Support Team, indicating the school sector in which these teachers/instructors are employed?

QUESTION No: 697/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide information of what it intends to do to address the concerns expressed by NASUWT/GTA in respect of alleged deterioration of discipline/pupils' behaviour in schools?

QUESTION No: 698/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many new Mandatory Scholarships have been awarded in 2024 and what are the total number of Mandatory Scholarships currently being funded?

QUESTION No: 699/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many applications have been received for Discretionary Scholarships since 2019 and of these how many persons were successful in their application, broken down by academic year, together with what are the total number of Discretionary Scholarships currently being funded?



QUESTION No: 700/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many applications have been received for Distance-Learning Scholarships since 2019 and of these how many have been awarded, broken down by academic year, together with what are the total number of Distance-Learning Scholarships currently being funded?

QUESTION No: 701/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many students who were beneficiaries of Scholarships are still debtors to date, or must plan and commit to pay back Government Educational grants given to them, due to not successfully completing the course for which they were funded?

QUESTION No: 702/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

What is the current total debt owed to Government by students, and/or their guarantors, due to not successfully completing the courses for which they were funded?

QUESTION No: 703/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Madam Speaker, there is growing public concern for the safety of residents of Glacis Estate as a result of the speed of diverted traffic entering the Estate off Winston Churchill Avenue. Will the government seek to address this urgently and head off a potential disaster?

QUESTION No: 704/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

I have received numerous reports on issues relating to repeated security and vandalism in our public car parks. The government already pays a security company to prevent these low-level crimes. Is the government happy with their performance?

QUESTION No: 705/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

When was the Theatre Royal Car Park last cleaned and how often is it done so?



QUESTION No: 706/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Could the Minister please explain why the public toilets in Mid Harbours are suffering from a long-term spell of no maintenance?

QUESTION No: 707/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the government will be providing an electric bus service.

QUESTION No: 708/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Are there plans to introduce card machines for the payment of bus fares?

QUESTION No: 709/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide a breakdown of Head 22, item 2 (15) entitled 'Training expenses' amounting to £57,000 setting out the detail of what the expenditure relates to.

QUESTION No: 710/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What was the cost of the cycle audit as contracted to Hoy Dorman?

QUESTION No: 711/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How much has the extension to the cycle lane at Europort Avenue cost?

QUESTION No: 712/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government clarify its plans to improve Government-owned hostels located at the Queen's Hotel and Sunrise Motel to ensure they adequately meet the needs of elderly residents and persons with disabilities in the future?



QUESTION No: 713/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update on the construction of the half-way house for men as previously announced by the Government by the Europa Point area.

QUESTION No: 714/2024

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 dates?

1st June 2024

1st July 2024

1st August 2024

QUESTION No: 715/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1st June 2024

1st July 2024

1st August 2024

QUESTION No: 716/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government update the House on the date for publication of the 2022 Census?



QUESTION No: 778/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide statistics as to the average monthly employee turnover of clerical staff and Firefighters working for the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service, separating those figures between those employed on permanent contracts and those engaged through other arrangements for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date.

QUESTION No: 779/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide statistics as to the average monthly employee turnover of clerical staff and Borders and Coastguard Officers working for the Borders and Coastguard Agency, separating the figures between those employed on permanent contracts and those engaged through other arrangements for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date.



QUESTION No: 780/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide statistics as to the average monthly employee turnover of clerical staff and Police Officers working for the Royal Gibraltar Police, separating the figures between those employed on permanent contracts and those engaged through other arrangements for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date.

QUESTION No: 781/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide statistics as to the average monthly employee turnover of clerical staff and Prison Officers working for His Majesty's Prison, separating the figures between those employed on permanent contracts and those engaged through other arrangements for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date.



QUESTION No: 782/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide statistics as to the average monthly employee turnover of clerical and medical staff working for the GHA, separating the figures between those employed on permanent contracts and those engaged through other arrangements for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date.

QUESTION No: 783/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide statistics as to the average monthly employee turnover of clerical staff and Customs Officers working for Customs, separating the figures between those employed on permanent contracts and those engaged through other arrangements for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date.



QUESTION No: 784/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Import Duty collected in the following months?

June 2024

July 2024

August 2024

QUESTION No: 785/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Is the Government in discussions with Unions in respect of demands for additional resources for the Borders & Coastguard given their recent statement on the under-resourcing in that area?

QUESTION No: 786/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Does Government intend to continue to use Joshua Hassan House for Government offices?

QUESTION No: 787/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many persons claimed and received the supplement to the Minimum Income Guarantee for the elderly during 2023/24 and at what total cost?

QUESTION No: 788/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What is the total cost of sums paid by way of the Minimum Income Guarantee for pensioners during the financial years:

1. 2021/22
2. 2022/23
3. 2023/24?



QUESTION No: 789/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Have Government, Government agencies, authorities or Government owned companies lost money in a targeting of Government departments, or agencies or authorities or wholly owned companies by scam or fraud attempts during 2024 and if so how much money was defrauded?

QUESTION No: 790/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government update Parliament on the current state of negotiations for a Treaty on a future relationship with the EU?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W83/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of all NVQ Courses currently being undertaken by Trainees at both Training Centres, indicating estimated completion dates of said courses and qualifications expected to be obtained?

QUESTION No: W84/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide statistics in respect of the number of pupils enrolled in our schools for the academic year 2024/25, broken down by educational establishment, school year and gender?

QUESTION No: W85/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide statistics in respect of the number of teachers employed for the academic year 2024/25, broken down by educational establishment, grade and indicating whether they are employed on a substantive or temporary basis?

QUESTION No: W86/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of all BTEC Courses currently being undertaken by pupils, with details of location where these courses are delivered, indicating estimated costs, completion dates of said courses and qualifications expected to be obtained upon completion?

QUESTION No: W87/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government disclose how many fines it has issued in respect of illegal dumping of household waste for the year 2023, and so far in 2024?



QUESTION No: W88/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister confirm whether the Government are monitoring the emissions being produced by the generator located at Cannon Lane (near the Elliott Hotel), given the complaints made by members of the public about the smell of fumes and diesel in the area?

QUESTION No: W89/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

How many reports have been made of Spanish commercial fishermen and/or entities, fishing tuna in our territorial waters?

QUESTION No: W90/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

How many reports have been made of Gibraltar based fishing boats, for having turned off their GPS tracking systems whilst going out to fish tuna in territorial waters?

QUESTION No: W91/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm, if there is a tender process, and if not, what process, if any, is in place, for the control of the weighing station used during the Tuna fishing season and at what cost?

QUESTION No: W92/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Could the Minister please confirm, how many offences have been recorded under the section 5 Cruelty to animals or section 6 Abandoning animals under the Animals Act 1948, broken down by year and offence, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and so far in 2024?

QUESTION No: W93/2024

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 30th June 2024?



QUESTION No: W94/2024

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 30th June 2024?

QUESTION No: W95/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

30th June 2024

QUESTION No: W96/2024

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?

30th June 2024

QUESTION No: W97/2024

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?

1st July 2024

QUESTION No: W98/2024

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?

1st July 2024