

## **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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The Opposition have given notice of a total of 457 questions for the Government to answer at the meeting of Parliament which starts on Wednesday. The Leader of the Opposition Joe Bossano has tabled a number of statistical questions which are designed to monitor the state of public finances and of the economy in general. Mr Bossano has tabled 92 questions in total for the Government to answer.

Mr Bossano will ask the Government to explain what controls GRPI, as developer, exercises over the use of subcontractors in the Waterport Terraces Home Ownership Scheme. He will also want to establish what further payments, if any, have been made to contractors or other parties in respect of this development.

The Opposition Leader will ask the Government to identify which EU directives, if any, are currently not being complied with in the sea based ship-to-ship bunkering operations. He will also seek to establish whether the Government has taken a policy decision to end ship-to-ship bunkering and only permit land based bunkering supplies. On the same subject, Mr Bossano will ask whether the Government is considering requiring bunkering of ships to take place alongside as opposed to ship to ship or whether it is

only looking at storing fuel ashore as opposed to in supply tankers anchored in the Bay of Gibraltar.

On other matters, Mr Bossano has tabled a question to establish how many sponsored patients were referred to the Zanit Hospital at Benalmadena in 2007/2008 and at what cost. He will seek confirmation that an 11 seater vehicle has been purchased by the Social Services Agency and would like to know when and at what cost. The Opposition Leader will also want to know whether there has been a problem in the provision of medical or psychiatric support to clients of Bruce's Farm.

The Leader of the Opposition will ask Government to say how many young persons, giving their age range, in the care of the Social Services Agency have been admitted to the KG5 since the Agency was set up. He will want the Government to confirm that a child admitted to KG5 twice in 2007, then 10 years old, who had been in the care of the Social Services Agency, on discharge was sent to UK to a social care facility, and if so when this took place, what was the cost and for what duration.

Mr Bossano will ask Government to confirm that EU frontier workers on becoming unemployed are permitted to register in order to seek employment and remain part of Gibraltar's labour market. He will also want to know how many complaints have been presented to the Industrial Tribunal since the coming into effect of the Equal Opportunites Act in respect of their new competence for alleged unlawful discrimination.

The Opposition Leader will follow up issues raised at the last question time by asking whether any discussions have taken place with the Ministry of Defence as to which GSP service transfers they might be willing to consider.

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