

13 December, 2024

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 13th December 2024.



John B Reyes
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1014/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details, together with costs and timeframe, in respect of the new playing surface it hopes to provide for the Hockey Pitch at Bayside Sport Complex?

QUESTION No: 1015/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of the sporting venues and accommodation facilities it will provide to the Gibraltar Netball Association in connection with their hosting the forthcoming International Games in 2025?

QUESTION No: 1016/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Is Government satisfied that the new Shooting Range and Ancillary facilities to be provided at Ottawa Chambers, 20 Dudley Ward Way, are/will be fully compliant with the International Regulations set out by the Governing Body of the Sport?



QUESTION No: 1017/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide updates on the progress made in the last quarter of this year in respect of possible plans to provide Pickleball sports facilities in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 1018/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of costs in respect of problems recently experienced at Lathbury Sports Complex Swimming Pool, indicating how long the pool was out of use whilst repairs were carried out?

QUESTION No: 1019/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

What program does the Government have in place (if any) for the cleaning of Ocean Village and Marina Bay from oil spillage and rubbish pollution?

QUESTION No: 1020/2024

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 of 1st of January to 30th November 2024, broken down by the source from where the electricity was generated from.

QUESTION No: 1021/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister outline the individuals/departments who will be involved in the National Focal Point For Tobacco Control's intended consultation to explore the opportunity to strengthen tobacco legislation in Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 1022/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA's zero tolerance policy extend to its own staff's treatment of one another and of service users?



QUESTION No: 1023/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA have guidelines in place as to how its staff is to deal with service users and the public; is training in place for staff dealing with service users and the public and, if so, how often does that training take place and in what format?

QUESTION No: 1024/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are all medical records for GHA service users held electronically and do they include test results? If so, since when have medical records been held electronically and are any records still held in hard copy?

QUESTION No: 1025/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

On average, how long do scan results take to be received by the GHA from Spanish medical providers? What period must lapse before outstanding results are chased by the GHA?

QUESTION No: 1026/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA have a platform where medical professionals are able to access clinical practice guidelines? If so:

- (i) Since when has that platform been up and running, and what preceded it;
- (ii) What was the cost of setting it up; and
- (iii) How is it maintained and by whom?

QUESTION No: 1027/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are in-patients of St Bernard's Hospital given meal options between which to pick, or is it the case that they must eat the one option on offer on that specific day?



QUESTION No: 1028/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the average monthly cost of meal provision to in-patients at St Bernard's Hospital, broken down by month, from January 2019 to date?

QUESTION No: 1029/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Where is the wound clinic at the PCC located and is it located there throughout the year?

QUESTION No: 1030/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the GHA's Minor Injury Unit, which is/was located in A & E, still in place and, if so:

- (i) How many patients have been seen from 14th May 2023 to date;
- (ii) What was the average waiting time from triage to being seen between 14th May 2023 to date;
- (iii) What was the average waiting time from arrival to triage between 14th May 2023 to date;
- (iv) What was the average waiting time from being seen to discharge between 14th May 2023 to date; and
- (v) What was average total time spent at A & E by a service user who had been seen by the GHA's Minor Injury Unit between 14th May 2023 to date?

QUESTION No: 1031/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many staff, broken down by titles and responsibilities, make up the complement of staff of St Bernard's Hospital Intensive Care Unit?

QUESTION No: 1032/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the nurse-to-patient ratio at St Bernard's Hospital Intensive Care Unit?



QUESTION No: 1033/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 6 months, have there been any issues with staffing levels, or of a staffing nature, at the Intensive Care Unit of St Bernard's Hospital? If so, please outline:

- (i) The nature of those issues;
- (ii) whether there has been a resolution; and
- (iii) how long-standing those issues have been.

QUESTION No: 1034/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the average waiting time, broken down by month, for a child to see an ENT specialist at the GHA from the time of referral, to the first appointment with the ENT specialist, as from 1st October 2023 to date?

QUESTION No: 1035/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the average waiting time, broken down by month, for an adult to see an ENT specialist at the GHA from the time of referral, to the first appointment with the ENT specialist, as from 1st October 2023 to date?

QUESTION No: 1036/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Aside from negligence claims, how many claims have been issued against the GHA annually since 2011, broken down by year? Of those claims, how many:

- (i) Concluded in an out of court settlement;
- (ii) Concluded following a trial;
- (iii) Were discontinued by the Claimant(s);
- (iv) Were struck out by the Court?



QUESTION No: 1037/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How much has the Government of Gibraltar paid out since 2011, broken down by year, in respect of:

- (i) Out of Court settlements following pre-action letters to the GHA and/or its legal representatives in respect of claims against the GHA, excluding negligence claims;
- (ii) Out of Court settlements following discontinued legal proceedings against the GHA in respect of claims, excluding negligence claims; and
- (iii) Court Orders arising from claims against the GHA, excluding negligence claims?

