

22 November, 2023

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 22nd November 2023.



John B Reyes
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 541/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the current complement of school nurses, broken down by school

QUESTION No: 542/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide information on the anticipated conclusion date of the investigation into the series of allegations leading to the temporary stepping down of the head teacher of St Martin's School, as reported in the GBC news article dated 3rd of August 2023?

QUESTION No: 543/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the government confirm when was the last time the Urban Renewal Committee met?



QUESTION No: 544/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the government confirm whether the commission of the Great siege tunnels light show will be a project that will be tendered out to the private sector, or will this be a Government/GTB initiative?

QUESTION No: 545/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Several complaints have been raised with regard to the increasing activity of birdwatching occurring at our Cemetery on Devils Tower Road, resulting in disturbances to those already there and respecting their loved ones. Does the government propose to take any action to curtail these activities?

QUESTION No: 546/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm whether it has any plans to increase the number of designated pay-and-display parking spaces, outside the immediate vicinity of the cemetery on devil's tower road?

QUESTION No: 547/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

What sort of incentives is the government proposing in order to facilitate the transition from fuel to electric vehicles?

QUESTION No: 548/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Aside from hosting regular meetings with the Taxi Association, what steps can the Government take to guarantee a swift resolution to the service issues which have historically been reported with the service?



QUESTION No: 549/2023

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 2022 and so far in 2023?

QUESTION No: 550/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

By when does the Government intend to establish the proposed 'Considerate Contractor Scheme', ensuring that all construction projects adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, safety and environmental responsibility?

QUESTION No: 551/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

When does the government believe we will see the commencement of the sewage treatment plant, and what timescale is expected for completion?

QUESTION No: 552/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Multiple reports have been seen online regarding the strong stench of fuel oil near the vicinity of the port area and neighboring estates. Does the Government have any idea as to what's causing such air pollution?

QUESTION No: 553/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

When does the government propose to introduce BREEAM certification and the development of a Net Zero Building standard?

QUESTION No: 554/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Could the government confirm when it will be in a position to publish the 25-year environmental plan?



QUESTION No: 555/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of how many vacancies currently exist for school cleaners, providing a breakdown of schools concerned, together with details of when these posts are expected to be filled on a permanent basis?

QUESTION No: 556/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Why is the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance being delivered at premises other than The Gibraltar College as stated in both Bayside and Westside Schools' Curriculum 2023 booklet issued to students?

QUESTION No: 557/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Why is the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performance (Acting) being delivered at premises other than at The Gibraltar College as stated in both Bayside and Westside Schools' Curriculum 2023 booklet issued to students?

QUESTION No: 558/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide a detailed breakdown showing how much has been paid, showing to whom, in respect of all costs over the last three and current academic year related to the delivery/provision of BTEC courses for students registered at either Bayside School, Westside School or the Gibraltar College of Further Education?

QUESTION No: 559/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many new Mandatory Scholarships have been awarded in 2023 and what are the total number of Mandatory Scholarships currently being funded?



QUESTION No: 560/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many new Discretionary Scholarships have been awarded in 2023 and what are the total number of Discretionary Scholarships currently being funded?

QUESTION No: 561/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many new Distance-Learning Scholarships have been awarded in 2023 and what are the total number of Distance-Learning Scholarships currently being funded?

QUESTION No: 562/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many students who were beneficiaries of Scholarships have made and are active debtors, or must make, arrangements to pay back Government grants given to them due to not successfully completing the course for which they were funded?

QUESTION No: 563/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

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

QUESTION No: 564/2023

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Would the honourable member please explain the government's plan on rolling out EV charging points across Gibraltar, in particular in estates?

QUESTION No: 565/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the cumulative cost as at 30 September 2023 of the construction of the Bicycle Lanes?



QUESTION No: 566/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

Please state what the total cost to date is of the cycle lane from the Sundial roundabout to the Waterport roundabout.

