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Launch of web-site access to Court Judgments

Today the Government is launching an extension to the Gibraltar Laws website that will provide access to electronic copies of Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and Privy Council judgments.

The new information can be found at the Gibraltar Laws website www.gibraltarlaws.gov.gi

543 judgments have been put on the system initially and additional judgments will continue to be added as they become available. The earliest judgment available dates back to 1812 concerning a Privy Council ruling on land tenure.

The website contains all reports of decisions by the Privy Council pertaining to Gibraltar; all judgments published by Law Reports International and contained in their Gibraltar Law Reports volumes commencing 1988 relating to the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court; all judgments published in the Gibraltar Law Reports volume 1812-1977 and all law reports published in the 4th supplement to the Gibraltar Gazette covering the years 1978-79.

The Government acknowledges that work on this website was carried out by the previous administration.

Commenting on the launch of the website, the Minister responsible for Justice, Gilbert Licudi, said;

"As part of the Government's commitment to e-government, I am delighted that we are now providing electronic access to these important cases.

Online access to these judgments will be an important tool for lawyers working in Gibraltar and others who may wish to research decisions of the Gibraltar courts. It is also important for practitioners and professionals outside Gibraltar who will be able to keep abreast of developments in Gibraltar law and jurisprudence.

The database is under constant development and will continue to have more judgments added to it. Supreme Court and Court of Appeal judgments between 1980 and 1987 inclusive will be added shortly, as will judgments from 2010 onwards.

This website is an important first step in working towards making information on the justice system accessible to all. I am working closely with the Judiciary and the Courts with a view to adding more information on Supreme Court sentencing and Judicial Reviews in the future, as well as a new website for the Gibraltar Courts Service that will provide more information on the work of the courts."