

**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 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



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**QUESTION No: 41/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What has been the total cost, to date, in respect of the introduction and commencement of the GHA's programme of robotic assisted surgery, specifically, but not limited to:

- (i) The cost of purchasing equipment, broken down by donations and cost to the GHA;
- (ii) The cost of installation and maintenance of equipment;
- (iii) The cost of any required alterations to the fabric of the St Bernard's Hospital building in order to install equipment;
- (iv) The cost of training relating to robotic assisted surgery.

**QUESTION No: 42/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

When is it envisaged that the telesurgery functionality of the surgical robot system recently installed at the GHA will come into effect? Please provide details as to how telesurgery will take place, who will operate the robotic arm and what emergency protocols are in place in the event that there are issues with telesurgery that GHA staff will be required to intervene on.



**QUESTION No: 43/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide details as to the maintenance of the robotic surgery equipment, specifically, but not limited to:

- (i) Who will maintain the equipment;
- (ii) Whether the GHA will have its own in-house technicians trained in maintaining the equipment; and
- (iii) Where parts will be sourced from.

**QUESTION No: 44/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Has the GHA obtained any data to suggest whether robotic surgery improves patient outcomes and, if so, can the Government please provide specifics as to the data obtained?

**QUESTION No: 45/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What are the average per-case disposable instrument costs to the GHA of robotic assisted surgery? Have comprehensive costings been carried out prior to the commencement of the robotic assisted surgery programme at the GHA?

**QUESTION No: 46/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many GHA surgeons are:

- (i) Undergoing training; and
- (ii) How many have already undergone training

in order to undertake robotic assisted surgeries? Please detail the training that must take place in order to provide the required credentials for surgeons to undertake robotic assisted surgery.



**QUESTION No: 47/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many members of GHA staff, excluding surgeons:

- (i) Have been trained to assist; and
- (ii) Are being trained to assist

in robotic assisted surgery? Please provide a breakdown as to their individual specialisms and details as to the training that must take place in order to provide the required credentials for medical professionals to assist with robotic assisted surgery.

**QUESTION No: 48/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide, for Domiciliary Care and Home Support Services, the number of missed visits from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to the present date, broken down by month and service provider?

**QUESTION No: 49/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In respect of Domiciliary Care and Home Support Services, for all missed visits from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to the present date, broken down by month and service provider, can the Government state:

- (a) In how many instances the service user and/or a nominated contact was notified in advance that the care worker would not attend; and
- (b) Where no notification was provided, the reason(s) recorded for the failure to notify.

**QUESTION No: 50/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide, for Domiciliary Care and Home Support Services, the number of instances where a service user's allocated carer was changed from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to the present date, broken down by month and service provider?



**QUESTION No: 51/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In respect of Domiciliary Care and Home Support Services, for all instances where a service user's allocated carer was changed from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to the present date, broken down by month and service provider, can the Government state:

- (a) In how many instances the service user and/or a nominated contact was informed in advance of the change; and
- (b) Where no advance notice was provided, the reason(s) recorded for the failure to notify.

**QUESTION No: 52/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether Care Agency staff (including subcontracted staff) are authorised and insured to administer prescribed medication to service users while accompanying them outside Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 53/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state whether any current restriction or operational issue is affecting the ability of Care Agency service users to participate in cross-border outings when accompanied by their carer (including Care Agency staff and subcontracted staff); and, if so:

- (a) Whether the issue relates to the administration or handling of prescribed medication;
- (b) The exact nature of the issue; and
- (c) The steps being taken, and expected timescales, to resolve it.



**QUESTION No: 54/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to the present date, can the Government state how many individuals have been declared discharge-ready from inpatient mental health services but remained admitted pending:

- (a) ERS placement;
- (b) Housing allocation or suitable accommodation; and
- (c) Arrangement of a package of care;

and, in each case, provide the waiting time in days spent as a discharge-ready inpatient.

**QUESTION No: 55/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state whether it has entered into, or is currently negotiating, any agreement with Rooke Holdings Limited in relation to the provision or operation of beds, rooms, accommodation or related elderly care services at the proposed Elderly Care Nursing Home located at the Rooke site; and, if so, specify the precise nature, scope, duration and financial value of such agreement or proposed agreement?

**QUESTION No: 56/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government state when the consultation process with ERS residents and their families in relation to the Elderly Care Nursing Home facility situated at the Rooke site will formally commence; what form that consultation will take; who will conduct it; and whether the results will be made publicly available?



**QUESTION No: 57/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to the present date, for individuals requiring alcohol detoxification, can the Government state:

- (a) How many were admitted to Ocean Views;
- (b) How many were admitted to St Bernard's Hospital;
- (c) How many were managed in the community;
- (d) In how many cases the initial placement was subsequently changed due to clinical deterioration; and
- (e) The number of placement changes for any other reason, with the reasons grouped by category.

