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OPPOSITION FAILS TO COMMIT TO 1ST MAY OR WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

The Government notes that Mr Feetham's GSD Opposition has failed to commit itself to keeping the 1st May as a bank holiday celebrated on that day. Mr Feetham's Opposition party has also failed to confirm it would keep the Workers' Memorial Day bank holiday.

Mr Feetham's party has made three statements on the subject of the 1st May and Workers Memorial Day complaining principally about the fact that he was not going to speak at the event at Casemates and accusing Mr Ochello of Unite of lying. Indeed, Mr Feetham has specifically said that Mr Ochello has "lied" to him. This approach appears to have been designed by Mr Feetham's GSD to try to obscure their failure to commit to these important days being bank holidays.

The Government now asks Mr Feetham to stop avoiding the issue and answer these simple questions in terms of "yes" or "no".

- 1. Does the GSD now support the GSLP/Liberals policy that Workers' Memorial Day should be celebrated with a holiday given the weekend closest to the 28th April? Yes or No?
- 2. Does the GSD now support the GSLP/Liberals policy that the 1st of May should be a bank holiday, whatever day of the week it falls on, to celebrate Workers' Day? Yes or No?

Given that Mr Feetham has described the GSD as made up by people from "the Centre Left" and "Right Wingers", and therefore not ideologically committed in any way, what is his position on these important dates in the socialist calendar?