

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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Shadow Minister for Employment, Traffic, Youth and Sport Gilbert Licudi will quiz the Government in Parliament next week on the reasons for the delay in completion of the King's Bastion Leisure Centre. This is one of 47 questions that Mr Licudi has tabled on a wide range of issues in relation to the ministerial portfolios which he is responsible for shadowing.

The Opposition spokesman for Traffic will ask the Government to state what steps it proposes to take to prevent, during the summer months, the gridlock on our roads which motorists have experienced this summer, particularly in the northern part of Gibraltar. He will also ask Government to explain why it has repeatedly ignored concerns over the safety of pedestrians crossing Europa Road near the area of the Rock Hotel. He wants the Government to explain the dangerous practice of lorries travelling southwards along Europa Road being escorted on the wrong side of the road, as well as what steps are routinely taken to check the laden weight of lorries coming into Gibraltar.

On another traffic issue, Mr Licudi will to know over how many days in October 2007 the pelican crossing at Glacis Road was out of use. He will ask Government to explain why Transport Lane has been allowed to deteriorate into the present state of disrepair, and he also wants to know the total cost of the works to Smith Dorrien Bridge which were completed earlier this year.

The Shadow Minister has tabled a series of questions on Dudley Ward Tunnel. He will ask Government to state the estimated cost of the works for the realignment and concreted protection of the approach road to the tunnel. He will also want Government to say how many requests to participate were received in relation to the tender for these works, and how many invitations to tender have been issued.

In his capacity as Shadow Minister of Employment, Mr Licudi has tabled a number of statistical questions which are designed to monitor the state of the employment market.

In relation to his responsibility for Sport, Gilbert Licudi will ask, among other issues, for the monthly cost of maintenance of the hockey pitch at the Bayside sports complex and the current cost of the cleaning contract for the complex as a whole.

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