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GIBRALTAR SERVICES POLICE

The Government has seen the press reports of a Gibraltar Services Police Association statement to the effect that the GSP membership is disgruntled “at the fact that if it were not for the insistence of the MOD in meeting Government of Gibraltar aspirations for a single police force in Gibraltar, the review would dictate the implementation of either a two tier service or a status quo, of which both options promote the continuation of the GSP and retain our identity as a civilian police force in Gibraltar”.

The GSP is a Ministry of Defence police force, comprised of civilians employed by the MOD to provide policing services to the Ministry of Defence in respect of its estate. Gibraltar’s civilian police force is the Royal Gibraltar Police. On occasions the GSP acts in support of the RGP at the latter’s request.

It seems to the Government that the GSP Association is being misinformed about the Government’s position. The Government has no aspiration whatsoever to see any change in the current status of the GSP, and would be very content for the GSP to retain its status quo.

It is the MOD that wants to bring about change to the GSP, not the Gibraltar Government. The Government of Gibraltar is not a part of any MOD review of the GSP, has not been provided with a copy of any MOD review of the GSP and is not involved in negotiations with the MOD about the GSP’s future. It is the MOD that wishes to put proposals to the Government of Gibraltar about meeting its future policing needs. Those negotiations between Government of Gibraltar and MOD have not begun. The Government of Gibraltar is not in any way an impediment to the maintenance of the status quo or to the emergence of a “two tier” GSP.