QUESTION No: 567/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

Please state which roads the Highways Resurfacing Programme are expected to encompass and the duration of same.

QUESTION No: 568/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

Please state the cost to date of the Highways Resurfacing Programme.

QUESTION No: 569/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the frequency in respect of scheduled jet-wash cleaning process carried out at all children's play parks?

QUESTION No: 570/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of any re-balancing of allocations recently adjusted in favour of the Gibraltar Netball Association?

QUESTION No: 571/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide an update in respect of the still outstanding problems to provide a permanent solution to the ball-stop nettings at Europa Sports Grounds?



QUESTION No: 572/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House with full details in respect of the contract, or other arrangements, entered into to permanently settle the management and manning levels at Europa Sports Complex?

QUESTION No: 573/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Can the Government elaborate on the measures being implemented to ensure equitable access for all individuals interested in attending the Christmas Wonderland Events, recently advertised by the Gibraltar Cultural Services, including any provisions for reasonable adjustments where needed?

QUESTION No: 574/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide clarification on which government entities or government-owned companies employ individuals in need of supported employment?

QUESTION No: 575/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide precise figures detailing the number of individuals employed under the supported employment scheme at the following dates and could these figures include the entity they have been employed under?

1. 1st January 2012
2. 1st January 2013
3. 1st January 2014
4. 1st January 2015
5. 1st January 2016
6. 1st January 2017
7. 1st January 2018
8. 1st January 2019
9. 1st January 2020
10. 1st January 2021
11. 1st January 2022
12. 1st January 2023



QUESTION No: 576/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government specify the expected timeline for the finalization and publication of the new Autism pathway?

QUESTION No: 577/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government specify when the first Annual Report, providing updates against objectives, will be published by the Supported Needs and Disability Coordination and Liaison Office?

QUESTION No: 578/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the government confirm whether the UK has provided any feedback with respect to our request for the extension of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Gibraltar and how long does the Government expect this process to take?

QUESTION No: 579/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Could the Hon Member, please indicate, what business (if any) has transpired or is to be expected to be generated from his recent visit to the World Travel Market in London, in which he went to promote our recent Literacy Festival and Gibraltar, more widely.

QUESTION No: 580/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the government expand on its plans for the introduction of a Gibraltar Cruise and Maritime Tourism Officer. How much would you envisage remunerating this role for and what responsibilities would it have?



QUESTION No: 581/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government disclose at what cost it has tendered the beautification project at landport tunnel which has already been approved at DPC level?

QUESTION No: 582/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Given the recent demolition of the Caleta Hotel, can the Government confirm when will the new hotel be expected to complete?

QUESTION No: 583/2023

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

How many claims filed with the Employment Tribunal are awaiting the appointment of a chairperson and when were those claims first filed?

QUESTION No: 584/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How does the Government propose to tackle the shortfall in the Royal Gibraltar Police's complement and its impact on policing?

QUESTION No: 585/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Are there concrete plans in place for the creation of a Young Offenders Institute?

QUESTION No: 586/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

When will the cohort of prison officers, in particular female officers, be increased?

QUESTION No: 587/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Has work commenced to establish a facility for effective rehabilitation work to take place regarding sex offenders?



QUESTION No: 588/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why the Income Tax office is asking for a Tax Specialist to be seconded from the private sector?

QUESTION No: 589/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the Minister for Taxation intends to present a Finance Bill in the 2024 Budget?

QUESTION No: 590/2023

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide an update as to Gibraltar's removal from the FATF Grey List?

QUESTION No: 591/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

What is the government proposing in the context of its "thorough review" of the regime of the rental housing market?

QUESTION No: 592/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

How many rental homes are currently vacant broken down to number of rooms.

QUESTION No: 593/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

Please state how many properties are envisaged will be made available from the upper town area to individuals in the Housing Waiting List.

QUESTION No: 594/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people were on the Medical A+ housing list at 15 November 2023?



QUESTION No: 595/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people were on the Medical A housing list at 15 November 2023?

