



GIBRALTAR PARLIAMENT PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 16th March 2021

SUMMARY AGENDA: CHAMBER

3.00pm

- (i) A Government Statement - COVID Statistics
- (ii) Answers to Question
- (iii) Order of the day

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3.00pm

Followed by

ANSWERS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

3.10pm

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Housing, Youth & Sport

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Employment, Health and Safety and Social Security

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Digital, Financial Services and Public Utilities

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for the Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change and Education

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THE ORDER OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

The Hon the Chief Minister

I have the honour to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

THIS HOUSE:

1. NOTES the motion passed unanimously by this House on Friday, 20th December 2019, to hold a Referendum that the question of the commencement of the Crimes (Amendment) Act 2019 would be put to the people of Gibraltar in a Referendum.
2. ENDORSES the text of the said motion.
3. RECALLS the Order for a Referendum on the 19th March 2020 was revoked on the 12th March 2020 as a result of the then developing Public Health emergency arising from the COVID 19 pandemic.

AND THEREFORE RESOLVES that an Order for a referendum under Section 3 of the Referendum Act 2015 now be made convening the referendum to be held on Thursday 24th June 2021.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

FIRST AND SECOND READING

The Hon the Chief Minister

- (i) A Bill for an Act to appropriate sums of money to the service of the year ended 31st day of March 2017. (B34/2019)
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to appropriate sums of money to the service of the year ended 31st day of March 2018. (B35/2019)
- (iii) A Bill for an Act to appropriate sums of money to the service of the year ended 31st day of March 2019. (B03/2020)
- (iv) A Bill for an Act to amend the Pensions (Widows and Orphans) Act. (B05/2020)
- (v) A Bill for an Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2010. (B26/2020)

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GOVERNMENT BILLS (cont.)

FIRST AND SECOND READING (Cont.)

The Hon the Deputy Chief Minister

- (vi) A Bill for an Act to confer powers to police officers and authorised persons relating to small unmanned aircraft and requirements in the Civil Aviation Act 2009 and subsidiary legislation, to provide for fixed penalties for certain offences relating to small unmanned aircraft and for connected purposes. (B17/2020)

The Hon Minister for the Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change and Education.

- (vii) A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Health Act to control the emission of smoke by vessels and for connected purposes. (B11/2020)
- (viii) A Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection (Trees) Act 2014. (B24/2020)

The Hon Minister for Business, Tourism, Transport and the Port.

- (ix) A Bill for an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments and modifications the Fair Trading Act 2015; to continue the establishment of the Office of Fair Trading and to make provision for its composition and functions; to make provisions for the protection of consumer interests and for the making and investigation of complaints; to encourage good business practices towards consumers; to make provision for the licensing of businesses; to make provision for information gathering, investigatory and enforcement powers of the Office of Fair Trading; to make provision for the imposition of sanctions and for purposes connected therewith. (B18/2020)
- (x) A Bill for an Act to amend the Licensing and Fees Act. (B19/2020)
- (xi) A Bill for an Act to amend the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety, etc.) Act 1995 in order to extend the functions of the Maritime Administrator for the purposes of compliance with instruments of the International Maritime Organisation, and in particular, the IMO Instrument Implementation Code (III Code, Resolution A.1070(28)). (B22/2020)

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GOVERNMENT BILLS (Cont.)

FIRST AND SECOND READING (Cont.)

The Hon Minister for Business, Tourism, Transport and the Port.

- (xii) A Bill for an Act to amend the Gibraltar Port Authority Act 2005 in order to extend the functions of the Gibraltar Port Authority for the purposes of compliance with instruments of the International Maritime Organisation, and in particular, the IMO Instrument Implementation Code (III Code, Resolution A.1070(28)). (B23/2020)
- (xiii) A Bill for an Act to make provision for business improvement district arrangements, including provision regarding the financing, duration and termination of such arrangements, the duty to comply with such arrangements and other connected purposes. (B25/2020)
- (xiv) A Bill for an Act to amend the Traffic Act 2005. (B28/2020)

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GOVERNMENT BILLS (Cont.)

COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING

- (i) The Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill 2019;
- (ii) The Supplementary Appropriation (2017/2018) Bill 2019;
- (iii) The Supplementary Appropriation (2018/2019) Bill 2020;
- (iv) The Pensions (Widows and Orphans) (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- (v) The Income Tax (Amendment No.3) Bill 2020;
- (vi) Small Unmanned Aircraft (Offences) Bill 2020;
- (vii) The Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- (viii) The Environmental Protection (Trees) (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- (vix) The Fair Trading Bill 2020;
- (x) The Licensing and Fees (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- (xi) The Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety, etc.) (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- (xii) The Gibraltar Port Authority (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- (xiii) The Business Improvement Districts Bill 2020;
- (xiv) The Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2020.

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Hon K Azopardi

I have the honour to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

THIS HOUSE:

BELIEVES that there should be a cross-party approach to the issue of mental health;

ESTABLISHES a Select Committee on Mental Health to report to Parliament on such further improvements to mental health service provision in Gibraltar which it considers should be made generally and having regard to the recommendations set out in the Public Health England "Mental Health Situational Analysis Report" of April 2019;

RESOLVES that the Select Committee on Mental Health be composed of five members three of whom shall be drawn from the Government benches and two from the Opposition benches, one from each of the parties with representation."

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS (Cont.)

The Hon E J Phillips

I have the honour to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

THIS HOUSE:

NOTES that the statutory requirements for the making of and witnessing of a valid will under Section 9 of the Wills Act 2009 provides inter alia that:

(i) a will must be signed by the person making it in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time; and

(ii) each witness must sign the will in the presence of the testator.

NOTES that the statutory requirement of presence provides that the witness must have a 'clear line of sight' of the will maker signing and therefore the current law does not provide for the will to be witnessed via video conference or other remote means.

NOTES that in the context of the current Covid 19 pandemic that people desirous of making wills and putting their affairs in order, may not be able to comply with the statutory provisions because they maybe shielding, self isolating or otherwise exercising a degree of social distancing.

NOTES the United Kingdom Parliament and the legislatures of other British Overseas Territories have amended their statutory requirements in a temporary and limited way in order to provide for the witnesses of wills via video conference or other visual transmission given the Covid 19 pandemic to allow for those who may be shielding, self isolating or otherwise exercising a degree of social distancing.

AND CALLS on the Government to either: (1) introduce legislation in the form of a Bill to amend the Section 9 of the Wills Act 2009 in a temporary and limited way, namely to provide the following new sub-section 2:

"For the purposes of paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1), in relation to wills made on or after 4 March 2020 and on or before 4 March 2022, "presence" includes presence by means of videoconference or other visual transmission"

Or alternatively (2) introduce provision via civil contingency legislation or other available statutory mechanism. "

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS (Cont.)

The Hon M D Hassan Nahon

I have the honour to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

THIS HOUSE:

WILL promote legislation to amend the Adoption Act to clarify the ages beyond which adoption is not possible.”

To be Adjourned

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