



21 February, 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 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

John B Reyes  
Clerk to the Parliament

### **QUESTION No: 95/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide clarification on whether asbestos has been identified in the Bruce's Farm building or the surrounding site?

### **QUESTION No: 96/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government disclose whether there are any plans or discussions with third parties concerning the privatisation of the services provided in Bruce's Farm?

### **QUESTION No: 97/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Has the Government made any plans or engaged in discussions with third parties regarding the potential sale of the Bruce's Farm building or the surrounding site?



**QUESTION No: 98/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Will the Drugs Advisory Council be building on from the work undertaken by the Drug Strategy Committee established in 2013, and that of the Advisory Council, setup in 2018?

**QUESTION No: 99/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government provide details on the role and purpose of the Drugs Advisory Council that has only recently been reconvened?

**QUESTION No: 100/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

A commitment was made by the Government to “hold a running event by world-renowned London Marathon”. When does the Government intend to host such an event?

**QUESTION No: 101/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

With regards to the announced London Marathon event, can the Government explain whether there is a process for attracting such an event to take place in Gibraltar and if so, what plans do you have in place to successfully achieve this?

**QUESTION No: 102/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Government confirm how it intends to market and promote Gibraltar as a tourist destination, in order to increase the uptake of visits to the upper rock nature reserve to pre-covid levels?

**QUESTION No: 103/2024**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of what career developments and future pathways are readily available for young people who leave school between the ages of 16 to 18 and who do not pursue further or higher education?



**QUESTION No: 104/2024**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can the Government provide details as to how many young people in Gibraltar between the ages of 16-25 are currently not in employment, education or training, broken down by gender?

**QUESTION No: 105/2024**

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Has there been a review of existing proposals related to the prospective management of Europa Sports Complex since 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024?

**QUESTION No: 106/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government clarify whether the nurses station in St Bernadette's has been relocated in the past two years and if so, can clarification be provided on whether the new designated room is equipped with all necessary amenities, including a panic button?

**QUESTION No: 107/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Minister provide information regarding the recent Scabies outbreak at Hillside's Dementia Care Facility, including whether the source of the outbreak has been identified, and what measures have been implemented to prevent similar outbreaks in the future?

**QUESTION No: 108/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Has the Government made any plans or engaged in discussions with third parties regarding the potential sale of the Care Agency Building in Governor's Parade?

**QUESTION No: 109/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government disclose the total number of complaints received by the Care Agency from family members or the general public regarding domiciliary care?



**QUESTION No: 110/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government furnish a breakdown of the existing vacant posts in the Care Agency and Elderly Residential Services, including details on the position and the duration each post has been unfilled?

**QUESTION No: 111/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government specify the number of care workers employed directly by the Care Agency who are on fixed term contracts of less than 2 years?

**QUESTION No: 112/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide information on the number of permanent and pensionable vacancies for Carers that have been advertised and filled directly via the Care Agency for the following years:

- (a) 2018-2019
- (b) 2019-2020
- (c) 2021-2022
- (d) 2022-2023
- (e) 2023-2024 up to the current date?

**QUESTION No: 113/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide a breakdown of the number of care workers directly employed by the Care Agency and the number subcontracted through external companies, along with the names of each subcontracting company?



**QUESTION No: 114/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide a detailed breakdown of all subcontracted entities currently providing carers to the Care Agency and the Elderly Residential Services (ERS), including the value of each contract and payments made to each entity for the following years:

- (a) 2018-2019
- (b) 2019-2021
- (c) 2021-2022
- (d) 2022-2023
- (e) 2023-2024 up to the current date?

**QUESTION No: 115/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

How many contracts have been entered into between 2012-2023 between the Govt/Care Agency with any private entity for the provision of care services providing:

- (a) list of those contracts with;
- (b) an overview of services provided and the value of the consideration paid in respect of each;
- (c) copy of the service agreements and corresponding tender documents of each.

**QUESTION No: 116/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

How are subcontracted agencies providing services to the Care Agency independently monitored and regulated to ensure standard of services?

**QUESTION No: 117/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

How many contracts are in place at today's date between the Govt and/or GHA and/or Care Agency and/or any other Govt-owned entity with Meddoc Limited for the provision of services?



**QUESTION No: 118/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

How many contracts have been entered into between 2012-2023 between the Govt and/or GHA and/or Care Agency and/or any other Govt-owned entity with Meddoc Limited for the provision of services providing:

- (a) list of those contracts with;
- (b) an overview of services provided and the value of the consideration paid in respect of each.

**QUESTION No: 119/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In respect of the MedDoc agreements referred to in the previous question would the Government provide a copy of the service agreements and corresponding tender documents for each to the Opposition?

**QUESTION No: 120/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Minister provide a breakdown of individual overtime expenses for the Care Agency and ERS, including grade, post, and department, for the following years:

- (a) 2021-2022
- (b) 2022-2023
- (c) 2023-2024 up to the current date.

