



21 May, 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 Tuesday 21st May 2024.

John B Reyes
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 367/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Is the Government still exploring the possibility of providing free childcare for children over nine months of age?

QUESTION No: 368/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

As per Government Press Release 244/2024, could the Government confirm when the consultation about the possible integration of the Care Agency into the GHA Board commenced? Additionally, could they clarify if the consultation is still ongoing and who was or is involved in this consultation?

QUESTION No: 369/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In relation to Press Release 244/2024, could the Government confirm whether senior management at the Care Agency and the ERS were advised about the possible integration before the publication of this Government Press Release?



QUESTION No: 370/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

As per Government press release 244/2024, could the Government please clarify the cost, if any, to the taxpayer of Mr. Cumming's advisory role to the Minister for Health moving forward, inclusive of all allowances and additional benefits in kind?

QUESTION No: 371/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In situations where the Boat House location currently used for respite services for individuals under 16 does not meet the needs and requirements of some service users for various reasons, can the Government confirm what alternative locations and solutions are being offered to families for the delivery of respite services for those under the age of 16?

QUESTION No: 372/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm if the hoist at the Boat House has experienced any malfunctions within the last 12 months? Additionally, can they provide information on its current functionality status and specify the dates and duration during which it was not working correctly?

QUESTION No: 373/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Has senior-level management in the GHA, ERS, PALs, and/or Human Resources within these departments/agencies received any concerns or complaints regarding clinical practices, governance, and/or safeguarding of residents at any of the ERS sites/facilities?

QUESTION No: 374/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide clarification on the following:

- (a) The number of TUPE transfers offered to staff members with ERS or Care Agency contracts to the GHA.
- (b) The number of these transfers that have been accepted and signed?



QUESTION No: 375/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government confirm when the official recruitment process for the vacancies of Finance Director of the Care Agency and Finance and Procurement Advisor to the Ministry of Health and Business will commence? Additionally, could they clarify if these positions will be advertised as two separate vacancies?

QUESTION No: 376/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide information regarding the Donations Fund at the ERS, including:

- (a) How it is managed;
- (b) The sources of these donations;
- (c) The purpose of this fund;
- (d) The policies and guidelines governing this Donation Fund, along with the date of implementation.

QUESTION No: 377/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide confirmation whether any individuals employed by the Government, Government agencies, or Government-owned companies have been under investigation in the past 12 months regarding the Donation Fund at the ERS?

QUESTION No: 378/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Does the Government have any plans to relocate any of the wards from Ocean Views to St Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 379/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the total number of patients admitted into Ocean Views from September 2023, broken down by months?



QUESTION No: 380/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government furnish the total number of residents in John Cochrane Ward for the following dates, delineated by the count of residents at the outset of each month from September 1, 2023, to May 1, 2024 (including the figures up to present date)? Additionally, could they provide the total capacity of this facility?

QUESTION No: 381/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide information on whether there have been any instances of staff walkouts or industrial action at any of the ERS sites or facilities from January 2024 to the present date?

QUESTION No: 382/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government furnish the following information for the Mount Alvernia, Hillside, John Cochrane, and John Macintosh Wing ERS facilities for all years from 2019 to the present date, delineated by months:

- (a) Total number of residents
- (b) Total number of residents who have unfortunately passed away over the course of the calendar year?

QUESTION No: 383/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

What percentage of the residents of each of the following ERS facilities (1) Mount Alvernia, (2) Hillside, (3) John Cochrane, and (4) the John Mackintosh Wing, passed away during the years of 2019 to 2024 to present date broken down by month of each calendar year, by location and by percentage of residents by each site?

QUESTION No: 384/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Is the Government planning to issue tenders for the management of the ERS facilities and sites? If so, could the Government specify which ones?



QUESTION No: 385/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Regarding the recent government tenders for respite services, home support, and domiciliary care, could the Government clarify who will be responsible for managing the care plans of each service user within the Care Agency and the ERS?

QUESTION No: 386/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In relation to the recent government tenders for respite services, home support, and domiciliary care, could the Government clarify who will be responsible for overseeing the professional standards and quality assurance of the services provided to service users of the Care Agency and the ERS? Will it be the subcontracted companies or the Care Agency and ERS themselves?