QUESTION No: 1038/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many domestics staff and labourers make up the GHA's complement of industrial grade employees?

QUESTION No: 1039/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many cleaners does the GHA employ:

- (i) On a full-time contract; and
- (ii) On a part-time contract

and how many cleaners are on the GHA's supply list?

QUESTION No: 1040/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What are the working hours for GHA employed cleaners who are assigned to work at St Bernard's Hospital if:

- (i) They are on a part-time contract; and
- (ii) they are on a full-time contract?



QUESTION No: 1041/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is there a pay scale in place in respect of the GHA's Domestic staff and Labourers, which reflects experience and employee loyalty to the GHA?

QUESTION No: 1042/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Were Domestic Staff and Labourers, who were employed by the GHA during the COVID-19 pandemic recognised for their efforts in the wake of the pandemic? If so, in which way have their efforts been recognised?

QUESTION No: 1043/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide details as to the exact responsibilities that the GHA's Domestic staff and Labourers are assigned, to include responsibilities which they may take on themselves to assist other GHA staff.

QUESTION No: 1044/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What equipment are GHA employed cleaners provided with to carry out their responsibilities within the Children's Primary Care Centre, the Primary Care Centre and St Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 1045/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How often are operating theatres at St Bernard's Hospital cleaned?

QUESTION No: 1046/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

When did the GHA first become aware of the issues being raised by UNITE's industrial-grade members who are employees of the GHA, and who have taken industrial action as from 29th November 2024? Please provide specifics as to the nature of the issues raised.



QUESTION No: 1047/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How have the recent strikes by the GHA's Domestic staff and Labourers impacted upon the running of St Bernard's Hospital and service users?

QUESTION No: 1048/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the cost to the GHA's budget of agreeing to the 10% allowance increase which UNITE's industrial grade employees are seeking?

QUESTION No: 1049/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Could the Minister kindly provide a breakdown, to the best of the Government's knowledge, of the statistics for companies incorporated per month in Gibraltar separating out the companies whose principal trading business takes place in Gibraltar versus those whose principal business takes place abroad? Please provide these for the years 2021/2022 to date.

QUESTION No: 1050/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise whether Zero Carbon Footprint Company Limited has made, or intends to make, a loan to, or purchased loan notes issued by North Mole BESS One Limited and if so in what amount and on what terms?

QUESTION No: 1051/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What is the current GHA insurance cover limit and does it operate on an annual basis in respect of claims arising or made in any given year and if not how does it currently operate?



QUESTION No: 1052/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Has the GHA Accountability Agreement been concluded and if not what is the state of play in relation to the same and if concluded will it be published?

QUESTION No: 1053/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Does the Government still intend to convene a COVID public inquiry?

QUESTION No: 1054/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government confirm whether reasonable adjustments will be implemented for individuals with supported needs or disabilities at this year's Three Kings Cavalcade?

QUESTION No: 1055/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

As part of the National Disability Strategy's Private Sector Strand, does the Government plan to provide training on disability and supported needs to the private sector? If so, can they confirm the intended scope and reach of this training?

QUESTION No: 1056/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Is the Government satisfied with the way the Careers Fair was run and has it received any feedback on how the event could be better improved in future?

QUESTION No: 1057/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Does the Government hold statistics on how many young people have experienced violence or control in relationships?



QUESTION No: 1058/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Does the Government have plans to replace the public paving bricks on Corral Road following the works carried out just opposite the bus stop at the Market Place Terminus?

QUESTION No: 1059/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

How long has the barrier at Jews Gate in the Upper Rock Nature Reserve been broken for?

QUESTION No: 1060/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm how long the cyclist electronic counter has been broken for?

QUESTION No: 1061/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

When will the Government begin works to enhance and beautify the Waterport Fountain and create a 2-way vehicular carriage, as part of its phase 3 of the Active Traffic Strategy?

QUESTION No: 1062/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

It has been reported that the taxi service is having issues with its phoning system, a service which is provided by a government owned entity, is the Minister aware and if so, what is being done to resolve the issue?

QUESTION No: 1063/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm whether it has plans to amend legislation, to make it a requirement for taxi licence holders to be members of the taxi association?



QUESTION No: 1064/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm what it will do with the proceeds generated from the new initiative relating to the sale of personalised number plates? Which Government department or entity (if any) will these proceeds go to and how will these funds be used?

QUESTION No: 1065/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government update this House in respect of the talks/discussions it has held with Teachers' Representatives this academic year, that is since September 2024, arising out of teachers' requests to review behaviour and discipline issues in schools?

QUESTION No: 1066/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide detailed information to this House in respect of its intentions to install a 'pouch' system to control the use of mobile phones in local schools, together with details of estimated costs?

QUESTION No: 1067/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Which company, or entity was responsible for the supply of the bicycle tie-ups distributed around town and beyond?

