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Shadow Minister for Trade, Industry, Tourism and Heritage Dr Joseph Garcia will ask the Government to confirm whether Partygaming has declared a state of collective redundancy and if so on what date was the Government notified and what is the total number of persons they wish to make redundant. This is one of 100 questions that Dr Garcia has tabled for the meeting of Parliament which commences this week.

The Opposition spokesman will ask Government who valued the plots of land that have been removed from the Deputy Governor's garden and sold to the owners of adjacent properties at £16,764 for 200 square metres and £3,390 for 52.5 square metres. He will also want to know whether there is any restriction as to the use which the land can be put to. Dr Garcia will also question the Government for details of all residential land sales and tenders awarded, including Sandpits, Vista Alegre and the Lower Elms.

In relation to development projects, he has tabled a question to establish whether any planning application has been submitted in relation to Eden Place in Devil's Tower Road and will also want to know what premium if any has been paid either for the land or for development rights to it. Dr Garcia will also press the Government for details of the development of six

luxury villas on the sand slopes above Both Worlds and he will also want to know whether planning permission to construct an extension to the Sunrise Motel has been granted. The Opposition spokesman will seek to establish whether the application by Ocean Village Waterside Villas to construct 72 waterside villas and apartments with associated berthing at Marina Bay has now been considered.

Also on planning matters, Dr Garcia will ask what Government policy is in relation to any proposed application for change of use by the Rock Hotel.

In his capacity as Shadow Minister for Commercial Affairs, Dr Garcia will ask questions on a number of tenders including those for the commercial units at Waterport Terraces, Chatham Counterguard and in the new air terminal. He will also want to know on how many occasions since May 1996 the Government has granted consent for assignments over existing commercial units in the air terminal and to whom.

The Liberal Leader has also tabled questions on civil aviation, infraction proceedings by the EU Commission, the new Gibraltar office in London and a wide range of tourism matters.

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