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Public CCTV System “Goes Live”

Further to the announcement by the Minister for Justice, the Hon Gilbert Licudi QC, during this year’s Budget Session, the Government is pleased to announce the launch of its Public CCTV Scheme. The CCTV system will become operational for testing purposes as from Monday 10th September and will become fully operational shortly thereafter.

The CCTV cameras are located at:

- Casemates Square – 3 cameras;
- the top of Casemates Hill;
- to the east of Casemates covering the Landport Tunnel;
- in the Market Place bus station area;
- covering Waterport Road in both directions;
- Cornwall’s Parade also covering Bell Lane and Engineers Lane;
- the top of Castle Steps;
- Irish Town outside Central Police Station;
- Governor’s Street – 2 cameras (will be installed shortly).

Government considers that CCTV can be both an effective deterrent to crime and a useful tool to resolve crimes. Consideration will now be given to extending the installation of CCTV cameras to other parts of Gibraltar including areas where residents have requested their installation.

The cameras will be monitored and controlled by the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) from its Control Room at New Mole House.

The RGP has produced an Evidential Digital Imaging policy which is Data Protection compliant. These policies include provisions on how the system will be used, how recorded material will be processed and handled and how evidence will be stored and used. A Public CCTV Guideline has also been produced in conjunction with the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority (GRA) and will be available for download on the Government’s website: www.gibraltar.gov.gi

The Ministry for Justice has worked closely with the GRA's Data Protection Compliance Manager to ensure that the Public CCTV Scheme meets all obligations under the Data Protection Act.

As announced, the system that has been installed has a "privacy mask" feature which allows for all windows and private areas to be masked out. This privacy mask setting has been applied to black out private areas which are not intended to be viewed or recorded. The CCTV system will therefore only view and record images of public areas which fall within its field of view.