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The Government is pleased to announce that parking permits for tenants of public estates have been changed in order to improve their security and effectiveness.

Qualified users will notice that the newly issued permits include coloured paper, an embossed 'Ministry for Housing' stamp and in particular a hologram strip. This will help deter fraudulent duplication and assist those policing the estates to identify genuine permits.

The new, improved permits are currently being issued to residents of Bishop Canilla House, Schomberg Estate, Scud Hill and Laguna Estate, while permits for Glacis Estate are being issued in July, once current permits expire.

The Minister for Housing, Fabian Vinet, has said:

"Parking restrictions within government estates were introduced after consulting with the relevant Tenants' Associations and in order to improve car parking arrangements for the benefit of residents. During my regular meetings with Tenants' Associations, concern was expressed about a small number of individuals who have photocopied or otherwise tampered with permits for their own improper use. The abuse of the system has a negative impact on all those others who act in good faith and is simply not acceptable. That is why we have taken the step of modifying the permits in a way that makes it far more difficult for them to be put to inappropriate use and far easier for the Traffic Management Division and Royal Gibraltar Police to ensure that the details on the permit are correct. These new developments, which have been carried out with the assistance of the Department of Transport, will help combat such misuse and will help ensure that parking restrictions are properly enforced within Government estates. I therefore hope that this further improvement will be welcomed by tenants. Further enforcement improvements have also been announced as part of the Governments Traffic and Parking Plan."