

**STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 99/2006**  
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The Opposition note the statement by the Gibraltar Health Authority last week announcing the replacement of the glass sliding doors at the entrance to the hospital with revolving doors and their claim that this is a “major improvement”.

If it is a “major improvement” then this can only mean that they got it wrong the first time and that therefore these doors should have been there before the hospital opened to the public.

Although the Health Authority has sought to convert a mistake into an achievement, this is not the first “major improvement”, as they choose to call it, that has resulted in the removal and replacement of things that they had done wrong.

This is just one more example of poor planning by the Government leading to an additional expense at the hospital building in Europort.

It is true to say that the sliding glass door entry system has caused problems to patients, visitors and staff during periods of adverse weather conditions.

However, it will be recalled that the Government contracted a number of expensive experts and designers given the modifications that were required to convert the building from an office block that had cost £8 million into a hospital at a cost of an additional £42 million.

What is unacceptable is that we have spent millions of pounds engaging people who are supposed to be experts and then nobody is held accountable for making mistakes.

Even then the Government does not have the integrity to admit that they were wrong and how much the new revolving doors will have cost and therefore add to the total expense of the conversion of the building.

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