

22 January, 2025

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 January 2025.



John B Reyes
Clerk to the Parliament

QUESTION No: 1/2025

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When is the Rooke residential home currently expected to complete?

QUESTION No: 2/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many crews does the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service currently have and how many firefighters make up each crew?

QUESTION No: 3/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service have access to fireboats?

QUESTION No: 4/2025

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government provide details of problems experienced at any of its swimming pools which led to closure for public use since 1st January 2025?



QUESTION No: 5/2025

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Has the Minister for Sport held meetings with the recently formed Gibraltar Pickleball Association and what has been the outcome of these meetings?

QUESTION No: 6/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the RGP's Public Protection Unit still comprised of four teams that focus on:

- (i) Domestic Abuse;
- (ii) Victim Support;
- (iii) Safeguarding; and
- (iv) Designated Risk Management?

If so, how many officers are currently assigned to each team?

QUESTION No: 7/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How regularly do inmates at His Majesty's Prison undertake counselling sessions? Are those sessions all undertaken by a counsellor assigned to the prison on a full-time basis?

QUESTION No: 8/2025

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Who attended the much publicised meeting the Minister for Housing held in respect of what is now described as 'Bridge House'?

QUESTION No: 9/2025

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

How many individuals is the half-way house at 9 Johnstone's Passage expected to house?

QUESTION No: 10/2025

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

When will the recently announced half-way house for men be completed?



QUESTION No: 11/2025

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

What are the costs to complete the recently announced half-way house for men at 9 Johnstone's Passage?

QUESTION No: 12/2025

Questioner: The Hon G Origo

Can the Minister confirm how many applications were received for the newly launched Driver and Guide Apprenticeship programme and is there a limit on the number of places available in the offering?

QUESTION No: 13/2025

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Has Government appointed a Chief Culture Officer since the enactment of the Gibraltar Culture Act 2024?

QUESTION No: 14/2025

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

Can Government inform this House who has been appointed to the Gibraltar Arts Advisory Council together with details of their scheduled meetings for 2025?

QUESTION No: 15/2025

Questioner: The Hon E J Reyes

What works, and at what cost, have been added to the Government Art Collection during the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25?

QUESTION No: 16/2025

Questioner: The Hon D J Bossino

Please provide full details of the cause of the recently reported delays to the EasyJet flight to Bristol and what measures are to be put in place to prevent a re-occurrence.



QUESTION No: 17/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide an update, as of the 15th of January 2025, on the refurbishment of the Parliament building, including progress on the installation of a lift and other accessibility features, and confirm when these works are expected to be completed to ensure that Parliament is accessible for all?

QUESTION No: 18/2025

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many Deeds have been registered at the Land Registry in the month of December 2024?

QUESTION No: 19/2025

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many sales (assignments or conveyances) of property have been registered at the Land Registry in the month of December 2024?

QUESTION No: 20/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state whether Lifecome Care is still experiencing issues with the App used by carers?

QUESTION No: 21/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government confirm whether carers at Lifecome Care have undergone any training or professional development since the transition into the new company?

QUESTION No: 22/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state whether all subcontracted carers employed by Lifecome Care are vetted both locally and internationally on a yearly basis? If so, could the Government provide the dates of the last yearly vetting conducted by the previous subcontracting entities and when the next yearly vetting is scheduled to take place?



QUESTION No: 23/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state whether employees of Lifecome Care are still experiencing issues, specifically discrepancies, with their salary payments?

QUESTION No: 24/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state whether the Government or any Government-owned entity has incurred any costs to cover a deficit incurred by Lifecome Care (Gibraltar) Ltd, Lifecome Care Ltd, or any of their affiliated entities or companies?

QUESTION No: 25/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the figures for how many individuals were admitted to or referred to the detox programme at Ocean Views, broken down by month, for the following years:

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025 to date?

QUESTION No: 26/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the figures for how many individuals were admitted to or referred to, and completed or commenced, the detox programme at St Bernard's Hospital, broken down by month, for the following years:

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025 to date?



QUESTION No: 27/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the figures for how many individuals have been assessed as suitable for and advised by medical or relevant professionals to undergo home detoxification, broken down by month, for the following years:

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025 to date?

QUESTION No: 28/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government provide the following information regarding calls received by 111 related to detox or drug and alcohol substance abuse issues, broken down by month, for the following years 2022 to present date:

1. The total number of calls received.
2. The number of calls that resulted in referrals to the Mental Health Team.
3. The number of these referrals that led to assessments by a psychiatrist or mental health professional.
4. The number of these assessments that resulted in referrals to a detox programme.

