

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

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The Opposition has received complaints from two elderly ladies who were unable to get to their homes in one of the tower blocks this morning because both lifts were out of action. The Opposition has been highlighting the issue of the tower block lifts for some time now.

The ladies in question had been waiting at Referendum House since half past nine this morning, for six hours, for someone to come and repair the lifts. The housing department advised that once a report is made by a tenant, they then have to forward it to Madrid who in turn forward the report to the nearest centre in Algeciras so that they can send someone to Gibraltar to repair the lift.

The system in place for the repair of these lifts is clearly too cumbersome and inefficient. The urgency is compounded when there is only one lift in use and this breaks down as this means that the elderly or mothers with prams, or persons on wheelchairs or mobility vehicles are effectively locked out of their homes.

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

“I have been pressing the Government on the question of the lifts in the tower blocks both inside and outside Parliament on a number of occasions. I was last told that the second lift would be completed at the end of March. This has clearly not happened and tenants are being inconvenienced as a result.”