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Gibraltar Government – Reaction on SERCO MOD Jobs

The Government notes with surprise the Opposition's message to SERCO (ex MOD and ex WSM employees) that they should not worry because they (the GSLP) expect to win the next General election and the employees affected can count on their full support, and not to lose any sleep, because the GSLP will protect their employment!

Ofcourse, to MOD employees the concept of the GSLP mobilizing to protect their threatened job is a great novelty. They never did so when they were in Government.

Happily for Serco workers, their job security does not depend on the improbable prospect of the GSLP winning the next general election. These jobs are already secure thanks to the Government's (and the Union's) foresight in negotiating and signing the Global and ISP agreements with the MOD in 2007.

Under these agreements any new MOD contractor that replaces SERCO is obliged to continue the current GOG company secondment model, and any Gibraltar belonger ex-MOD or ex-WSM worker that may lose their job with the ISP contractor if the work load is reduced is protected by the GOG Company safety net. The GSLP, typically, opposed these excellent agreements which already deliver the very job security for those SERCO employees that they now seek to speculatively reassure.

Indeed, it is thanks to these same unprecedented agreements that all local MOD employees in Gibraltar are safe from job cuts under the current stringent UK defence spending cuts!

These (and not the unlikely prospect of a GSLP Government any time soon) are the reasons why these workers can indeed have a peaceful Xmas, 2011 and future!