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The Opposition's latest statement on the issue of free prescriptions is a monument to the insincerity and political opportunism that has become the hallmark of the GSLP/Liberal Alliance.

The Minister for Health, Yvette Del Agua, has said: "it is extraordinary that the shadow spokesman for Health, Neil Costa, thought it fit to issue a false statement, which has caused a lot of anxiety to elderly people, on the back of a single complaint from one person who now appears "to have misunderstood" what he was allegedly told. In his haste to score a few political points, Mr Costa did not even bother to research the issue, and jumped straight into the swimming pool without even checking to see if it was full of water.

The Opposition is quoted as saying in their initial press release that "the GHA has brought out a new policy whereby workers over 60 and their spouses, even if they do not work, now have to pay for their prescriptions". The whole gist of the Opposition's statement was that as a result of a newly implemented policy, persons who were previously entitled to free prescriptions under a GSLP administration, were now no longer eligible under a GSD Government. This statement is demonstrably false. Despite knowing that it is false, in his obsession to always have the last word, Mr Costa refuses to admit that he was wrong and has the audacity to dishonestly insist that the Opposition's initial statement was correct, thereby further confusing elderly citizens, many of whom have been making enquiries as to whether they would continue to receive their free prescriptions".

The Government once again reassures Pensioners that there has been no change on entitlement to free prescriptions and there is therefore no need

for them to worry. Everyone over the age of 60, who is not in employment and whose spouse is not in employment, will continue to receive free prescriptions.