

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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Shadow Minister for Traffic Gilbert Licudi will press the Government on a wide range of traffic and parking issues when Parliament meets for questions on Thursday. Mr Licudi has tabled 91 questions for the Government to answer.

Mr Licudi will ask Government for the results of the public consultation exercise it conducted in relation to the Integrated Traffic, Parking and Transport Plan and whether any changes to the plan are intended to be made as a result of that consultation. He will probe different aspects of the plan in detail with a series of specific questions on the different parking facilities, road works and traffic arrangements that were announced at the time.

Mr Licudi will want to know why the Plan provides for the creation of 100 parking spaces at the Mid Town Development when Government had already previously committed itself to creating 400 new parking spaces in this area. He will want Government to confirm that the new parking spaces at Mid Town will be available to members of the public without charge. Mr Licudi will ask why the parking facilities at Europlaza continue to be closed despite having been finished several years ago.

The Opposition spokesman has also given notice of a number of questions on the bus service. He will seek to establish whether Government has now received the quotes from the two parties identified for the selective tender procedure in connection with the purchase of new buses for route number 2. He will also want details of the changes to the bus routes which Government intend to introduce and when these changes will come into effect. On the bus shelters, Mr Licudi will seek confirmation from the Government as to whether it has now engaged the manufacturer of the new bus shelters, which they had identified met the criteria that they wanted for Gibraltar.

Gilbert Licudi will also ask Government to state what inspections have been carried out to the rock face at Catalan Bay Road following the recent rock-falls in the area of the black spot. He will also want to know how many car parking spaces have been lost at the Catalan Bay car park near the beach as a result of the depositing of rubble between Eastern Beach and Catalan Bay. Mr Licudi will again ask for details of the progress of works to reopen Dudley Ward Tunnel.

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