



2 October, 2026

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 Friday 2nd October 2026.

P A Borge McCarthy
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 295/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide an update on the establishment of Gibraltar's Disclosure and Barring Service and state when it expects the Service to become fully operational?

QUESTION No: 296/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state what legislation it intends to introduce to provide the legislative framework for the Disclosure and Barring Service and when it expects to bring this before Parliament?

QUESTION No: 297/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government explain how the proposed disclosure and barring system will operate, including the criteria and process by which an individual may be placed on a barred list for regulated activity involving children or adults?



QUESTION No: 298/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Gibraltar Disclosure and Barring Service was publicly advertised and subject to an open recruitment process and, if so, provide details of the recruitment and selection process followed, together with the salary applicable to the post, inclusive of any allowances, benefits or other remuneration?

QUESTION No: 299/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Further to the serious safeguarding incident at the John Mackintosh Home which was brought to the Minister's attention, involving a resident gaining access to a window and sitting on its edge, placing the resident at serious risk of falling, can the Government state on which floor and in what area of the Home the incident occurred?

QUESTION No: 300/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state what supervision arrangements were in place for the resident at the John Mackintosh Home at the time of the incident and whether the resident's care plan or risk assessment identified any particular supervision or safeguarding requirements relevant to the incident?

QUESTION No: 301/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state what investigation was undertaken following the incident at the John Mackintosh Home, what conclusions were reached as to how the incident was able to occur, and what safeguarding measures have subsequently been introduced?



QUESTION No: 302/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide details of all Health and Safety reports concerning Mount Alvernia from the 1st of January 2020 to the present date, providing for each report:

- (a) the date it was prepared;
- (b) the position or role of the person responsible for preparing it;
- (c) the concerns identified, broken down by the nature of the Health and Safety concern or risk;
- (d) the recommendations or corrective actions proposed;
- (e) the persons, positions or departments to whom the concerns or recommendations were reported or escalated;
- (f) the corrective action taken, if any, and the date on which it was implemented; and
- (g) any concerns or recommendations which remain outstanding and the reasons why?

QUESTION No: 303/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide the dates of all fire-door and compartmentation inspections undertaken at Mount Alvernia from the 1st of January 2020 to the present date, together with the number and nature of defects identified and the dates on which any remedial works were undertaken or completed?

QUESTION No: 304/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm what discussions have taken place with the trustees of the John Mackintosh Trust regarding the future of Mount Alvernia following the proposed transfer of residents to the Rooke?

QUESTION No: 305/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state whether the Activity Coordinators currently working at Mount Alvernia were consulted during the design and development of the Rooke facility and, if so, whether they were specifically invited to provide feedback on the design, suitability and functionality of the activity areas within the Rooke building?



QUESTION No: 306/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state the total staffing complement required for the Rooke once fully operational, broken down by grade and profession, and indicate how many of these posts are currently filled and how many vacancies remain?

QUESTION No: 307/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government clarify the proposed cleaning and domestic services arrangements for the Rooke elderly care facility and state whether these services will be provided by employees within the GHA industrial complement or outsourced to an external contractor?

QUESTION No: 308/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government clarify the proposed security arrangements for the Rooke elderly care facility, stating whether the security service will be provided in-house or outsourced and, if outsourced, provide the name of the entity to which the service will be contracted?

QUESTION No: 309/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether the GHA has undertaken, or commissioned, a formal snagging and inspection process of the Rooke building prior to completing its acquisition and, if so, whether any defects, deficiencies or outstanding works have been identified?

QUESTION No: 310/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state whether all defects, snagging items and outstanding works identified prior to acquisition will be rectified by the developer before completion of the purchase, or whether any will become the responsibility of the GHA following acquisition?



QUESTION No: 311/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether it anticipates that any further works, alterations or upgrades will be required at the Rooke following its acquisition by the GHA and, if so, provide details of the works envisaged and their estimated cost?

QUESTION No: 312/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state whether the GHA has commissioned any independent technical, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire safety or other surveys of the Rooke prior to acquisition and, if so, whether these have identified any works which will be required?

QUESTION No: 313/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government confirm whether the open rooftop terrace areas at the Rooke facility will be accessible to all residents and, if so, what safety measures have been incorporated to protect residents from the risk of falls or other accidents?

QUESTION No: 314/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide details of the financing arrangements being entered into by the GHA for the acquisition of the Rooke, including the amount to be borrowed, the lender, interest rate, repayment period and estimated total cost of borrowing?

