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GSD stuck in their own web over music festival

The latest destructive tirade by the Opposition against the music festival shows that they have run out of arguments.

It is obvious that having put their foot in it, they are now trying to cloud the issue of their contradictory and hypocritical behaviour. Some Members of the Opposition have attended at the invitation of the Government while another Member, Mr Clinton who does not enjoy this kind of music anyway, has been critical of it.

The Government have explained that the accounts of the festival are already published in so far as contractual commitments allow.

The Opposition continue to distort the figures supplied by the Government to suit their own political ends.

It is simplistic to describe the festival as loss-making. The festival is not loss-making. Instead, it is subsidised by the Government in order to keep ticket prices down for families and young people.

The plain truth is that the GSD are stuck in a web that they have spun for themselves and they cannot get out of it. They need to face the fact that the only way to reduce costs would be to lower the quality of the acts or to increase the price of tickets to young people and families .

The Government has already said that the festival will go out to tender once the deal with MTV is over. This is therefore a non-issue.

Thousands of people from Gibraltar and abroad have enjoyed the festival every year and will continue to do so this year as well.

Heaven forbid that Mr Azopardi is ever in a position to run the festival! It would end up as unexciting and irrelevant as the GSD.