

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 129/2006
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The Opposition has tabled a total of 414 questions for the Government to answer at the meeting of the House of Assembly which opens on Friday. The Leader of the Opposition Joe Bossano has tabled 136 questions on a wide range of issues including the income and expenditure of the Government and its agencies. This will allow the Opposition to monitor the state of Government finances and the performance of the economy.

In other questions, Mr Bossano will ask the Government to say how many affected Spanish pensioners are being written to by the Government explaining the compensation being offered to them by the UK. He will also ask Government to confirm whether the review on the state of the finances of the social insurance fund will take account of the revalorization of pensions due next year and whether the pensions are going to go up in March and therefore be reflected in the current financial year or in April and therefore be reflected in the next financial year.

Mr Bossano has also tabled a series of questions on the Social Services Agency. He will ask the Government to say who are the four persons appointed by the Minister as members of the Social Services Agency and the dates of their appointments. Mr Bossano will also ask what is the period for which members of the Social Services Agency are appointed and on what terms these appointments are made. He will also want to know who the legal representatives of the Social Services

Agency are. Mr Bossano has also asked Government to state what codes regulating the terms of service, discipline and training of all persons employed by the Social Services Agency have been published and when.

The Leader of the Opposition has also tabled a whole range of questions on the sale of Government properties. He will ask for confirmation that 50/50 co-ownership homes can only be sold to people on the housing waiting list.

On other matters, Mr Bossano will ask whether the Government still expect to receive £6.7 million in Gaming Tax and £250,000 in Gaming Licenses in the current financial year. In a number of questions on the health service, he will want Government to explain why the rent being paid for the Europort hospital building is going up by £60,000 this year.

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