QUESTION No: 315/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state the final agreed purchase price for the Rooke elderly residential facility, providing a breakdown of the acquisition cost, fit-out costs, financing costs and any other costs forming part of the transaction?

QUESTION No: 316/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state the estimated annual operating cost of the Rooke once fully operational and provide a breakdown of the principal components of that expenditure?



QUESTION No: 317/2026

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

On the weekend of the 5th-6th September, residents of the South District complained of strong smells in the area, which was later traced to a bulk carrier that had its cargo hatch open. Can the Minister confirm whether any action was taken against the vessel for the release of these toxic fumes?

QUESTION No: 318/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide a schedule of:

- (i) all works commissioned to refurbish and maintain Ocean Views in the past 5 years;
- (ii) when the works commenced and when they were completed;
- (iii) the cost of the works undertaken and the contractor who carried them out; and
- (iv) the dates on which the payments for works undertaken were made.

QUESTION No: 319/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How often are children seen by a GHA dentist for a routine checkup?

QUESTION No: 320/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Why wasn't the Meningitis B catch up vaccination programme for university students implemented prior to August 2026?

QUESTION No: 321/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 4 years, how many service users have presented at the GHA presenting with symptoms of foreign objects in their eyes after having ridden a ride at the Gibraltar Fair? Please provide a breakdown by year.



QUESTION No: 322/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government please provide a schedule as to when the self service kiosks at the GHA have been active and inactive from the date on which they were rolled out to date, broken down by month and location?

QUESTION No: 323/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the basement entrance of St Bernard's Hospital the only entrance through which to take patients directly to a ward?

QUESTION No: 324/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

When will the cardiac rehabilitation gym return to its usual premises on the ground floor of St. Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 325/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

To whom has the transcription of patient records into a digitised format been entrusted? Please provide an update as to the progress being made, to include all records across the entirety of the GHA.

QUESTION No: 326/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 12 months have there been any reports of shortages of healthcare consumables, such as, but not limited to, disposable gloves, aprons/gowns, masks, vomit bowls/emesis basins at the GHA? If so, please outline the reason(s) for the shortage(s).

QUESTION No: 327/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Since the implementation of the Treaty, how many instances have there been of GHA service users being unable to fill their prescriptions, or of interruptions to treatments due to a shortage of particular medications? Please detail the exact issues which disrupted the supply chain and prevented those medications from being imported into Gibraltar in a timely manner.



QUESTION No: 328/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please detail the specific medications which there has been a shortage of since the implementation of the Treaty and confirm whether supply has now been resolved.

QUESTION No: 329/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA have a Commercial Framework for New Medicines? If it does, please provide a copy of that document. If not, please outline how the GHA determines which new high-cost medications are to be routinely funded.

QUESTION No: 330/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Within the past 6 months, has any department within the GHA had shortages of staff which have resulted in resilience issues that have had a knock on effect on services? If so, please provide a breakdown as to:

- (i) the particular department;
- (ii) the period of time within which issues were experienced,
- (iii) details as to the impact on services.

QUESTION No: 331/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many vacant positions are there currently within the GHA's Radiology Department?

QUESTION No: 332/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide statistics in respect of the past 12 months as to how many GHA radiographers there have been on sick leave each month.

QUESTION No: 333/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Has the vacancy for Director of Nursing at the GHA now been filled on a permanent basis or is the post still in an acting capacity and, if so, why?



QUESTION No: 334/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Why hasn't the Government commenced the tender process for the works to be undertaken at the GHA to install the porta-cabin structures to house the Gibraltar Ambulance Service?

QUESTION No: 335/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the new "purpose-built ambulance station" which was announced by the Minister for Health in her 2026 Budget speech one in the same as the porta-cabin structure referred to by the Minister for Health in this House on 25 February 2026?

QUESTION No: 336/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the latest envisaged timeframe for completion of the ambulance station and why wasn't a Town Planning application filed before 21 August 2026 when the Minister for Health told Parliament in February 2026 that the estimated timeline for completion was 6 months, and then announced during her Budget speech that it would be the end of September 2026?

QUESTION No: 337/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 6 months have there been any instances of GHA staff accompanying critical patients in ambulances travelling to tertiary healthcare providers in Spain being denied entry into Spain? If so, please provide the reason(s) for the denial(s).

QUESTION No: 338/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many beds will be freed up at St Bernard's Hospital once long-stay patients have been moved into the Rooke site facility?



