

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

96/2008

16 September 2008

Shadow Minister for Financial Services, the Environment and the Media Fabian Picardo will ask in Parliament what salary or fee Mr Nigel Pardo (or any company legally or beneficially owned by him) receive from the Government or any Government owned company for the provision of consultancy or other services and provide a list of the services provided to the Government in return for such remuneration.

On the same subject, Mr Picardo will also ask Government to provide a list of all tenders (whether in respect of the award of property, provision of services or any other type of tender) awarded since May 1996 to Mr Nigel Pardo or to any company in which Mr Pardo is (or was at the time that the relevant tender was granted) either a director, a legal shareholder or an ultimate beneficial shareholder, giving a breakdown by year.

This meeting of Parliament is the second occasion this year when it is possible for the Opposition to put questions to the Government, the previous occasion was in April.

In relation to his responsibility for the Environment, Mr Picardo will ask for details of the “initial administrative problem” encountered with the documentation of the vehicle designed to carry out the exportation of glass and cans for recycling. He will also request details of the agreement between the Government and the company responsible for the recycling.

The Opposition spokesman also wants Government to say what progress has been made in respect of the “sound attenuation” of the buildings at Europa Business Centre which are occupied by OESCO. He will want to know what the Government is doing in respect of the further complaints which have been made by residents of Sandy Bay to the Ministry of the Environment. Mr Picardo will also raise the continuing problem of apes being attracted to open rubbish dumps in the area of Tankerville/Tank Ramp.

On other matters, Mr Picardo will ask for details of the Chief Minister’s salary and how many private secretaries and personal assistants he has. He will also want to know on how many occasions the G1 vehicle has been used for purposes other than official Government business since Mr Caruana took office and what any such occasions have been.

ENDS