QUESTION No: 596/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the persons on the Medical A list at 15 November 2023 how long have those persons been classified as A providing a breakdown of dates or time on the A list in respect of each?

QUESTION No: 597/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people were on the Medical B housing list at 15 November 2023?

QUESTION No: 598/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the persons on the Medical B list at 15 November 2023 how long have those persons been classified as B providing a breakdown of dates or time on the B list in respect of each?

QUESTION No: 599/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people were on the Medical C housing list at 15 November 2023?

QUESTION No: 600/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the persons on the Medical C list at 15 November 2023 how long have those persons been classified as C providing a breakdown of dates or time on the C list in respect of each?



QUESTION No: 601/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people were on the Social Category A housing list at 15 November 2023?

QUESTION No: 602/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Of the persons on the Social Category A list at 15 November 2023 how long have those persons been classified as Social A providing a breakdown of dates or time on the Social A list in respect of each?

QUESTION No: 603/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

Who has purchased St Andrew's Church?

QUESTION No: 604/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What is the expected commencement and completion dates for the works to the interior of the Parliament building?

QUESTION No: 605/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide a detailed breakdown of the number of individuals who have been referred for speech and language therapy services through the Gibraltar Health Authority in the following financial years?

1. Financial year 2012/13
2. Financial year 2013/14
3. Financial year 2014/15
4. Financial year 2015/16
5. Financial year 2016/17
6. Financial year 2017/18
7. Financial year 2018/19
8. Financial year 2019/21
9. Financial year 2021/22
10. Financial year 2022/23
11. Financial year 2023/2024 to date so far



QUESTION No: 606/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide a detailed breakdown of the number of individuals who have received speech and language therapy services through the Gibraltar Health Authority in the following financial years?

1. Financial year 2012/13
2. Financial year 2013/14
3. Financial year 2014/15
4. Financial year 2015/16
5. Financial year 2016/17
6. Financial year 2017/18
7. Financial year 2018/19
8. Financial year 2019/21
9. Financial year 2021/22
10. Financial year 2022/23
11. Financial year 2023/2024 to date so far

QUESTION No: 607/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government specify the number of Speech and Language Therapists employed or contracted by the Gibraltar Health Authority for the following years, providing a breakdown by specialisation (eg.Paediatric, Adult)?

1. Financial year 2012/13
2. Financial year 2013/14
3. Financial year 2014/15
4. Financial year 2015/16
5. Financial year 2016/17
6. Financial year 2017/18
7. Financial year 2018/19
8. Financial year 2019/21
9. Financial year 2021/22
10. Financial year 2022/23
11. Financial year 2023/2024 to date so far



QUESTION No: 608/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide details on any plans to expand both day and overnight respite facilities for the service users of the Care Agency and their families?

QUESTION No: 609/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government provide clarification on the standard criteria for individuals applying for the position of care worker within the Care Agency, along with detailed information regarding the duration and specifications of the trainee care worker course managed by the Care Agency?

QUESTION No: 610/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

Could the Government share whether a study has been conducted projecting the anticipated number of new entrants into St Bernadette's Centre within the next 5 to 10 years, if so, could the Government provide the relevant figures?

QUESTION No: 611/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs A Sanchez

In relation to subcontracted care and the delivery of this care to the service users of the Care Agency and the ERS, can the Government confirm what entity would be responsible for the vetting of these subcontracted carers?

QUESTION No: 612/2023

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the government explain what it means by its wish to develop an "ecotherapy approach within healthcare with green prescribing forming a core part of solutions and interventions offered by health providers"?



QUESTION No: 613/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What is the current pathway within the GHA for seeking a diagnosis for a child who is suspected of having Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?

QUESTION No: 614/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What is the current pathway within the GHA for seeking a diagnosis for an adult who is suspected of having Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?

QUESTION No: 615/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How many psychiatrists are currently permanently employed by the GHA?

