

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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The Opposition has given notice of 661 questions for the Government to answer at the meeting of Parliament which starts on Thursday. This will be the second question-time of the year. In view that the Government refused to answer certain questions last time on a number of issues, questions have been tabled on the same issues again in the expectation that they will provide answers to Parliament this time round.

The Leader of the Opposition has tabled over 120 questions which include a wide range of questions designed to monitor the state of Government finances and of the economy in general. Mr Bossano has also given notice of a number of questions on Bruesa. He will ask whether there is a parent company guarantee in place from Bruesa in Spain in respect of work undertaken by its subsidiary in Gibraltar. He will also want to know, given that Bruesa is no longer trading locally, the total number of employees that the company had on Government contracts in October 2009 with a breakdown by nationality.

The Leader of the Opposition will also ask a series of questions about Community Care. He will want to know whether there has been any change in the level of public debt held by the charity since February. He will also ask what funding, if any, has been provided to Community Care in each month of the current financial year, and how much was provided in the last financial year. Mr Bossano will also want Government to confirm that Gibraltar Residential Property Company purchased the property holding of Gibraltar Community Care.

The Opposition Leader will ask the Government to state when it was originally envisaged that the Eastside developers would sign the lease for the area, why it has not been signed and whether there is a time limit by which it has to be signed. He will want to know how much notice has to be given to the Government by the Eastside developer if they are required to stop using the site to deposit rubble and will also ask whether an alternative site on which to dump rubble has been identified.

On other matters, Mr Bossano will want to know whether any technical reports indicating a danger of rock falls in the area of Sandy Bay have been brought to the notice of the Government, and if so when. He will also ask whether Government have reached an understanding with the MOD on the future of the Gibraltar Defence Police and if so whether there are any proposed changes in the context of its relationship with the RGP due to be implemented in the current financial year. Mr Bossano will also seek confirmation as to whether the Government has received, formally or informally, any representations regarding the grievances of Spanish frontier workers in relation to deductions from their wage and/or eligibility to payments compared to residents.