QUESTION No: 387/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In relation to the recent government tenders for respite services, home support, and domiciliary care, could the Government clarify who will monitor the standard of training delivered to those providing services to the service users of the Care Agency and ERS? Will it be the Care Agency/ERS directly or the subcontracted companies?

QUESTION No: 388/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide an assurance that the use of zero-hour contracts will be abolished as one of the conditions in the tender award process for the recent tendering of respite services, domiciliary care, and home support?

QUESTION No: 389/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government disclose the location where it envisions the respite services for individuals under the age of 16 to be offered once the tender process is completed? Additionally, can it confirm whether it foresees any of these services involving a cost to service users and their families?



QUESTION No: 390/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide further details on how subcontracting services, such as respite services, will be cost-effective for the taxpayer?

QUESTION No: 391/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government clarify whether it intends to issue additional tenders to subcontract services previously provided by the Care Agency and/or ERS? If so, could the Government specify which services they are planning to subcontract?

QUESTION No: 392/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government elaborate on any lessons learned from the Personal Injury Case of C Sullivan v. Care Agency, and detail any measures being taken to prevent similar instances of negligence from arising in the future?

QUESTION No: 393/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

In relation to the Personal Injury Case of C Sullivan v. Care Agency, could the Government confirm how the £10 million settlement is going to be/has been paid? Specifically, whether it will be paid in one instalment or multiple instalments, and from what source?

QUESTION No: 394/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please outline the shift patterns for all Allied Health Professionals within the GHA, broken down by Department.

QUESTION No: 395/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the envisaged timeline for all emergency calls to be handled by a single unified Control Room, and who will staff that Control Room?



QUESTION No: 396/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the cost of procuring the new Frontline Emergency Ambulance?

QUESTION No: 397/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

When will the new Frontline Emergency Ambulance and Rapid Response vehicles be operational?

QUESTION No: 398/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the protocol at the GHA in respect of chaperoning of patients upon examination by a Doctor?

QUESTION No: 399/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Has the Chaperoning protocol at the GHA proved to be effective in safeguarding:

- (i) Patients;
- (ii) Clinicians;
- (iii) Members of staff acting as chaperones?

QUESTION No: 400/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

When were the current prescription printers introduced to the GHA, and:

- (i) What was the cost of purchasing all the current prescription printers (inclusive of all resources necessary to run them such as ink and specialist paper);
- (ii) What is the cost of replacing a prescription printer;
- (iii) What has been the annual cost, broken down by year, of running the current prescription printers since they were introduced (to include the combined cost of ink, specialist paper and maintenance)?



QUESTION No: 401/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many service users have presented at the GHA with health complaints after having taken the drug Ozempic?

QUESTION No: 402/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Will there be recruitment of further Psychiatrists, Psychologists, and specialist Mental Health Nurses to staff the new Community Mental Health Facility?

QUESTION No: 403/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are there currently enough Psychiatrists employed by the GHA to implement the Autism Spectrum Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Pathways which are currently in the process of being drafted and, if not, what is being done to address any shortfall?

QUESTION No: 404/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the average waiting time for a service user to see a Psychologist at the GHA from the moment of referral, broken down by:

- (i) Adults; and
- (ii) Children and adolescents?

QUESTION No: 405/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the current complement of Psychologists sufficient to meet the demands placed on the service?

QUESTION No: 406/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the current number of full-time Psychologists employed by the GHA sufficient to meet the high demands placed on the service?



QUESTION No: 407/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the GHA's current complement of full-time Psychologists intact or has the complement been depleted because of long-term sick leave, disciplinaries, resignations or for any other reasons?

QUESTION No: 408/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many Psychologists are in employment at the GHA as from 13th May 2024? How many of those are employed:

- (i) On a full-time basis;
- (ii) On a part-time basis;
- (iii) As locums;
- (iv) On a consultancy basis?

QUESTION No: 409/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What is the average waiting time for a service user to see a Psychiatrist at the GHA from the moment of referral in respect of both:

- (i) Adults; and
- (ii) Children and adolescents?

QUESTION No: 410/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the GHA employ a full-time Psychiatrist with a specialism in children and adolescents?