QUESTION No: 29/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state whether the Mount Alvernia ERS facility has been without hot running water in the last 6 months, breaking down which floors or areas were affected, and specifying the exact dates and duration of the disruption for each floor/area?

QUESTION No: 30/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

With regard to the Care Agency, can the Government confirm whether the nursing complement of the Care Agency provides 24-hour services across all its sites and areas of responsibility? Could they please provide a breakdown of the sites that have 24-hour nursing coverage?



QUESTION No: 31/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Can the Government provide figures on the number of complaints received/logged by the Care Agency and relevant subcontracted service providers in relation to home support and domiciliary care, broken down by month and by entity, from 1st January 2023 to present date?

QUESTION No: 32/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Since the launch of the newly established ASD pathway, could the Government provide the following information:

1. How many children have been referred by professionals as requiring access to the pathway?
2. How many children have accessed the pathway to date?
3. How many children have received a diagnosis via the pathway?

QUESTION No: 33/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

As per the GSLP Liberal Manifesto 2023, could the Government confirm whether it is still committed to building a 'new style St Bernadette's Centre'? If so, could the Government provide an update on the progress of this project?

QUESTION No: 34/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Is the Government still committed to removing zero-hour contracts from the health and care sector, and does this commitment extend to services subcontracted by the Government to deliver health and care services?



QUESTION No: 35/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state how much the Government of Gibraltar or any Government-owned entity/Agency has paid out since 2011, broken down by year, in respect of the following:

- a. Out of court settlements following pre-action letters to the ERS and/or its legal representatives concerning negligence claims (or other claims) against the ERS;
- b. Out of court settlements following discontinued legal proceedings against the ERS concerning negligence claims (or other claims); and
- c. Court orders arising from negligence claims (or other claims) against the ERS?

QUESTION No: 36/2025

Questioner: The Hon A Sanchez

Could the Government state how much the Government of Gibraltar or any Government-owned entity/Agency has paid out since 2011, broken down by year, in respect of the following:

- a. Out of court settlements following pre-action letters to the Care Agency and/or its legal representatives concerning negligence claims (or other claims) against the Care Agency;
- b. Out of court settlements following discontinued legal proceedings against the Care Agency concerning negligence claims (or other claims); and
- c. Court orders arising from negligence claims (or other claims) against the Care Agency?

QUESTION No: 37/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the Government have any plans to introduce a regulatory framework in Gibraltar to regulate first aid course providers?



QUESTION No: 38/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many flu vaccines did the GHA have in stock in:

- (i) 2021;
- (ii) 2022;
- (iii) 2023;
- (iv) 2024;
- (v) To date in 2025?

QUESTION No: 39/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the flu vaccine available to the general public? If so, since when has this been the case?

QUESTION No: 40/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Why hasn't the GHA's Mobile Health Unit been deployed this year to offer flu vaccines on a Saturday, as was the case last year when it was deployed to Casemates Square at the end of October?

QUESTION No: 41/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many dentists does the GHA currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of the nature of their engagement.

QUESTION No: 42/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many orthodontists does the GHA currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of the nature of their engagement.

QUESTION No: 43/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many dental nurses does the GHA currently employ? Please provide a breakdown as to the nature of their engagement.



QUESTION No: 44/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Has the waiting list for children to see:

- (i) a dentist; and
- (ii) an orthodontist

at the GHA now been cleared?

QUESTION No: 45/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the GHA continuing to outsource dental appointments for children to private dental clinics? Please provide a breakdown of the monthly cost of outsourcing for the period of 1st January 2024 to date/the date on which outsourcing ceased, broken down by:

- (i) costs incurred for dental treatments; and
- (ii) costs incurred for orthodontic treatments.

QUESTION No: 46/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Between 1st July 2023 to date, what was the average waiting time, broken down by month, for a child to be seen by:

- (i) a dentist at the GHA; and
- (ii) an orthodontist at the GHA.

QUESTION No: 47/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Taking account of the period between 1st July 2023 to date, what was the average age at which a child had their first appointment with a GHA dentist?

QUESTION No: 48/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

For what reason(s) are some service users of the GHA requested to make their own appointments for a blood test in situations where a doctor has made a referral for such a test?



QUESTION No: 49/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Can the Honourable Minister outline what security measures are in place at St. Bernard's Hospital?

