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### **EARTH DAY 2006**

Saturday 22 April is Earth Day.

The Government will be participating, together with local environment groups, in celebrating Earth Day. The Ministry for the Environment is lending its support to events that will raise environmental consciousness not only on earth day but also throughout the year.

As part of the day's events the Government would like to encourage as many people as possible to make use of public transport on the day or walk to their places of work in order to encourage a reduction in traffic numbers. The Gibraltar Bus Company will provide a free bus service throughout the day and it is hoped that as many people as possible will make use of the service.

The Environmental Agency will be opening to the public the Government Air Quality Monitoring Station at Rosia Road where a member of staff will be at hand to explain how the station works and provide up to date information on Gibraltar's air quality.

A full programme of events is planned for the day by the local Friends of the Earth and the Government would like to call on as many people as possible to support these events.

Responding to the day's event, Minister for the Environment, The Hon J J Netto, said that Earth Day is an important event organised by the United Nations, in which issues of concern with our planet are raised, and the Government for its part feel proud to make a contribution to this world event, and urge people to enjoy and participate in these events.