



24 January, 2024

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 24th January 2024.

John B Reyes
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How many catering sector related courses have been carried out at the university for the academic year ending summer 2023 (please list these) and how many of these students have ended up in full time employment *in the sector* within a 6-month period of qualifying?

QUESTION No: 2/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the breakdown of the government rented flats, broken down by number of rooms in each, which have been released by tenants following the allocation of flats at Hassan Centenary Terraces to these tenants?

QUESTION No: 3/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the new Housing Act will be presented to Parliament.



QUESTION No: 4/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people who were on the housing list at 9 December 2011 remain on the housing list?

QUESTION No: 5/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people who are on the general, social or medical housing lists at 16 January 2024 have been on the said housing lists for three years or more?

QUESTION No: 6/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Could the Minister provide an update as to the number of flights that have experienced service interruptions, together with a breakdown of causes to those interruptions, from the 13th December 2023 to 16th January 2024.

QUESTION No: 7/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Given the flight diversions because of reported radar problems on 9th January 2024, could the Government confirm whether the MOD has provided any assurances that the radar issues have been addressed and what steps if any are being taken to mitigate this from reoccurring?

QUESTION No: 8/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

With regards to the Gibraltar to London BA493 flight which experienced an emergency landing in France on 4th January 2024, has the Government been informed as to the details for the emergency landing and how the fumes reported in cockpit occurred?

**QUESTION No: 9/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister confirm whether the Government has any plans to commit to further assisting the Gibraltar Cavalcade Committee, providing it with the necessary funding it requires in order to continue paying for the local Three Kings Cavalcade, in light of the fundraising issues the Committee has faced in recent years.

QUESTION No: 10/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister provide details on the “Instagram-able spots” which forms part of his tourism rebrand of Gibraltar. In particular, can he state:

- i. How many of these spots he proposes to introduce;
- ii. What will they entail;
- iii. Are the locations for these spots already identified; and
- iv. What sort of revenues is he expecting these spots to generate for Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 11/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister provide details on the rebranding of the Gibraltar logo, that is set to be launched in April 2024? How is the Government proposing to re-brand the Gibraltar image, and what will be the main focus of the proposed rebranding?

QUESTION No: 12/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm what plans it now has for the COVID memorial, given the recent news that the planned “Memorial Light” at Campion Park, would not proceed in light of copyright issues?

QUESTION No: 13/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Many of the issues around criminal damage and theft faced by businesses in the leisure sector are perpetrated by a small number of repeat offenders. When is the government going to address this problem properly and tackle the root issues of through reform, training and employment?



QUESTION No: 14/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How many government-backed apprenticeships in the catering sector were successfully completed in 2023 and how many are currently being undertaken?

QUESTION No: 15/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

When will the Government abolish the charges levied by the ETB for new vacancies registration and fines for immediate employment?

QUESTION No: 16/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether the scheme known as 'The Zone: step up & thrive' has been commenced with details of the number of trained professionals and mentors who are being assigned to this service and what skill set of these individuals is?

QUESTION No: 17/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Did Government seek drafting assistance from the private sector in relation to the Personal Light Electric Transports Bill before it was presented to Parliament and if so at what cost?

QUESTION No: 18/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Given reported concerns expressed by the Supreme Court on the drafting of the Personal Light Electric Transports Act is Government considering amendments to the same?

QUESTION No: 19/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government provide details as to the repairs being undertaken at Keightley Way Tunnel. Were such repairs planned, or are they in response to structural damage that has recently occurred?



QUESTION No: 20/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government provide the following details as to the repairs being undertaken at Keightley Way Tunnel. Which entity has been contracted to carry out the repair works and what are the projected costs for the structural repairs being undertaken.

QUESTION No: 21/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government disclose details of the plans it is exploring for the World War II tunnel?

QUESTION No: 22/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Government please update the House on the investigation to establish the source which caused the presence of wipes on eastern beach on the weekend commencing 13th January 2024?

QUESTION No: 23/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise what role D & D Consulting Limited plays in the collection of parking fines?

QUESTION No: 24/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Which company has been contracted to install the solar panels on the roofs of the Moorish Castle Estate?

QUESTION No: 25/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state how many visitors have been to Parsons Lodge since it was recently re-opened per month with details of nationality.



QUESTION No: 26/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are the Government re-evaluating the scope of wind or tidal energy to see if greater opportunities for renewable energy arise and if so how?

QUESTION No: 27/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What measures have been put in place to control or regulate the pile-driving or other noise nuisance caused by the construction of Chatham Views?

QUESTION No: 28/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are Government monitoring the noise levels in relation to the works at Chatham Views and if so have the relevant regulations been breached?

QUESTION No: 29/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government provide details as to the actual amount of electricity generated in Gibraltar, in Megawatts (MW), between the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by the source from where the electricity was generated from.

