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The Government has noted the statements attributed to Dr Chris Tydeman, the Chairman of the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum in his evidence before the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee.

The evidence given by Dr Tydeman reflects the information available to him as a result of the work he has done for the HM Government of Gibraltar. The report he prepared for Government will shortly be published, alongside draft regulations dealing with the management of the marine environment.

HM Government of Gibraltar does not take any issue with the scientific information given by Dr Tydeman.

The opinion of Dr Tydeman as to the role of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Adrian Johns, and the manner in which Sir Adrian has acted in relation to the issue of illegal fishing in Gibraltar waters and incursions by Spanish state vessels is incorrect. The Governor has been as consistently clear and unequivocal in his work behind the scenes as he has been in public about the unacceptable nature of the incursions by Spanish state vessels. HM Government of Gibraltar feels that Gibraltar has been fully supported by its Governor and that his staunch position in defence of Gibraltar must be recognised.