QUESTION No: 339/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What are the plans for Cochrane Ward once long-stay patients have all been moved to the Rooke Building and will additional staff need to be recruited in order to bring those plans to fruition?

QUESTION No: 340/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many members of staff will be moved from St Bernard's Hospital into the Rooke Building, broken down by discipline and will they remain there on a permanent basis to form part of the Rooke site complement, or be shifted around as necessary?

QUESTION No: 341/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Did the Rooke Elderly Care Home building obtain the fire safety certificate on the first inspection or were there any rectification works recommended? If so, how long did the rectification process take, please detail the work which it entailed and what the total cost of carrying those works out was?

QUESTION No: 342/2026

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many fire safety lifts does the Rooke Elderly Care Home building have?

QUESTION No: 343/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How many Business Licence applications have been approved from start-ups or young companies moving to Gibraltar from the UK since the new rules on residency and status were applied?

QUESTION No: 344/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Could the Minister please detail which business sectors the Government is prioritising for GibLink?



QUESTION No: 345/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Minister confirm that the Government remains committed to delivering the Casemates, Chatham Counterguard and Main Street refurbishment and beautification programme promised in the GSLP/Liberal 2023 Election Manifesto?

QUESTION No: 346/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

The 2023 GSLP/Liberal manifesto contained artists' impressions of the proposed beautification of Casemates, Chatham Counterguard and Main Street. Can the Minister confirm whether those proposals remain the basis of the Government's current plans?

QUESTION No: 347/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

In relation to the Casemates, Chatham Counterguard and Main Street refurbishment and beautification programme, was it part of the Government's original 2023 proposal that individual businesses would be expected to finance elements of the beautification of their own premises?

QUESTION No: 348/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

The Minister has told Parliament that Government will fund the public infrastructure and main works of the Casemates, Chatham Counterguard and Main Street refurbishment and beautification programme, while businesses may be expected to pay for elements relating specifically to their own premises, including furniture, pergolas, furnishings and terrace extensions. Can the Minister tell the House exactly what proportion of the overall project Government expects the private sector to fund?

QUESTION No: 349/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Minister tell the House the Government's current best estimate of the total cost of the Casemates, Chatham Counterguard and Main Street programme?



QUESTION No: 350/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Minister for Business state what additional revenue has been generated from Transaction Tax since the implementation of the UK-EU Treaty, and whether any of that revenue has been directed towards businesses through the support schemes announced in her Budget address or through any additional schemes introduced since the Treaty came into effect?

QUESTION No: 351/2026

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Government provide the House with its detailed policy and strategy for the upgrading, modernisation and future-proofing of Gibraltar's electricity distribution grid, including the specific infrastructure projects identified, their prioritisation and anticipated timescales for delivery, and the total costs budgeted, committed and forecast for this programme?

QUESTION No: 352/2026

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is the Government now in a position to state whether any government rental flats will be released to the housing stock and if so how many, to include details of their room configuration when users are moved to Tangier Views and C Block?

QUESTION No: 353/2026

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Which entity is now expected to carry out the Westside reclamation and its subsequent development?

QUESTION No: 354/2026

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the works related to the Westside reclamation begin?



QUESTION No: 355/2026

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What will be the cost of the Westside reclamation and its subsequent development?

QUESTION No: 356/2026

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who will be responsible for the cost of the Westside reclamation and its subsequent development?

QUESTION No: 357/2026

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What were potable water reservoir stocks by calendar month from January 2021 to date?

QUESTION No: 358/2026

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What measures are being taken to increase rolling potable water reservoir stocks?

QUESTION No: 359/2026

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many ships have docked at the detached mole in the last 10 years broken down by calendar year and by average length of stay and what are the general purposes of such visits?

QUESTION No: 360/2026

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How precisely will the GHA or ERS make up to 25% savings in light of the opening of the Rooke Residential Home?

QUESTION No: 361/2026

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state the total amount of funding advanced by the Gibraltar Savings Bank in connection with the development of the Rooke to date and confirm how much of this will be repaid upon completion of the acquisition by the GHA?



QUESTION No: 362/2026

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?

1 July 2026
1 August 2026
1 September 2026

QUESTION No: 363/2026

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 July 2026
1 August 2026
1 September 2026

QUESTION No: 364/2026

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How have the Government formalised their collaboration with JTA Investment Holding or a gentleman by the name of Amir Ali Salemi Zadeh and in respect of what?