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Mrs Ellul Hammond Misrepresents Reality

Mrs Isobel Ellul Hammond is guilty of misrepresenting to the people of Gibraltar the issue of the GHA and charities.

The fact is that the Chief Minister himself has been in email correspondence with Mrs Ellul Hammond in which Mr Picardo told Mrs Hammond that he would provide all the information requested by her. When pressed as to timing, Mr Picardo, who, as people are aware, is presently in New York and has been travelling for the past three weeks, said he expected to be in a position to provide the information after he returned fully from a hectic four week schedule of travel representing Gibraltar's interests abroad.

Mrs Ellul Hammond did not reply to the Chief Minister and has instead opted to issue a self-serving press release.

This suggests that Mrs Ellul Hammond was never interested in the information in the first place.

Minister for Health and Environment, the Hon Dr John Cortes, said: 'I was disappointed that Mrs Ellul Hammond has decided to issue a press release on this matter when she knew that the information was being prepared and checked before being provided to her. This suggests that the collegiate exchanges about the provision of this information were not genuine on her part.'

'This is probably the worst case of "do as I say and not as I did" that any political party has ever been foolish enough to put its hands up to! Given this obviously less than genuine attitude from the GSD, I think people would agree that it is now better for the Government to concentrate on delivering results for the people of Gibraltar than spending time on courteously corresponding with Parliamentary colleagues who are really just looking to issue press releases that misrepresent reality!'