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The latest statement issued by the GSLP/Liberals regarding the roof of Maidstone House demonstrates the Opposition's genetic predisposition to have the last word, even when they have been proved entirely wrong. It also demonstrates their apparent inability to tell the truth.

That they now wish to backtrack and explain away their original statement is also characteristic of the GSLP/Liberals who, after having originally said that "nothing" had been done to Maidstone House in the past twelve months and after Government replied detailing all that had in fact been done, they now have the audacity to say they were right all along. The general public can see for themselves who is right and who is wrong. The general public can see whether the GSLP/Liberals, in their original statement, lamented that the installation of a completely new roof had not yet been finalised (as they now say they did) or instead attempted to mislead the whole of Gibraltar by expressly stating that "nothing" had been done.

Mr Bruzon and the GSLP/Liberals say the Government's response has been over the top. Government is happy to remind the Opposition that Mr Bruzon's initial statement urged Government to show humanity. Clearly all that is implied by that phrase does not appear to Mr Bruzon to be over the top. The Minister for Housing, Fabian Vinet, fully stands by every single word and sentiment included in his reply. Mr Bruzon cannot expect his false accusations not to be corrected. It seems even this basic principle of common sense escapes the sanctimonious Mr Bruzon. The original statement issued by Mr Bruzon is entirely inaccurate, entirely misleading, entirely sinister and entirely opportunistic.

No matter how the Opposition now nervously and in a panic try to dig themselves out of the hole they have dug for themselves on this issue, the truth remains that Government has already explained the significant and extensive works that have been carried out at Maidstone House. In doing so, Government has proved Mr Bruzon and the GSLP/Liberals wrong. That they do not like being proved wrong may be understandable. That they choose to react by misleading the general public yet again is perhaps less so.