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The statement made on Wednesday in a GBC interview by Mr Carlos Pereira, Operations Manager of Andalus Airlines is wholly inaccurate and unacceptable and completely incompatible and inconsistent with the airline's own recent public statements and exchanges between the Government and other senior executives of the airline.

The statement by Mr Pereira suggests either that he does not know what else is going on in his company or is an attempt to place pressure on the Minister for Transport just three days before a scheduled meeting between them. Both are unacceptable to the Government.

The use which any commercial operator makes of Gibraltar airport is entirely a commercial matter for that operator. The Government's decision to build a new air terminal in no way depends on the unilateral decisions made by individual commercial operators at this point in time. It represents an investment for Gibraltar's growing needs during the next fifty or more years.

The Government has requested the presence of Mr Fernando Guerrero, CEO of Andalus to explain the recent behaviour of Andalus in relation to its services to and from Gibraltar and their intentions for the future.