

## **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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The Opposition notes the recent exchange in the media between the Gibraltar Government and the Gibraltar Services Police Association.

The Opposition considers that if the MOD is misleading the GSP workforce and its Association as the Government press release implies, then the Government should immediately cease all discussion with the MOD on the transfer of MOD policing duties from the GSP to the RGP.

The Government should give a clear commitment to the GSP Association that it will not resume discussions with the MOD to take over any of the duties of the Services Police unless and until the Association that represents the officers in the GSP request the Government to do so.

Only by taking such steps will the Government show that it is telling the truth when it claims that it is content for the GSP role to stay as it is. The MOD claims that the option of transferring the role of the GSP to the RGP is the preferred option because it satisfies the aspirations of the Gibraltar Government.

If the Government says that the MOD is lying when it makes this statement then it should take up the matter with the Command and insist that it should be retracted.

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