QUESTION No: 50/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are there security personnel in place near the ambulance and GHA vehicle parking areas around St Bernard's Hospital? If not, why? If there are, how many personnel are on duty at any given time and since when has that been the case?

QUESTION No: 51/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Are ambulances and GHA vehicles equipped with anti-theft devices, such as, but not limited to, steering wheel locks, immobilisers and GPS tracking?

QUESTION No: 52/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the cost of the damage done to the Patient Transport Vehicle which was stolen from outside the A & E Department of St Bernard's Hospital on 18th December 2024, and how long was the GHA left without use of that vehicle?

QUESTION No: 53/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Where are ambulance crews currently housed and does the Government have any plans to relocate them?

QUESTION No: 54/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Does the contract for the maintenance of ambulances only include the GHA's fleet of ambulances?



QUESTION No: 55/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the GHA looking to lower the minimum age for the commencement of bowel cancer screening to 50, in line with NHS plans to expand the programme from a minimum age of 54 to 50? If so, can the Honourable Minister provide a timeframe within which expansion of that programme will occur?

QUESTION No: 56/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the average waiting time, broken down by month, for a service user to see a cardiologist at the GHA from the time of referral, to the first appointment with a cardiologist, as from 1st July 2023 to date?

QUESTION No: 57/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many cardiologists does the GHA employ, broken down by their type of contract?

QUESTION No: 58/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

What was the average waiting time, broken down by month, for a service user to see an Orthopaedic Surgeon at the GHA from the time of referral, to the first appointment with an Orthopaedic Surgeon, as from 1st July 2023 to date?

QUESTION No: 59/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many children are currently under the care of the GHA's dental department?

QUESTION No: 60/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many service users are there currently under the care of the GHA's Orthopaedic and Trauma Department?



QUESTION No: 61/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many service users are there currently under the care of cardiology services within the GHA?

QUESTION No: 62/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many Psychiatrists were on call at GHA facilities, broken down by day, between 1st December 2024 and 12th January 2025?

QUESTION No: 63/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

How many Psychiatrists were on duty at GHA facilities, broken down by day, between 1st December 2024 and 12th January 2025?

QUESTION No: 64/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Is the GHA's Patient Voice Group, which was established in January 2023 still in existence? If so, how often does it meet with the Office of the Director General? If it is no longer in existence, when was it disbanded and why?

QUESTION No: 65/2025

Questioner: The Hon J Ladislaus

Please provide an annual breakdown of legal fees paid by the GHA, inclusive of any amounts paid out by its insurers, in relation to all claims issued against the GHA from 2011 to date.

QUESTION No: 66/2025

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

What measures are currently being taken to ensure that foreign companies crossing into Gibraltar at the Land Frontier have their relevant risks fully covered in Gibraltar, including but not limited to business insurance and public and employee liability insurance?



QUESTION No: 67/2025

Questioner: The Hon C Sacarello

In the light of the Government securing the full ownership of AquaGib and AquaGib no longer being a privately owned company, could the Minister please shed some light on the reasons behind the recent worker's dispute, supported by Unite the Union, and the conclusions of said dispute?

QUESTION No: 68/2025

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

Can the Government advise how, and on what terms, is the Gibraltar Savings Bank financing the £7.5 million purchase of the Aquagib Limited shares by the relevant Government holding company?

QUESTION No: 69/2025

Questioner: The Hon R M Clinton

On the 19th December 2024 the Chief Minister advised that: *"the Government of Gibraltar has acquired the remaining 67% shareholding in AquaGib from Northumbrian Water Group, bringing the company into full public ownership."* In answer to questions of clarification the Chief Minister stated that the purchase was to be financed by the Gibraltar Savings Bank and held via 'Gibraltar Aquagib Holdings Limited'. Given that no company of this name exists on the Gibraltar Companies House Register can the Government confirm that the relevant company is in fact 'GAH Limited' company number 116663 previously named GEWP Limited?

QUESTION No: 70/2025

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Are Government aware of the concerns of residents and neighbours in relation to the proposed development at the ex-Amar's Bakery on Line Wall Road and if so are they considering what possible action or position to take?

QUESTION No: 71/2025

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

How many people took up the seasonal flu vaccine in the years 2019 to 2024 broken down by calendar year?



QUESTION No: 72/2025

Questioner: The Hon K Azopardi

Does the GHA currently employ a Director of Finance?