QUESTION No: 30/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide breakdowns as to the costs incurred in respect of wheelchair maintenance for the following years:

2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024 (to date) ?



QUESTION No: 31/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Member provide a figure as to the number of times that an ambulance from the GHA fleet has broken down in:

November 2023
December 2023
To date this year?

QUESTION No: 32/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide a breakdown as to costs incurred for mechanical works to the ambulance fleet in:

2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024 to date?

QUESTION No: 33/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide an update as to whether the new ambulance has arrived in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 34/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Why is there an ambulance from Helicopteros Sanitarios parked alongside the GHA's ambulance fleet, on a permanent basis, and for what reason that ambulance is permanently present in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 35/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government confirm whether there is a specific arrangement with Helicopteros Sanitarios and, if so, the nature of that arrangement?



QUESTION No: 36/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government confirm reports that there are currently at least two members from the Helicopteros Sanitarios ambulance crew permanently stationed in Gibraltar and, if so, the reason for this?

QUESTION No: 37/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide a breakdown as to the cost of the arrangements with Helicopteros Sanitarios from 1st January to date?

QUESTION No: 38/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide a breakdown as to the number of Gibraltar patients transferred to Spain by an ambulance from the GHA's fleet, in both emergency and non-emergency situations, in:

2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
1st January 2024 to date?

QUESTION No: 39/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide a breakdown as to the number of patients transferred from Gibraltar to Spanish hospitals by Spanish ambulance providers in:

2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
1st January 2024 to date?



QUESTION No: 40/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide a breakdown as to the total cost of the supply of ambulance services in Spain for Gibraltar patients in:

2023

2024 to date?

QUESTION No: 41/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government confirm that all paramedics have been covered/are covered by an appropriate insurance policy when undertaking their duties, and that any insurance cover includes those not permanently employed by the GHA?

QUESTION No: 42/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What steps, is the GHA taking to encourage women to attend mammogram appointments?

QUESTION No: 43/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What steps is the GHA taking to encourage women to attend smear appointments?

QUESTION No: 44/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister confirm the types of screening equipment that are available to the GHA, locally, in respect of foetal screening?

QUESTION No: 45/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 3 years, how many local Nurses have qualified through the School of Health Sciences at the University of Gibraltar and how many local Nurses have alternatively studied nursing in the U.K and qualified as Nurses?



QUESTION No: 46/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What possibilities are there for Enrolled Nurses to become Registered Nurses?

QUESTION No: 47/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What incentives are the GHA willing to consider making attaining the posts of Specialist Nurses more attractive?

QUESTION No: 48/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide a breakdown as to how many nurses within the GHA are currently within acting roles, but are being paid at a reduced pay grade rather than at the grade within which they are acting?

QUESTION No: 49/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government confirm whether nurses employed at the GHA through certain agencies are paid at a higher hourly rate, for undertaking the same duties and responsibilities, as others who are employed at the GHA via different agencies. If so, what is the reason for this?

QUESTION No: 50/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister confirm the professional backgrounds and qualifications of those individuals who are staffing the Patient Advocacy and Liaison Service (PALS), and the number of individuals employed within PALS?

QUESTION No: 51/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister confirm the professional backgrounds and qualifications of those individuals who are staffing the GHA's Complaints Office, and the number of individuals employed within that office?



QUESTION No: 52/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

For what reason are dental appointments for children being outsourced to private clinics, rather than being kept within the GHA?

QUESTION No: 53/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister confirm that there have been issues with children being seen by private dental clinics when they have attended appointments scheduled by the GHA, because the clinics have not received up to date payments from Government for the work carried out? What is being done to resolve this issue?

QUESTION No: 54/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister confirm what is being done to address the continued issue of lengthy waiting lists for children to be seen by a GHA dentist?

QUESTION No: 55/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How will government look to curb the practice of ghost companies, in other words companies using clubs and association premises as their business address, using these clubs or association's premises to market and sell food to the general public and not just the relevant members, as intended?

QUESTION No: 56/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

By when will any intended legislation curbing the practice of ghost companies using clubs or association's premises to sell food to the general public be passed?

QUESTION No: 57/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Government please clarify the position with the Business Licence renewal issues facing pharmacies following the implementation of the recent Fair Trading Act, which caused some pharmacies problems with Customs holding up their goods as a result?



QUESTION No: 58/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Will the government conduct an immediate vertical audit of all power cuts in December 2023 and January 2024 (in other words, a snapshot audit of each power cut and the reasons behind them) and will they publish these results?

QUESTION No: 59/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What specific plans does the government have to transition Gibraltar port to new fuels?

QUESTION No: 60/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the government's policy in relation to street advertising placards in the town centre?

QUESTION No: 61/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many persons have been prescribed anti-psychotic medication by GHA practitioners in the calendar year to 31 December 2023?

