

**STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 124/2006**  
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**Shadow Minister for Health (Ag) Lucio Randall will be asking the Government for an update on the status of the discussions with GPs regarding their job descriptions, conditions of work and salaries, at the meeting of the House of Assembly this Friday. Mr Randall has also tabled a number of questions on Government Services and transport including the Gibraltar Bus Company.**

On health issues, Mr Randall will ask the Government a number of questions on KGV hospital. He wants the Government to confirm that there is only one TV set at the KGV hospital for the use of patients and that the control for it does not function. The Opposition spokesman will also ask Government to confirm that no occupational activities are organised for patients at KGV and whether they are satisfied with the smoking facilities for patients. Mr Randall also wants to establish whether the Government have considered free bus travel for KGV patients on the buses of the Gibraltar Bus Company.

Also on the same subject, Lucio Randall will ask the Government to confirm that they have undertaken to provide a recreational area at Coaling Island for the use of patients at KGV, and he will also want to know the level of the fortnightly allowance received by patients.

On wider health issues, Mr Randall will ask the Government to state the number of GPs who have attended updating courses in 2005 and in 2006 to date.

In relation to the Gibraltar Bus Company, Mr Randall has tabled a question to establish whether two of the directors of the company receive emoluments for their services as directors. He also wants Government to provide a detailed breakdown of the amount of £704,370 owed by the Government to the Company as at 31 March 2005. Mr Randall wants the Government to give the number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares collected from those passengers from June to September this year.

Mr Randall has tabled a series of questions on electricity issues, including the number of power cuts that affected whole districts in the months of June to September this year, with a breakdown of the areas affected and the reason why they occurred.

On other matters, the Opposition spokesman will ask the Government to confirm that the new contract with Land Property

Services has been signed. He will also ask whether the Government have now concluded their consideration of the consultant's report in respect of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

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