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Government delivers over 100 commitments in six months

The GSLP/Liberal Government has delivered over 100 electoral commitments in six months.

Many of these commitments were made in the manifesto and others were electoral pledges made before or during the General Election campaign.

There are a number of commitments that the Government has been able to deliver at a very fast pace because these simply involved honouring pledges given by the previous administration and where no funding or legislative action was required. There are other commitments where resources were needed and where these had to be deployed within a short period of time. For example, a promise was made that a bus service would be commenced to Both Worlds before Christmas and the service was in place by then.

There are other policies which will require legislative action. A Command Paper has just been published with a draft of the Employment (Public Interest Disclosure) Act, which is the law that will protect whistleblowers. We had pledged to legislate within 180 days of being elected. The legislative process has now commenced.

In the coming weeks, the first budget of a GSLP/Liberal Government will provide the funding for a number of other initiatives and projects listed in the manifesto.

The Government would like to reiterate that it is very grateful to the professional civil servants and members of the public administration who have assisted in the delivery of policy and looks forward to their continued cooperation and support in taking the Government's dynamic and exciting programme forward in the years to come.

Commenting on the matter, the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said:

“It is important to recall that there are commitments contained in the GSLP/Liberal manifesto and elsewhere which have specific commencement or completion dates. There are others that have no dates but which are targeted for completion within this term of office. The Government are very focused on the delivery of the manifesto and are very pleased with progress so far.”

The current updated list of commenced, completed or actioned commitments is as follows.

1. Honour offers of sale of Government flats.
2. Honour agreements to purchase property.
3. Support chess tournament.
4. All tourism posts retained.
5. Minister for Small Business.
6. Honour housing allocations.
7. Minister for Industrial Relations.
8. Adopt three year pay deal.
9. Monthly meetings of Parliament.
10. Open development and planning process.
11. Talks with Customs Department.
12. Order new smoke extractor for Fire Brigade.
13. Legal work outsourced fairly and equitably.
14. New guaranteed superannuation fund.
15. Publish the King Report.
16. No tax on occupational pensions.
17. No inheritance tax.
18. Debenture interest guaranteed.
19. Citizen’s charter for responsive Government.

20. 20-year rule for access to documents.
21. Town Planner to Chair Development and Planning Commission.
22. Bus to Both Worlds.
23. Civil service reform discussions.
24. Future Jobs Strategy – trainee employment contracts to be in place no later than 1 February 2012.
25. Publication of Government statistics.
26. Bullying at work prevention law – Command paper published
27. Establish Civil Service Review Board.
28. Publish Command Papers before relevant Bills.
29. Maintain undergraduate grants.
30. Continued training of social services staff.
31. Support event-led tourism.
32. Additional ward at St Bernard's and facilities for the elderly.
33. Dedicated maintenance team for schools.
34. Regulation of fishing in part (in the Port).
35. Commence health and safety audit of schools.
36. Start comprehensive traffic plan.
37. Start work on census.
38. Revise company legislation.
39. Parliamentary timetable.
40. Priority of employment in public service to local workers.
41. Sub-committee of the DPC to consider minor applications established.
42. Public meetings of the Board of the Gibraltar Health Authority.
43. Reconvene climate change forum.

44. Encourage use of Gibraltar as a cruise port.
45. Work with tourism industry operators.
46. Set up Gibraltar Commission on Political, Democratic and Parliamentary Reform.
47. Set up Small Business Board
48. Commence rehabilitation of offender's legislation.
49. Free bus transport for Gibraltar I/D card holders etc actioned.
50. Direct democracy – Chief Minister to answer questions from the electorate quarterly.
51. Parliament website goes "live".
52. Work to attract flights to new air terminal.
53. On-line information on economic and financial matters.
54. Monthly meetings of DPC.
55. Simplify Employment Service employee registration etc actioned – e-Government.
56. CCTV installation.
57. Industrial tribunal – restore basic award discretion.
58. No smoking in enclosed public places actioned.
59. Enforce requirement for improved safety helmets.
60. Increase in the number of teachers (advertised on 2 March 2012).
61. Forensic audit into payments made to OEM/Haymills actioned.
62. More rapid production of Parliamentary Hansard.
63. Website access to court judgments – e-Government.
64. Inter-ministerial meetings.
65. Environmental filter for Government.
66. Mandatory postgraduate grants since September actioned.
67. Practice of engaging supply teachers as "permanent supply" discontinued.

68. Secretarial support for all schools throughout the day actioned.
69. Increase in the number of classroom aides available to support children with special needs actioned.
70. Cat 2 individuals allowed to do business in Gibraltar subject to the obligation to pay Gibraltar tax on Gibraltar earnings.
71. New products for finance centre - drafts prepared to amend the Experienced Investor Funds Regulations and for QROPS transfers.
72. Jazz Festival actioned.
73. More planting of trees to reduce carbon footprint
74. MOD houses go out to tender.
75. Facebook to play a role in health promotion.
76. Promote healthy living.
77. Green procurement seminar.
78. Worker's Memorial Day public holiday.
79. Expansion of Gibraltar Savings Bank.
80. Experienced investor funds.
81. Replacement of Chilton Court windows commenced.
82. Embellishment of historic sites.
83. Register of Asbestos.
84. No smoking in enclosed public places – Command Paper published.
85. GOG/MOD/Unite forum on Global Agreement.
86. Employment (Public Interest Disclosure) Act – legislation published in 180 days.
87. Improve existing community events.
88. Priority to heritage considerations – heritage filter.
89. Clean Catalan Bay back streets.
90. Support event-led tourism.

91. Explore solar street lighting.
92. Enhance gull control programme.
93. Increase in home help.
94. Investigate alternative sources of energy.
95. Work to resolve taxi concerns.
96. Fees for international adoptions abolished.
97. Introduction of IVF actioned.
98. All tourism points retained.
99. Encourage use of Gibraltar as a cruise port.
100. Work with industry tourism operators.
101. Continue with proper supply teachers to cover absences.
102. Re-provide Moorish Castle Estate park.
103. Continue to address United Nations.