QUESTION No: 411/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Of the Psychiatrists employed by the GHA, how many are:

- (i) on a full-time basis;
- (ii) on a part-time basis;
- (iii) as locums?



QUESTION No: 412/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the GHA's current complement of full-time Psychiatrists intact or has the complement been depleted because of long-term sick leave, disciplinaries, resignations, or for any other reasons?

QUESTION No: 413/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the current number of full-time Psychiatrists employed by the GHA sufficient to meet the high demands placed on the service?

QUESTION No: 414/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Minister comment as to whether the Government has recently commissioned any reports into the effects and impact of the neighbouring refinery on the health of Gibraltar's population? If not, are there plans to commission such a study?

QUESTION No: 415/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are the number of cancer diagnoses higher in Gibraltar than the average statistics for diagnoses in Europe and the rest of the world?



QUESTION No: 416/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What are the statistics in respect of cancer diagnoses in Gibraltar, broken down by adults and children and types of cancer for the years:

2011;
2012;
2013;
2014;
2015;
2016;
2017;
2018;
2019;
2020;
2021;
2022;
2023; and
2024 to date?

QUESTION No: 417/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Other than the Accountability Agreement referred to by the Honourable Minister, what other safeguards are envisaged to ensure the independence of the GHA from Government, considering the Minister's intended role as Chair of the GHA Board, the Chief Secretary's intended appointment as Vice-Chair and the Financial Secretary's appointment as a member?

QUESTION No: 418/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the cost of all the reviews undertaken in 2021 (broken down by area), which led to the Government's announcement of a 7-point plan to deliver a wide ranging series of reforms to achieve the "Reset, Restart and Recover" of the GHA, and were any external costs incurred? If so, please provide a breakdown of internally/externally incurred costs.

QUESTION No: 419/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What has been learnt from the implementation of the 2021 7-point plan and what changes have been prompted as a result?



QUESTION No: 420/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Specifically, what has occurred to prompt the recently announced restructure of the GHA?

QUESTION No: 421/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What are the costs, to date, of the recently announced restructure of the GHA and have any external costs been incurred in that regard? If so, please provide a breakdown of the internal and external costs incurred.

QUESTION No: 422/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Do the plans for the new Post Office at the site near the Rowing Clubs adhere to the 80:20 ratio for land to space as laid out in Section 4(1) of the Town Planning (Development Control) Regulations 2019?

QUESTION No: 423/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Will developers be advised by the GEA, in advance of selling their new properties, what the capacity allowance for EV charging their development will be afforded?

QUESTION No: 424/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

How will the GEA manage the security and equitability of supply in line with the increasing demands from privately owned EV chargers?

QUESTION No: 425/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the average time taken from the submission of Building control application to approval being granted?



QUESTION No: 426/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the average time taken from the submission of an Outline Application to permission being granted?

QUESTION No: 427/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What is the average time taken from the submission of a Full Planning Application to permission being granted?

QUESTION No: 428/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

What impact will the publication of the Cass Review on *Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People* have on the availability and access to such services to people resident in Gibraltar via the Gibraltar Health Authority?

QUESTION No: 429/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Has the Gibraltar Health Authority taken a decision, like NHS England, to stop the routine use of puberty blockers for gender dysphoria in children?

QUESTION No: 430/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government confirm the timeline for implementing hot school lunches in all schools?

QUESTION No: 431/2024

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Is Government able to update this House in respect of the site to be used and educational programmes to be delivered at a new College of Further Education?



QUESTION No: 432/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Can the Government provide us with its programme of investment on infrastructure for each Zone in the 2009 Development Plan with anticipated associated costs?

QUESTION No: 433/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

What is the Government's numerical target in terms of EV charge points to meet the required level of demand for EV vehicles triggered when the sale of new petrol and diesel becomes unviable under the laws of Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 434/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

The GSD welcomes the long overdue publication of the Government's Electric Vehicle charging strategy. Would the honourable Minister be able to provide certainty as to the intended date of issuance of the tender for the installation and management of EV charge points at various key locations around Gibraltar?

QUESTION No: 435/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has there been a reduction in the complement of buses?