**QUESTION No: 58/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether a final decision has been taken on the relocation of the acute mental health ward to the proposed new hub at Joshua Hassan House; and, if so, whether it is committed to expanding and funding an assisted living programme prior to any relocation, including the intended timetable for delivery?

**QUESTION No: 59/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide details as to the plans for the Gibraltar Ambulance Service's new Ambulance Station, specifically, but not limited to:

- (i) The intended location for the Ambulance Station;
- (ii) Confirmation as to whether the new Ambulance Station will consist of porta cabin structures;
- (iii) When the plans for the new Ambulance Station were drawn up and when they were shared with members of staff and their respective unions;
- (iv) Whether the timeline for completion of works still stands at 6 months;
- (v) What company has been contracted to undertake the planned works;
- (vi) If the Ambulance Station will consist of porta cabin structures, the company supplying the porta cabins and at what cost;
- (vii) The total envisaged cost of the works to be undertaken; and
- (viii) Why the project does not appear to have been put out for tender?



**QUESTION No: 60/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please outline the protocol followed by Emergency Medical Dispatchers at the GHA when a call for an ambulance is received.

**QUESTION No: 61/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are out of hours breakdowns of ambulances covered by the tender for fleet management services, including the maintenance, repair and replacement of the GHA's ambulance fleet, which was awarded 5 months ago to Bassadone Ltd with a value of £1,959,527 over the course of 10 years?

**QUESTION No: 62/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does Bassadone keep a stock of most commonly needed spare parts in order to repair/maintain the GHA's ambulance fleet, or do spare parts have to be ordered on a needs basis? If parts are ordered on a needs basis, where are they normally acquired from and, on average, how long do they take to arrive in Gibraltar?

**QUESTION No: 63/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Why doesn't the GHA employ in-house mechanics/vehicle technicians who are on hand to provide 24/7 or extended hours coverage and can attend to routine and urgent work on the GHA ambulance fleet?

**QUESTION No: 64/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

For what reason(s) do the Gibraltar Ambulance Service not have access to bank staff and what alternatives are relied upon to supplement the core complement when there are staff shortages?



**QUESTION No: 65/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

By reference to the Estimates Book for 2025/2026, can the Government confirm how many personnel from the Ambulance Service Establishment are currently in full-time active duty. Please provide a breakdown as to the number of members of staff from the Ambulance Service that are not currently in full-time duty with reference to:

- (i) The reason(s) why they are not currently in full-time duty;
- (ii) Whether they will be returning to full-time active duty; and
- (iii) If they are returning, an estimate as to when.

**QUESTION No: 66/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA offer varicella/chickenpox vaccines for children and, if so, is the vaccination programme in that regard up to date or are there delays in providing these vaccines to children? Please provide details as to any delays.

**QUESTION No: 67/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA offer shingles vaccines to its service users and, if so, what is the eligibility criteria to receive one? Please provide details as to any delays if there is a programme in place to provide shingles vaccines.

**QUESTION No: 68/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide the average waiting time for an adult hearing assessment for the purpose of providing a service user with a hearing aid/hearing aids to be undertaken at the GHA from the point of referral to the point at which the hearing aids are provided and fitted, broken down by month over the course of the last 24 months to date.



**QUESTION No: 69/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide a monthly breakdown for the past 24 months of the number of children under the age of 3 referred for a hearing assessment by the GHA, and the number of those children whose hearing assessments took place in the UK.

**QUESTION No: 70/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are hearing aid batteries now provided free of charge by the GHA to service users who are hearing aid users?

**QUESTION No: 71/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide the average waiting time for an adult sleep study to be undertaken at the GHA from the point of referral to compilation of study data and being seen by an ENT specialist for interpretation of the results/diagnostics, broken down by month over the course of the last 24 months to date.

**QUESTION No: 72/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide details as to the specific measures that are in place, or under consideration, in respect of prevention, early detection, identification and treatment of sepsis within the GHA, specifically, but not limited to information as to:

- (i) Whether the GHA are collating data regarding sepsis incidence, outcomes and mortality in Gibraltar;
- (ii) Whether the GHA has particular protocols/guidelines in place relating to sepsis;
- (iii) Whether there are any plans to introduce guidelines which align with NICE guidelines on sepsis;
- (iv) What training is provided to frontline healthcare professionals in respect of recognising the symptoms of sepsis and approaches as to treatment; and
- (v) Whether there are any plans for the introduction of an awareness campaign on sepsis?



**QUESTION No: 73/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past two months, have the GHA had to admit in-patients to St Bernard's Hospital:

- (i) A & E Department;
- (ii) The Maternity Ward, when they were not pregnant/giving birth;
- (iii) The infection control ward (Calpe Ward), when there was no medical need to be admitted to Calpe Ward; or
- (iv) To Rainbow Ward when over the age of 16?

**QUESTION No: 74/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Why has it taken 8 years for a permanent Consultant Otolologist to be appointed on a full-time basis at the GHA?

