



# GIBRALTAR PARLIAMENT PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS TIMETABLE

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Thursday 28th May 2020

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## SUMMARY AGENDA: CHAMBER

<b>11.00am</b>	Prayer
(i)	Oath of Allegiance
(ii)	Confirmation of Minutes
(iii)	Communications from the Chair
(iv)	Petitions
(v)	Announcements
(vi)	Papers to be laid
(vii)	Report of Committees
(viii)	Answers to Questions

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**BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER**

**11.00am** Prayer

**Followed by**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Parliament which was held on the 20th March 2020.

**PAPERS TO BE LAID**

11.10am | **The Hon the Minister for Health and Care**

The Mental Health Board Annual Report 2018-2019

**ANSWER TO ORAL QUESTIONS**

11.15am | Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Housing, Youth and Sport

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Health & Care

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Digital & Financial Services

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for the Environment, Sustainability & Climate Change

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Education, Employment, Utilities & The Port

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Business, Tourism & Transport

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Justice, Multiculturalism, Equality & Community Affairs

Oral questions to the Hon Minister for Economic Development, Enterprise, Telecommunications & the GSB

Oral questions to the Hon the Deputy Chief Minister

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**THE ORDER OF THE DAY**

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

**The Hon the Chief Minister**

I have the honor to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

THIS HOUSE:

"NOTES THAT Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar has negotiated an agreement with Gibraltar International Bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited, Gibraltar Branch and Trusted Novus Bank Limited to participate in a scheme to be known as the Gibraltar Business Disruption Loan Guarantee Scheme;

THIS HOUSE FURTHER NOTES THAT said scheme is designed to provide finance from any of the participating banks to qualifying borrowers in Gibraltar that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;

THIS HOUSE SUPPORTS THAT the scheme should offer lending to such borrowers in a manner that is guaranteed by the Government in a sum of 80% of the amount of any borrowing agreed, with the balance of risk being borne by the relevant lending bank;

THIS HOUSE FURTHER SUPPORTS the Government's decision that the lending banks should be able to offer lending to qualifying borrowers up to a maximum amount of £30 million in loans and facilities under the scheme (effectively providing for loans and facilities of £10 million per lending bank);

THIS HOUSE NOTES THAT the said scheme enjoys the support of the Government and the Official Opposition AND THAT the said scheme requires a guarantee involving a financial liability that binds the Government and is therefore required to be given only pursuant to a resolution of this House in accordance with section 9 of the Public Finance (Control and Audit) Act.

AND THIS HOUSE THEREFORE NOW RESOLVES THAT the Chief Minister, as the Minister with responsibility for Finance, be and is hereby authorised in the name of and on behalf of Government to give a guarantee or guarantees in writing to the aforesaid lending banks on the terms described above;

AND THAT the said guarantee or guarantees shall be binding on Government;

AND THAT the said guarantee or guarantees shall be limited to £24 million in total."

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**GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**FIRST AND SECOND READING**

**The Hon the Chief Minister**

- (i) A Bill for an Act to appropriate sums of money to the service of the year ended 31st day of March 2017. (B34/2019)
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to appropriate sums of money to the service of the year ended 31st day of March 2018. (B35/2019)
- (iii) A Bill for an Act to appropriate sums of money to the service of the year ended 31st day of March 2019. (B03/2020)
- (iv) A Bill for an Act to amend the Pensions (Widows and Orphans) Act. (B05/2020)

**The Hon the Deputy Chief Minister**

- (v) A Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Aviation Act 2009. (B02/2020)

**COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING**

- The Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill 2019;
- The Supplementary Appropriation (2017/2018) Bill 2019;
- The Supplementary Appropriation (2018/2019) Bill 2020;
- The Pensions (Widows and Orphans) (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- The Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2020.

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**The Hon D A Feetham**

I have the honour to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

"THIS HOUSE:

Welcomes the introduction of the Disability Act in 2017 as a significant breakthrough in enhancing the rights of disabled people and is committed to continuing to break down barriers by constantly striving to secure equal opportunities and equal rights for all people in Gibraltar.

Consonant with that aim this House:

- (a) Welcomes the assurances of the Minister with responsibility for Social Security in answer to parliamentary questions from the GSD Opposition that he is prepared to consider placing on a statutory footing the qualifying test for the award of disability benefit;
- (b) Considers that a wider review of the law and administrative practice relating to the grant of disability benefit should take place.

RESOLVES that that review should be conducted by a Working Group set up by the Minister with responsibility for Social Security with cross party participation, to report to this House with recommendations within the next six months."

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS cont.**

**The Hon K Azopardi**

I have the Honour to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

"THIS HOUSE:

NOTES the International Agreement on Taxation and the Protection of Financial Interests entered into on the 4 March 2019 between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding Gibraltar (the "Tax Treaty") and signed by the Rt Hon David Lidington MP, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, on behalf of Gibraltar AND;

CONSIDERS that the Tax Treaty is intrusive and harmful to Gibraltar's interests AND;

RESOLVES that the Tax Treaty should be replaced at the earliest opportunity with a neutral and fair tax treaty based on the OECD model tax treaty."

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