QUESTION No: 436/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has the safety audit been carried out on all new cycle routes?

QUESTION No: 437/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has the cycle audit been carried out?



QUESTION No: 438/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide the details in terms of timeline as to when the cycling infrastructure will be rolled out.

QUESTION No: 439/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Does the access to the new Cepsa Petrol station comply with the Government's stated policy regarding cycling routes?

QUESTION No: 440/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Are there plans to improve the walking experience such that foliage does not cause a disruptive effect?

QUESTION No: 441/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Are there water ingress issues in Notre Dame school and if so what measures are being introduced to resolve them?

QUESTION No: 442/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How is the World War Two tunnel project being financed?

QUESTION No: 443/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Is there an issue with termites affecting trees at the site of The Mount?

QUESTION No: 444/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What was the total cost of the works carried out at Parsons Lodge?



QUESTION No: 445/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please state whether a planning permit, heritage licence and certificate of fitness have been issued in respect of the works carried out at Parsons Lodge.

QUESTION No: 446/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Has the contract for the running of events at the Botanic Gardens theatre been granted and if so to whom?

QUESTION No: 447/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update with regards to the upkeep of the cemetery, in particular the trimming of the flora.

QUESTION No: 448/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Is the Government satisfied with the City Service operated by Gibraltar taxis?

QUESTION No: 449/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many times and for what periods (giving a breakdown of the number and length of each individual period) has the Commonwealth Park lift not been operational during the last three calendar years (2021, 2022 and 2023)?

QUESTION No: 450/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Can the Government confirm whether any enforcement or other action has been taken by the Environmental Agency or any other Governmental body or agency in relation to the incident which saw thick, dark smoke from an oil tanker namely, the MT Theresa II anchored off the North Mole, on 27 April 2024?



QUESTION No: 451/2024

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

What measures is the Government implementing to prioritize the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families residing in Government dwellings, particularly those in flats that are unsuitable or inadequate for their needs?

QUESTION No: 452/2024

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

Following on from its recent announcements and press releases, can government provide anticipated costs and their programme for upgrading the essential infrastructure at Road to the Lines?

QUESTION No: 453/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the Road to the Lines scheme will commence.

QUESTION No: 454/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details as to how the Rent and Repair Scheme at the Road to the Lines will be implemented and managed.

QUESTION No: 455/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide details of the criteria which will apply for the selection of participants in the Rent and Repair Scheme.

QUESTION No: 456/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide an update as to when the designs will be ready for the new housing projects the Government committed itself to build at the last general election.



QUESTION No: 457/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual offences currently offered access to any therapeutic services? If not, why and is the Government intending to address the lacuna in the provision of such services?

QUESTION No: 458/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide statistics as to the number of children and young people under the age of 18 who were convicted of crime in:

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024 to date?



QUESTION No: 459/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide statistics as to the number of offenders convicted of domestic violence offences for the following years:

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024 to date?

QUESTION No: 460/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Government provide statistics as to the number of offenders convicted of sexual offences for the following years:

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024 to date?



QUESTION No: 461/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many Royal Gibraltar Police Officers are trained in undertaking Achieving Best Evidence interviews aimed at dealing with the most vulnerable of witnesses/suspected offenders?

QUESTION No: 462/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are there plans for the introduction of a Youth Detention Centre and, if so, where would it be situated, and would specialist staff be recruited?

QUESTION No: 463/2024

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

In total, how many individuals were detained at His Majesty's Prison on 13th May 2024? Please provide statistics broken down as follows:

- (i) Number of individuals convicted and serving a prison sentence or awaiting sentencing;
- (ii) Number of individuals awaiting trial;
- (iii) Number of adults; and
- (iv) Number of children/young people?

QUESTION No: 464/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

When will Gibraltar's removal from the EU's list of high-risk countries (the so-called EU Grey list) be secured?

QUESTION No: 465/2024

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Have the Government been informed what steps will be taken by the European Commission following the European Parliament's vote to refuse to remove Gibraltar from the EU's list of high-risk countries in respect of mechanisms to counter money laundering and terrorist financing (the so-called EU Grey-list)?



QUESTION No: 466/2024

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Are the tennis courts situated at The Mount available for public use?