QUESTION No: 62/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many persons have been prescribed anti-depression medication by GHA practitioners in the calendar year to 31 December 2023?

QUESTION No: 63/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister outline how lists are compiled for individuals to be called up for jury service?



QUESTION No: 64/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

With what frequency, on average, are the same members of the public being called to undertake jury service?

QUESTION No: 65/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

The Police Federation's survey for 2022 reflected that over half of the 177 out of 231 members who took the survey had contemplated leaving the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) in the last twelve months, what is the Government doing to increase retention and boost morale within the RGP?

QUESTION No: 66/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

According to the Policing Plan 2022/2023, there was a 76% increase from 2021/2022 in reports of burglary, what is being done to ascertain the reasons behind this sharp increase, and to address the issue?

QUESTION No: 67/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Minister please detail the Government's policy regarding fees levied on companies requesting an updated statement from the Tax Office?

QUESTION No: 68/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Income Tax collected for each month from April 2023 to December 2023 inclusive?

QUESTION No: 69/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Company Tax collected for each month from April 2023 to December 2023 inclusive?



QUESTION No: 70/2024

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 date?

1 December 2023

QUESTION No: 71/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 December 2023

QUESTION No: 72/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why it has not gazetted the audited accounts of the Gibraltar Savings Bank for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 as provided by section 12(b) of the Gibraltar Savings Bank Act?

QUESTION No: 73/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government disclose details of its plans for the Northern Defences, providing a timeline for when they expect to complete the works?

QUESTION No: 74/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm whether it is aware and/or has given consent to the assignment of the Rooke site project awarded to Carlton Properties Limited to another party or whether there has been a change of ultimate beneficial ownership in Carlton Properties Limited or whether a third party has entered into an agreement with Carlton Properties Limited or its beneficial owners to purchase an interest in the Rooke development, if so when and who and at what consideration?



QUESTION No: 75/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government intend to relocate the Gibraltar National Archives?

QUESTION No: 76/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have any plans to ensure that the old St Bernard's First School building does not go to ruin?

QUESTION No: 77/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the government's policy in respect of leasehold properties and is it considering reforming the law in this area as is happening in England?

QUESTION No: 78/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How many government-owned premises are commercially let to the public?

QUESTION No: 79/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How many Government-owned, commercially-let premises have leases allowing the sub-letting of said premises, and what percentage of the whole does this comprise?

QUESTION No: 80/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

What advantage does allowing the sub-letting of government-owned commercial premises bring the taxpayer?

QUESTION No: 81/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Import Duty collected for each month from April 2023 to December 2023 inclusive?



QUESTION No: 82/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it is still engaged in the use of blockchain technology to streamline government processes as announced on 7 December 2021 in press release 912/2021?

QUESTION No: 83/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as regards the former Social Security building at Governor's Parade.

QUESTION No: 84/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update with regard to the arrangements impacting on the depositing and removal of construction rubble.

QUESTION No: 85/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are the Government in discussions with local fuel suppliers as to the impact of the removal of the import duty discount on pricing to the consumer?

QUESTION No: 86/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many persons held the following colour of ID/civilian registration card at 31 December 2023:

1. Red;
2. Blue;
3. Magenta;
4. Green



QUESTION No: 87/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many applications for the following colour of ID/civilian registration card were pending at 31 December 2023:

1. Red;
2. Blue;
3. Magenta;
4. Green.

QUESTION No: 88/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many AAs were in post in the Civil Service on:

1. 31 December 2011; and
2. at 16 January 2024?

QUESTION No: 89/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many AO vacancies were there in the civil service at 16 January 2023?

QUESTION No: 90/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Does the Government accept that persons recruited as AAs in the Civil Service are conducting *de facto* tasks of an AO or do they view the roles as different and if so how?

QUESTION No: 91/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Has the investigation into the shooting & smuggling incident at Eastern Beach on 2 February 2023 now concluded and if so has the Government been informed of the conclusions of such a report or any interim findings if the investigations has not concluded?



QUESTION No: 92/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Have any persons been arrested and/or charged or their arrest sought in relation to the shooting and smuggling incident at Eastern Beach on 2 February 2023 and if so how many persons?

QUESTION No: 93/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government update the House in relation to the promised removal of Gibraltar from the Spanish list of non-co-operative finance centres – its so-called black-list?

QUESTION No: 94/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are there further rounds of talks in relation to the negotiations seeking to conclude a Treaty on a new relationship for Gibraltar with the EU programmed for January 2024?



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No: W1/2024

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 of these investments as at 30 November 2023?

QUESTION No: W2/2024

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 30 November 2023?

QUESTION No: W3/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

30 November 2023

QUESTION No: W4/2024

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:?

30 November 2023

QUESTION No: W5/2024

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?

1 December 2023



QUESTION No: W6/2024

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?

1 December 2023