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Shadow Minister for Health Neil Costa will press Government to say whether and if so when they intend to publish their list of priority groups for vaccination against swine flu. Mr Costa has tabled a series of questions on the subject for answer at the meeting of Parliament which starts on Monday.

Mr Costa will ask Government to say how many laboratory tested cases of swine flu there have been in Gibraltar to date and how many suspected cases of swine flu which were not laboratory tested there have been. He will want Government to say from what supplier they ordered the vaccinations against swine flu, the cost of the order, the number of vaccinations ordered and the cost per vaccination. The Opposition health spokesman will ask want to establish what delivery date the Government have been given for the arrival in Gibraltar of their order of vaccinations against swine flu. He will also ask how many calls per month have been received by the swine flu hotline since it was set up.

On the same subject, the Shadow Health Minister will ask how many courses of Tamiflu were requisitioned from local pharmacies and how much the Government paid for them. He has tabled a question to find out how many of these courses have been prescribed by the swine flu clinic to patients who telephoned with symptoms since the clinic was set up.

Mr Costa will press Government on the system in place for the issue of repeat prescriptions and will want to know whether the GHA has now come to a conclusion as to what changes will be made. He will ask Government to say how many females have been administered the vaccination against cervical cancer and will ask for an explanation of the procedure which is currently in place for the administration of the vaccine in Gibraltar.

The Opposition spokesman will ask Government to say what is the earliest available date for someone who telephones asking for an advance appointment with each of the GPs at the Primary Care Centre. He will also ask for details about the formal and informal complaints lodged against the GHA. Neil Costa will also want to know what the waiting time is to receive their results for a patient who has had an x-ray or a scan with the radiology department of the hospital. He will again press the Government on the establishment of a routine mammography service.

Mr Costa will ask Government to explain what they meant when they told Parliament in June that the provision of car parking for the hospital at Europlaza "will happen very, very shortly", given that four months have elapsed since that answer and the car park is still not available.

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