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Bus company case: Opposition is more interested in making political capital than in the facts

It is clear that the GSD continue to try to make political mischief in relation to the unfair dismissal claim brought by Peter Sardeña against the Gibraltar Bus Company.

Whereas the Government issued an exhaustive press statement clarifying the position in relation to the former directors, the Opposition have decided to completely ignore the Government's statements in this respect.

In connection with the decision of the Government not to continue to defend the claim brought by Peter Sardeña, the Government reiterates the matters set out in its statement of 1 March 2012. The Government also notes, as it did in Parliament, that the case is sub judice and that it would not be proper not to comment on the merits of the case.

Commenting on the matter, Minister for Transport Neil Costa said:

"The Government was very careful in its statements of 1 March 2012 not to delve into the merits of this case, as any statement will necessarily impact on the determination of the Chairman, both in respect of the Bus Company's liability, as well as in respect of the amount of compensation, if any. Indeed, the Government merely limited itself to reply to the various baseless accusations of the Opposition and to dispel the misleading statements of the Opposition in relation to the Government's decision not to continue to defend the case of unfair dismissal. What is clear, however, is that the GSD in general and Mr Caruana, in particular, will stop at nothing to prosecute those who have crossed him and is quite happy to continue to prosecute individuals from his privileged position of Leader of the Opposition. The Opposition can rest assured that the Government will make a statement on the merits of this case once the case has finished – the public, at that stage, will be able to properly determine the Government's decision."