**QUESTION No: 121/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Regarding the recently appointed Finance Director for the Care Agency, as confirmed by the Honourable Minister in the Parliamentary session of December 2023, could the Government specify whether this individual receives remuneration from another department/agency or Government owned company other than the Care Agency, and if so, furnish further details?



**QUESTION No: 122/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Minister provide an update on the current waiting time for referrals for full assessments of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at the Gibraltar Health Authority (GHA)?

**QUESTION No: 123/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the current number of children aged 0-18 in Gibraltar who hold a diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

**QUESTION No: 124/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the current number of children aged 0-18 in Gibraltar diagnosed with Developmental Language Disorder?

**QUESTION No: 125/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide information on the current number of children aged 0-18 in Gibraltar who hold a dual diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Language Disorder?

**QUESTION No: 126/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Is the Government contemplating the release of guidance notes on the deputyship application process and are there initiatives in place to support parents applying for deputyship as their children reach maturity, aiming to alleviate financial burden related to fees and legal costs?

**QUESTION No: 127/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government please state where members of the public can find the criteria used by Government agencies to decide whether to propose an individual for appointment to the role of Guardian Ad Litem funded by taxpayer money?



**QUESTION No: 128/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government please state what criteria (including experience and qualifications) is used by Government agencies when making a decision as to whether an individual is suitable for appointment to the role of Guardian Ad Litem funded by taxpayer money?

**QUESTION No: 129/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government disclose the number of Guardian Ad Litem appointed in court cases over the last 2 years, who have either been paid for by Government agencies and/or by legal assistance?

**QUESTION No: 130/2024**

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Does the Government have any plans to diversify from the sale of fossil fuel trade and move away to cleaner fuels like ammonia, in line with the reported trends from the global maritime industry?

**QUESTION No: 131/2024**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of January to 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, broken down by the source from where the electricity was generated from for the following years:

- (i) 2019;
- (ii) 2020;
- (iii) 2021; and
- (iv) 2022.

**QUESTION No: 132/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How long are the time slots currently available for a child being seen by a GHA dentist, and are all slots being filled up?





**QUESTION No: 133/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many Dental Nurses are currently employed by the GHA?

**QUESTION No: 134/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many service users requiring prosthetic limbs are there currently under the care of the GHA, and how many of those service users are being sent to external providers to have those prosthetic limbs fitted and maintained?

**QUESTION No: 135/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In the past 6 months have there been any vacancies opened within the GHA for the role of Occupational Therapist and, if so, have those vacancies been opened to the wider public or only opened internally?

**QUESTION No: 136/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many service users have called 111 for mental health reasons and been referred to the Crisis Intervention Team in the past 12 months, broken down by month?

**QUESTION No: 137/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Where within the A & E Department of St. Bernard's Hospital is the Mental Health A & E situated and what does it consist of in terms of facilities and staff?

**QUESTION No: 138/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What stock taking controls does the GHA have in place within its departments to ensure that they operate within the requirements of Stores Instructions?



**QUESTION No: 139/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister confirm whether all service contracts in respect to all services contracted out by the GHA are up to date and, if not, give the reasons for this?

**QUESTION No: 140/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister provide breakdowns, by department, of the amount of arrears owed to GHA departments for services provided externally for the years:

2016/2017;  
2017/2018;  
2018/2019;  
2019/2020;  
2020/2021;  
2021/2022;  
2022/2023.

**QUESTION No: 141/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the administration and management of annual leave being undertaken in adherence to General Orders within every department of the GHA?

**QUESTION No: 142/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What mechanisms are in place within the GHA, by department, for the approval of overtime?



**QUESTION No: 143/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many GHA employees whose basic salary is more than the set threshold stipulated in Agenda for Change of £52,492.82 for eligibility to claim overtime payments claimed and received overtime payments in the following years, and how much in total were those individuals paid?

2011/2012;  
2012/2013;  
2013/2014;  
2014/2015;  
2015/2016;  
2016/2017;  
2017/2018;  
2018/2019;  
2019/2020;  
2020/2021;  
2021/2022;  
2022/2023;  
2023 to date.

**QUESTION No: 144/2024**

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Will the refitting contract of the ambulance due to arrive in February this year go out to tender?

**QUESTION No: 145/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

Who is supplying the BESS batteries to the Government?

**QUESTION No: 146/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

What are the unitary and total purchase costs, including delivery and installation and all other associated costs, of the BESS batteries?



**QUESTION No: 147/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

What is the agreement the Government has come to with the supplier of the BESS batteries in relation to guarantees and warranties?

**QUESTION No: 148/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

What life span do the BESS batteries purchased as back-up to the power station have?

**QUESTION No: 149/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

How will the BESS batteries be maintained and at what cost?

