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### **Beach Facilities over the Easter Holidays and the Summer Season**

The Government is preparing Eastern Beach, Catalan Bay, Rosia Bay and Little Bay for use during the forthcoming Easter break, in case the weather permits beach going. All rocks and stones have been removed (and will continue to be removed if they reappear) from Catalan Bay and Eastern Beach.

Toilet and other usual facilities will be available. Parking facilities will be available at the reclamation site car park at Catalan Bay (which has been resurfaced) and at the Aerial Farm Site at Eastern Beach.

Due to the on-going beautification works in the Eastern Beach promenade, access to the beach will only be possible through the access ramp at the southern end of the beach. These beautification works will be complete by the summer bathing season, when parking will also be available on the Eastern Beach end of the Eastside Reclamation Site. The summer bathing season will also see an expansion to the surfaced parking area at the Catalan Bay Car Park. Catalan Bay (and if necessary Eastern Beach) will be resanded prior to the summer bathing season to ensure full sized beaches.

#### Sandy Bay

The Government will also attempt to reconstruct Sandy Bay for the summer bathing season, following the conclusion of major coastal protection works during the last year. Natural factors impacting on Sandy Bay have changed, resulting in the loss of the beach due to erosion resulting from the changed effect of wave and wind action, and increased storm frequency. However, the Government will bring in sand to rebuild the beach. This sand will not survive repeated storms. Accordingly, in order to improve the chances of the rebuilt Sandy Bay lasting the whole summer season, the new sand will not be laid until closer to the summer bathing season when the risk and frequency of heavy storms will have reduced.

#### Western Beach

It is not yet clear whether, and if so to what extent Western Beach will be available for use this summer as a result of the sewage pollution from La Linea. While the levels of contamination appear to be better they remain well above acceptable levels. Use of the beach will only be permitted if there is no health risk to users.