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The Government has approved the presentation in Parliament by Daniel Feetham MP of a Private Members Bill to amend the Criminal Offences Act to modernise certain aspects of Gibraltar's sexual offences, including the equalisation of the sexual age of consent, so that it should be the same for heterosexual and homosexual sex.

This Bill is moved by Mr Feetham as a Private Member's Bill, and not as a Government Bill, so that every member of the House shall be totally free to vote thereon in accordance with their personal conviction.

Under the rules of Parliament, the House needs to give Mr Feetham leave to move the Private Members Bill, and he has accordingly tabled a motion seeking such leave to-day. The motion will be considered by the House at its meeting on 18th May.