**QUESTION No: 75/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide an update as to the skill mix review being carried out at the GHA, specifically but not limited to:

- (i) Whether the second phase has now concluded;
- (ii) How many phases remain outstanding for conclusion of the review; and
- (iii) an updated time estimate as to when it is expected that the review will be complete?



**QUESTION No: 76/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide monthly statistics as to the number of elective surgical procedures which have been cancelled at St Bernard's Hospital over the past 6 months, specifically, but not limited to:

- (i) The total number of elective surgical procedures cancelled;
- (ii) The reasons for cancellation; and
- (iii) When they have been rescheduled to.

**QUESTION No: 77/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many formal industrial claims have been made by GHA staff via their unions in the past 6 months? Please provide a breakdown of:

- (i) The number of claims made, broken down by month and date of claim;
- (ii) Which claims have been resolved and the time taken for resolution; and
- (iii) The number of claims remaining to be resolved.

**QUESTION No: 78/2026**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 12 months, has St Bernard's Hospital suffered from any water ingress. Please provide details specifically, but not limited to:

- (i) The areas/departments/wards that have suffered water ingress;
- (ii) Whether remedial works were/have been undertaken to address water ingress issues;
- (iii) What measures were put in place to allow the continued everyday functioning of the affected areas; and
- (iv) Whether water ingress issues forced the cancellation of any treatments or procedures scheduled to take place at St Bernard's Hospital and specifics as to the treatments/procedures that were affected.



**QUESTION No: 79/2026**

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Government has recently received a report that they commissioned which sought to review AquaGib as a business. Given that AquaGib is a Government fully-owned company, will the Minister be laying this report in Parliament?

**QUESTION No: 80/2026**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

The Opposition has received reports and it itself observes that Gibraltar's streets are not sufficiently lit during the night hours, what measures are being taken, if any, to address this?

**QUESTION No: 81/2026**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What is the room breakdown and expected bed capacity of the Rooke facility?

**QUESTION No: 82/2026**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm whether the investigation(s) being carried out by the Department of Education and/or any other relevant authority in respect of a senior teacher at St Martin's School have concluded; and, if so, whether the investigation report has been finalised and the date on which it was finalised?

**QUESTION No: 83/2026**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm when the resurfacing of Grand Parade is going to take place?

**QUESTION No: 84/2026**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

What arrangements have been agreed with and how is the Government ensuring that the private entity providing rental electric-scooters to the public is collecting abandoned units left around Gibraltar in a timely fashion?



**QUESTION No: 85/2026**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm whether all pay and display machines in Gibraltar are working, and for those which are not working, can they confirm how long they have been inoperable for from 2025 to date?

**QUESTION No: 86/2026**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm the number of vehicles removed from the public highway for having remained in place for 28 days or more in 2025 to date, broken down by month?

**QUESTION No: 87/2026**

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 September 2025, indicating the school sector where the pupil is/was enrolled and duration of suspension?

**QUESTION No: 88/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details in respect of all Vocational 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: 89/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a breakdown with details of the number of pupils enrolled in respect of all BTEC Courses currently being undertaken by pupils as provided in answer to Question Number 760 of 2025?

**QUESTION No: 90/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

What is the total number of students who have given up their scholarship awarded for the academic year 2025/2026?



**QUESTION No: 91/2026**

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 the Educational grants given to them due to not successfully completing the course for which they were funded?

**QUESTION No: 92/2026**

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: 93/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Is Government still on target to meet its commitment to provide outdoor shading in all schools by June 2026?

**QUESTION No: 94/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Given the new Academic Calendars, how will schools without adequate air conditioning or ventilation safely operate full-day schedules during periods of high temperatures?

**QUESTION No: 95/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

With whom or what bodies were formal consultations made before the publication of the new Academic Calendars for 2025/26 and 2026/27?

**QUESTION No: 96/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Why was NASUWT Gibraltar not consulted before its publication in respect of the new Academic Calendars for 2025/26 and 2026/27?



**QUESTION No: 97/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

In respect of works requisitions raised for all Government Schools (inclusive of College of Further Education and St Martin's School) between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to date, can Government provide a breakdown by school showing:

- (a) The number of requisitions raised and the date which each requisition was submitted;
- (b) Number of works requested already completed;
- (c) Number of still outstanding/pending requests for works;
- (d) Completion dates for all those works now finalised.

**QUESTION No: 98/2026**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updated details of the Tender awarded and time scale for completion of the works it intends to carry out at St Joseph's Lower and Upper Primary Schools?

**QUESTION No: 99/2026**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the significant crack which has appeared in Charles V Wall by the Trafalgar Cemetery be fixed?

**QUESTION No: 100/2026**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Does the Minister intend to prescribe new authorised rates/fares for passengers on the Taxi city service?

**QUESTION No: 101/2026**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What specifically and in detail are the issues that Government raised with NASUWT earlier this month affecting the terms and conditions of teachers and which are the subject of negotiations?