

**STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 127/2006**  
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Shadow Minister for Trade and Industry Dr Joseph Garcia will be asking the Government, at the meeting of the House of Assembly which starts on Friday, to confirm whether they have reached an agreement with the owners of the Rosia Cottages in order to settle the dispute which followed the decision to construct the Nelson's View development on the Rosia Tanks site.

Dr Garcia will be asking for details of the agreement and will also ask Government to say how many valuations were carried out in order to determine the value of the properties that have been offered to the owners of the cottages, on what date the valuations were conducted, by whom, and with what result.

The Opposition Spokesman on planning has also tabled a question to establish whether the draft development plan is now ready, whether it has been presented to the Development and Planning Commission and if so on what date. This is one of more than twenty questions on developments and on planning issues. Dr Garcia will be asking about the underground car park at Grand Parade, the construction of a hotel at the Rotunda, the construction of a worker's hostel at the former Ready-Mix site in Devil's Tower Road and developments in Engineer Lane, in Shepherd's Marina and in the Marina Bay area, among others.

Dr Garcia has tabled a number of questions in relation to the use of the airport by airlines and on Port issues. He will ask the Government how many flights by Monarch Airlines and GB airways were timetabled, how many cancelled and how many were delayed. He will also ask the Government whether they can say what steps have been taken

by the MOD and their contractors to ensure that the airport is not closed again owing to a shortage of air traffic controllers. Dr Garcia also wants to know how many tenders were submitted for the provision of airport handling services at Gibraltar airport, who was the successful tenderer and in what amount.

Dr Garcia has also tabled questions on offshore gaming, tourism and heritage issues. As Shadow Minister for Heritage, he will ask the Government to say whether they have any plans to change the management and use of Parson's Lodge and if so for what reason. He will also want to know whether the Heritage Trust has now formally applied for the listing of the Victualling Yard.

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