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### **Government delivers over 150 electoral commitments in first year**

The Government has delivered 151 electoral commitments in its first year in office.

This has come about as a result of hard work by Ministers and public servants to push forward with the programme which the GSLP/Liberals were elected to implement last year.

The commitments differ in scale and in nature. Some of them are simply a case of honouring the promises made by the previous administration. Other commitments involve the use of public expenditure or the deployment of Government assets and resources. For example, the provision of a children's play-park in Moorish Castle Estate and the provision of a bus service to Both Worlds fall into this latter category.

A number of these pledges were delivered at the time of the budget earlier this year. This includes the reduction in personal tax and in business rates as well as the increase in disability allowance.

There are a number of commitments now in place that relate to the Government's agenda for openness and transparency. The publication of Government statistics on-line, monthly meetings of Parliament and open meetings of the Development and Planning Commission and the GHA Board are all part of this framework for greater access to information by the citizen.

There are a number of commitments which are obviously on-going, some have been actioned and others are at different stages of implementation.

The Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia, whose office is charged with the supervision of manifesto commitments said:

"The Government is delighted with our achievements so far after only 12 months in office. There are obviously a number of other commitments that are in the pipeline and which will be given effect to soon. The vast majority of commitments are for implementation over a four year term of office and this remains our objective. The Government is very grateful to the many public servants who are assisting in the delivery of our exciting programme of Government."

#### List of Manifesto Commitments:

- 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
- 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 legislation in place
- 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 Skills audit completed in construction sector
- 81 Replacement of Chilton Court windows commenced
- 82 Embellishment of historic sites
- 83 Register of Asbestos
- 84 GOG/MOD/Unite forum on Global Agreement
- 85 Employment (Public Interest Disclosure) Act – legislation in place
- 86 Improve existing community events
- 87 Priority to heritage considerations – heritage filter
- 88 Clean Catalan Bay back streets
- 89 Explore solar street lighting
- 90 Enhance gull control programme
- 91 Increase in home help
- 92 Investigate alternative sources of energy
- 93 Work to resolve taxi concerns
- 94 Fees for international adoptions abolished
- 95 Introduction of IVF on GHA
- 96 Continue with proper supply teachers to cover absences
- 97 Re-provide Moorish Castle Estate park
- 98 Continue to address United Nations
- 99 Reintroduction of discount of 10% of business rates for early payments.
- 100 Discount on business rates of 20% for start-up companies in the first year.
- 101 Housing list for applicants who are currently living in Spain and who wish to return home.
- 102 No rent increases
- 103 Government projects before the DPC
- 104 Presentation at DPC for all major projects
- 105 Commission on Democratic and Political reform publishes consultation paper
- 106 Honour the agreement of the MoD with the previous Government with respect to Regiment housing
- 107 DPC Minutes and agenda to be available online
- 108 Additional seat on the DPC for the ESG
- 109 Introduction of yearly mega-concert
- 110 Free bus to North Front for Pensioners
- 111 Import Duty reductions review
- 112 Better resources for youth workers
- 113 Lower personal tax
- 114 Royal Gibraltar Regiment - pensions Tax free at 55
- 115 Disability allowance to increase with inflation
- 116 Removal of disability allowance on a staggered basis when disabled person finds employment
- 117 Maintaining the cost of electricity and water frozen
- 118 Additional financial support scheme for pensioner linked to average earnings
- 119 Duty free waiver for adapted vehicles for disabled persons
- 120 Access to VTS for Port Operators
- 121 Hyperbaric Oxygen treatment available
- 122 Change repeat prescription system
- 123 Audit of Fire Service

- 124 Installation and upgrading of lighting in the Victoria Stadium sports complex
- 125 Introduction of Green Tax measures
- 126 Tax and cash incentives for hybrid vehicles
- 127 Work to attract new business
- 128 Work to develop new products
- 129 Review availability of adequate office space
- 130 Explore business opportunities in civil aviation
- 131 Free land for affordable housing
- 132 Graduate Employment
- 133 Maintain minimum wage under constant review
- 134 Sheltered employment for disabled persons
- 135 Permanently displayed art collection
- 136 Continue psychiatric unit project
- 137 Increased staffing in key areas
- 138 Re-establish a relationship of respect and Co-operation with the Heritage Trust
- 139 Support international recognition of Gibraltar sportsmen
- 140 Continue to maintain children's parks
- 141 Assistance for non-recognised sports
- 142 New premises for clubs and associations
- 143 Encourage Micro-generation
- 144 Attempt to deal with Western Beach sewage problem
- 145 Control ape population actioned
- 146 Implementation of a tree planting programme
- 147 Full coastal defences protection review
- 148 Work on Upper Rock Management Plan
- 149 Expand air quality monitoring
- 150 Regeneration of Rosia Bay - tender published
- 151 Development of the Commonwealth Park