

GOSPORT.

White, John

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Hi John,

The link below should take you to the transcript of oral questions to the Department for Justice, 23rd November. Bids for questions are usually submitted prior to a deadline of 4 working days, once the deadline passes there is a draw, and the first 15 successful MPs in the draw are allowed to ask a question which is then published.

Questions can be answered by any one of the justice ministers, all of whom will be present. Once an initial, previously published question is asked, the MP will then be invited to ask a supplementary question. Supplementary questions will tend to be related to the initial question, however they will be both more specific. Other MPs may also be lucky enough to catch the Speaker's eye, who may invite them too to ask supplementary questions.

In the last 15 minutes, MPs are invited to ask 'topical' questions, which means they can ask anything of the department for which they are responsible, so if you notice how the style becomes different, this is most probably why.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101123/debtext/101123-0001.htm#10112333000008>

With this in mind, if you follow the link, any guidance you could give to Stephen and I in the next few weeks which will allow us to put probing questions to the Justice department in relation to Gosport would be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

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