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The Government wishes all workers in Gibraltar, and their families a happy May Day holiday.

To-day, on Workers Day, we remember and commemorate the efforts and sacrifices of previous generations of workers to achieve the rights and standards of living that we enjoy to-day. The Government recognises and acknowledges the huge and vital contribution that workers, both in the private, and public sectors, make to Gibraltar's economic and social (and thus political) prosperity.

The Government will continue to work to significantly improve the terms and conditions, and standards of living of all workers in Gibraltar, as it has done since 1996 to an extent that is unprecedented in Gibraltar's history.

Commenting on the GSLP statement, a Government spokesman said: - "Contrary to the GSLP's attempt to mislead workers in Gibraltar, Minister Montiel did not reduce compensation payable on unfair dismissal, he actually increased the amount awarded as compensation for unfair dismissal as a consequence of having increased the statutory minimum wage rate.