**QUESTION No: 150/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

Will the battery maintenance go out to tender and, if so, when? In the event that a particular party has already been nominated, please could the honourable Minister provide details of said party.

**QUESTION No: 151/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

Can the Honourable Minister please provide the House with the number of power cuts Gibraltar has suffered per annum since and including 2020? Please break the official figure down in to Power Station and Distribution network faults on the one hand and unplanned and planned maintenance works on the other, both on a per annum basis.

**QUESTION No: 152/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

What is the percentage of unburnt liquified natural gas to actual LNG burnt which escapes from our power station on average per annum since it commenced servicing the people of Gibraltar with electricity?



**QUESTION No: 153/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

Have AquaGib's health and safety plans for potential incidents at the Power's Drive Tunnel been upgraded since the most recent incident in July 2022, which could have resulted in the loss of life of a firefighter?

**QUESTION No: 154/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

Have AquaGib's contingency plans for potential incidents at the Power's Drive Tunnel been upgraded since the most recent incident in July 2022 and, if so, what are they?

**QUESTION No: 155/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

On what dates have meetings taken place with stakeholders in Casemates Square with regards to its refurbishment and, broadly speaking, who have these stakeholders included?

**QUESTION No: 156/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

What progress has been made with a view to works commencing on the refurbishment of Casemates?

**QUESTION No: 157/2024**

Questioner: The Hon C A Sacarello

When was the Main Street Consultative Group formed, who does it comprise and what are its main objectives?

**QUESTION No: 158/2024**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What plans does the Government have in respect of early detection of Alzheimer's and Dementia?



**QUESTION No: 159/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

When will the Fireworks (Control) Act 2023 be commenced?

**QUESTION No: 160/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many COVID Boosters have been administered by GHA in 2022 and 2023 respectively providing the figure for each year?

**QUESTION No: 161/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Will the Government agree to make the provision of COVID boosters available to the public at pharmacies?

**QUESTION No: 162/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government confirm the number of births occurring in Gibraltar in each calendar year from 2018 to 2023 inclusive broken down by calendar year?

**QUESTION No: 163/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What is the name of the pharmacy referred to at paragraph 4.3.2 [p266] of the Principal Auditor's Reports for 2016-17 and 2017-18 and what is the name of the entity or the persons that own it and the identity of its ultimate beneficial owners if an entity?

**QUESTION No: 164/2024**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has the government come to a decision with regard to the location of the accommodation centre which was originally announced as being earmarked for Europa Point?



**QUESTION No: 165/2024**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Can the Minister for Housing please provide more detail as to how the 'rent and repair' scheme works?

**QUESTION No: 166/2024**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the current number of void and unallocated government flats broken down into the duration they have been void for and the number of properties beyond economic repair?

**QUESTION No: 167/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Do the Government intend to prescribe reasons for the purposes of s34(2) of the Housing Act?

**QUESTION No: 168/2024**

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide an update on the progress of the proposed new elderly care home at the Rooke site, including details of the potential completion date and the entity designated to manage and deliver these services?

**QUESTION No: 169/2024**

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 January 2024

**QUESTION No: 170/2024**

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

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

1 January 2024

**QUESTION No: 171/2024**

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise if it has sought legal advice in respect of its compliance with section 12(b) of the Gibraltar Savings Bank Act and if so from whom and when?

**QUESTION No: 172/2024**

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise whether it has taken any legal advice following the observation by the Principal Auditor (3.2.41) to the Financial Secretary on 5 December 2023 that ‘ the arrangement approved by the previous Financial Secretary for the royalties to be retained by the Gibraltar National Mint Limited, constitutes diverting revenue from the Consolidated Fund and contravenes section 67 of the Gibraltar Constitution’?

**QUESTION No: 173/2024**

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise whether it agrees with the Principal Auditor (3.2.42) that given the administrative support provided by public sector employees to the Gibraltar National Mint Limited that ‘an appropriately costed management fee’ should be charged to the company?

**QUESTION No: 174/2024**

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why and for what consideration has the Gibraltar National Mint Limited transferred its ownership of shares in the Gibraltar International Mint Limited to Gibraltar Community Initiatives Limited?

**QUESTION No: 175/2024**

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise why in the analysis of the Government’s Liquid Reserves at 31 March 2017 in the Principal Auditor’s Report p 514 there is listed an account at Paypal with a balance of £500,536.94’?





**QUESTION No: 176/2024**

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is the Government aware that GBIC Ltd is defaulting in its payments to its sub-contractors?

**QUESTION No: 177/2024**

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Has the Government or any Government owned entity, the Savings Bank or Credit Finance used, spent, contributed or loaned monies towards the feasibility, planning, development or proposals towards the construction of the proposed new Victoria Stadium from 1 October 2022 to date and if so how much, to whom, when and in respect of what?