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Tenants of Maidstone House in Laguna Estate have made representations to the Opposition over the length of time that the Government is taking to repair the roof of their building.

The roof was damaged in the severe storms that hit Gibraltar on 10 October last year. On 27 October, scaffolding was placed around the building in order to carry out the repairs to the roof. According to the tenants, the scaffolding has been in place for nearly a year and nothing has happened.

The presence of the scaffolding around the building is causing considerable inconvenience to tenants including the fact that people cannot walk straight along the pavement as their path is obstructed by the steel poles. The Opposition is unaware whether the scaffolding belongs to the Government or to a private contractor. In the latter case the cost of having it in place for one year without using it would be considerable.

Commenting on the matter, Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon said: "The tenants of Maidstone House are understandably fed up at the fact that nearly a year later the damage to the roof of the building remains unrepaired and the scaffolding remains in place.

It saddens me that once again this Government ignores the concerns of ordinary citizens and gives priority instead to other issues of less immediate consequence to the ordinary Gibraltarian. I urge them to show some humanity and solve this problem so that these tenants do not have to wait another year for their roof to be fixed."

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