QUESTION No: 616/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How many psychiatrists who are qualified to treat children are currently permanently employed by the GHA?

QUESTION No: 617/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What are the current average waiting times for a child to see a psychiatrist at the GHA?

QUESTION No: 618/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What are the current average waiting times for an adult to see a psychiatrist at the GHA?



QUESTION No: 619/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What is the current average waiting time at the GHA for cataract surgery to take place once a patient has been referred for that procedure?

QUESTION No: 620/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

In cases where cataract surgery is needed on both eyes by a patient, what is the average waiting time at the GHA between surgery taking place on the first eye and surgery taking place on the second eye?

QUESTION No: 621/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Has the 4th surgical theatre within St. Bernard's Hospital been used to carry out surgery yet?

QUESTION No: 622/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How many dentists are currently contracted by the GHA?

QUESTION No: 623/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What types of contracts are the cohort of GHA dentists employed under?

QUESTION No: 624/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Is it still the expectation that the GHA's dental services waiting list will address the backlog for check-ups for children by the end of January 2024?



QUESTION No: 625/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Is phone resuscitation, whereby the emergency operator will counsel a caller as to steps to be taken to resuscitate an individual, practiced in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 626/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How many calls, on average, per month are received by the GHA's Ambulance Service?

QUESTION No: 627/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Where are the calls made to the Ambulance Service received?

QUESTION No: 628/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Are there currently enough paramedics available at any given time to operate enough ambulances, to appropriately service Gibraltar's needs?

QUESTION No: 629/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Are there currently enough ambulances available to appropriately service Gibraltar's needs?

QUESTION No: 630/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Is the entire GHA ambulance fleet currently deemed safe and in good working condition to be on the road?



QUESTION No: 631/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Is there a maintenance programme in place in respect of the ambulance fleet and can this be outlined?

QUESTION No: 632/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

In the event that an ambulance breaks down out of normal business hours, what plans are in place for its retrieval?

QUESTION No: 633/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

Is there a fleet plan for the replacement of ambulances?

QUESTION No: 634/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

When was the last time an ambulance was purchased by the GHA?

QUESTION No: 635/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How many new ambulances have been ordered?

QUESTION No: 636/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What is the total cost of the new GHA ambulances which have been ordered?

QUESTION No: 637/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

When does the GHA expect to take delivery of the new ambulances ordered?



QUESTION No: 638/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What is the minimum staff safety level necessary within the A & E department at St. Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 639/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

How many staff are currently on shift at any given time within the A & E department of St. Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 640/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What is the current protocol for transporting a patient under the care of St. Bernard's Hospital to a hospital in Spain?

QUESTION No: 641/2023

Questioner: The Hon Mrs J Ladislaus

What contingency plans are in place in respect of the transfer of patients from St. Bernard's Hospital to hospitals in Spain in the event of a no deal Brexit?

QUESTION No: 642/2023

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Would the honourable member please confirm the total number of vehicles owned or used by the GEA as part of its fleet and the total number actually operational/in a serviceable condition?

QUESTION No: 643/2023

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QUESTION No: 644/2023

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Would the honourable member please confirm the number of unfilled job vacancies within the GEA, by section?

QUESTION No: 645/2023

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

What is the GEA's capacity (within the grid) to cope with the total load demand if every estate were to offer EV charge points?

QUESTION No: 646/2023

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Would the honourable member please confirm the number of sub-contracted companies the GEA has engaged in the last financial year and also in the financial year 2017/2018?

QUESTION No: 647/2023

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How much will the purchase of the Northumbrian Water shares cost & how will it be funded?

QUESTION No: 648/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the new development plan will be published.

QUESTION No: 649/2023

Questioner: The Hon D Bossino

When will the review on the workings of the Development and Planning Commission be expected to be completed?



QUESTION No: 650/2023

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Will the Government or ERS be organising a new process by which residents of Mount Alvernia are asked to express their views as to whether they would like to stay at Mount Alvernia or move to the new Rooke residential home?