

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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The response by the Government to the statement issued by the Opposition regarding the roof of Maidstone House is completely over the top. It is scandalous that they should seek to conduct a character assassination of our housing spokesman Charles Bruzon instead of confining their answer to the actual issue itself. Mr Bruzon has been accused of lying. Charles Bruzon does not lie.

It is a well known tactic of the present Chief Minister always to divert from the central issue with a smokescreen of insults and abuse in the expectation that the central issue will then be forgotten. This is now wearing a bit thin.

In this case the central issue will not be forgotten. The Government have confirmed in their own statement that the roof of Maidstone House has remained unrepaired for nearly a year. They have also confirmed in their own statement that the scaffolding in question has also been in place for nearly a year. These were precisely the complaints made by tenants and highlighted in turn by the Opposition. There is nothing inaccurate, misleading, sinister or opportunistic about any of this.

Commenting on the matter, Shadow Minister for Housing Charles Bruzon said:

“It is a pity that the Government should continue to behave in this way. Whenever they are caught out on anything they resort to insults and personal attacks in order to divert attention from the main issue.

Unfortunately for them, the issue is clear. The roof of Maidstone House remains unrepaired nearly a year after the damage was caused. The scaffolding has also been in place for nearly a year. We were correct and they have confirmed it.

The Government have a tendency to pick on a few words in a press release in order to distort everything that has been said. They will not get away with it because the affected parties know exactly what has been going on.

I am not going to stoop to the same level as the Government. Anyone who knows me will know just how absurd the allegations they have made against my character actually are. I am satisfied in my conscience that I am doing the very best that I can for my constituents. I can only hope that Mr Caruana’s conscience is equally clear following this latest uncontrolled outburst.”

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