QUESTION No: 1068/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What measures are being taken and have been taken to safeguard marine and seausers from the public health risks of raw sewage pollution in the harbour following the recent sewer overflow/outflow incident in November 2024?

QUESTION No: 1069/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What measures are being taken and have been taken to 5 December 2024 to combat the raw sewage pollution in the harbour following the recent sewer overflow/outflow incident in November 2024?



QUESTION No: 1070/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What were the costs of clearance or construction works in the Northern Defences project from 2015 to date and to whom has money been paid in that respect listing the names of the particular entities, companies, persons or contractors and the total sums paid to each?

QUESTION No: 991/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In relation to the drugs and alcohol rehabilitation services 'dry house,' could the Government state how many police reports have been received regarding anti-social behaviour connected to dwellings directly adjacent to the 'dry house'?

QUESTION No: 992/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

With regard to the 'dry house' for drugs and alcohol rehabilitation services, could the Government state how many times the police have been required to attend incidents of anti-social behaviour or similar disturbances, including calls made to the police, in dwellings directly adjacent to the 'dry house' since its establishment?

QUESTION No: 993/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide specifics as to what the plans are for a new police station and a timeline as to when those plans are expected to come to fruition?

QUESTION No: 1071/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Further to the answer to question W148/2024 can the Government advise if there was any exceptional or advance receipt of Company Tax included in the £30 million reported as collected in October 2024.

QUESTION No: 1072/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Company Tax collected in the following month?

November 2024



QUESTION No: 1073/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the amount of Income Tax collected in the following month?

November 2024

QUESTION No: 1074/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are Government still intending to proceed with the so-called Property Tax Bill namely the Income Tax (Amendment No.2) Bill 2024?

QUESTION No: 1075/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the exact number of people, as of 5th December 2024:

- Who have license agreements for a room in either Queen's Hotel Hostel or Sunrise Hostel?
- Who are residing or living in Queen's Hotel Hostel and Sunrise Hostel?

QUESTION No: 1076/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the current number of applicants on the housing waiting lists broken down as shown in Table H.1 of the Government website.

QUESTION No: 1077/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the current number of applicants on the housing pre-list broken down as shown in Table H.2 of the Government website.

QUESTION No: 1078/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the current number of applicants on the housing waiting lists who have been allocated a flat broken down as shown in Table H.7 of the Government website.



QUESTION No: 1079/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide updated information of the number of termination notices issued by month in 2024 as shown in Table H.9 of the Government website.

QUESTION No: 1080/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Of the termination notices issued in 2024 how many have resulted in the flats being vacated?

QUESTION No: 1081/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the Government have a policy whereby public housing stock can be refurbished by private landlords in exchange for the decanting of tenants from the landlords' property into the refurbished flats, as raised by Action for Housing in its press release of 6th November and if so, what is it?

QUESTION No: 1082/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many residents of the Queens Hotel are on the Government Housing list?

QUESTION No: 1083/2024

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

In its Manifesto the Government promise to examine how to resume the Washington Internships for young people. Has this exercise been carried out, and if so, what is the position and when can these young people expect these internships to resume, if at all?

QUESTION No: 1084/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many sales (assignments or conveyances) of property have been registered at the Land Registry in the period 2014-2024 broken down by the number of sales in each calendar year?



QUESTION No: 1085/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many Deeds have been registered at the Land Registry in the period 2014-2024 broken down by the number of Deeds in each calendar year?

QUESTION No: 1086/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

When was the NNO - the Intergovernmental committee for a non-negotiated outcome established?

QUESTION No: 1087/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why in answer to W157/2024 accrued interest is not shown for Government debt or Government company debt?

QUESTION No: 1088/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the source of the £100,000 increase in the Sinking Fund at 1 October 2024?

QUESTION No: 1089/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 November 2024

QUESTION No: 1090/2024

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 dates?

1 November 2024



QUESTION No: 1091/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if the £75 million 5 year Gibraltar Government Debenture was repaid on 10 October 2024 or has it been refinanced with the Gibraltar Savings Bank and if so on what terms?

QUESTION No: 1092/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government confirm the total nominal amount of Gibraltar Government Debentures in issue at 31 October 2024?

QUESTION No: 1093/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government provide copies of the terms sheets/prospectus for all Gibraltar Government Debentures in issue at 31 October 2024?

QUESTION No: 1094/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise when the interest rate structure of Gibraltar Government Debentures was decreased and who gave the instruction to do so?

QUESTION No: 1095/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise the interest rate structure of the Gibraltar Government Debentures in issue at 31 October 2024 broken down by issue and amount with a comparison to that as at 31 January 2024?

QUESTION No: 1096/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why GSBA has issued £16 million of 20 year debentures to the Gibraltar Savings Bank?



QUESTION No: 1097/2024

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why the 25 July 2044 debenture issued by GSBA shows a nominal value of £10,457,866.15 at 30 September 2024 as held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as opposed to £10,500,000 at 31 August 2024; does this debenture repay capital?