

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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Shadow Minister for Traffic Gilbert Licudi will press Government in Parliament to state why it failed to plan for and avoid the traffic chaos that occurred in the morning of and in connection with the Red Arrows display at Europa Point. Mr Licudi has tabled 41 questions for the Government to answer on a wide range of issues.

Mr Licudi will want Government to state the cost of the road works in the area between Convent Place and Referendum Gate, when they started and when they will be completed. He will also ask whether and when Government propose to carry out road works to Transport Road.

The Opposition Traffic spokesman has tabled a series of questions on the works at Devil's Tower Road. He wants to know when the road works in the area of the sundial roundabout will be completed, and when the works to Devil's Tower Road as a whole will be finished. Mr Licudi will ask Government for details of all the bidders and of the successful tenderer for both the road works at Devil's Tower Road and those at the southern end of Main Street. He will also want to know on what date the works at the sundial roundabout commenced and the cost of the works to Devil's Tower Road as a whole.

Mr Licudi will again press the Government on the opening of Dudley Ward Tunnel. He will ask whether the tunnel will reopen to vehicular traffic before the eighth anniversary of its closure. He will want to know whether the tender or tenders for all the works necessary to reopen Dudley Ward Tunnel have now been awarded and will ask for details of all the bidders and of the successful tenderer. Mr Licudi will also seek to establish the cost of moving all the rubble from the area near Dudley Ward Tunnel and depositing the same in the area between Eastern Beach and Catalan Bay.

In relation to the bus service, Mr Licudi will ask Government to say what the position is in connection with the purchase of new buses for route number 2. He will also want to know why bus routes 2, 3 and 4 did not operate along Line Wall Road during the weekend of 5th and 6th September 2009. He will ask for details of the extent to which buses operated by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited keep to their scheduled times at each bus stop.

On other matters, Mr Licudi will ask Government whether it is now in a position to state when it will deliver the additional berths for small boats which it promised at the time of the 2007 elections. He will also probe whether the Government has now decided to accept the recommendation of a jury following an inquest into the death of a worker at Waterport Terraces to the effect that the health and safety inspectorate should be strengthened.

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