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**PRIME MINISTER WRITES TO MR PICARDO**

In response to the Chief Minister's letter to David Cameron following last month's jet ski incident, Mr Picardo has now received a reply from the Prime Minister.

In his letter, Mr Cameron says that he 'was very concerned by reports of the incursion' and that he raised this directly with the Prime Minister of Spain. 'I made clear to Prime Minister Rajoy that the reported actions of the Guardia Civil were unacceptable and that the Spanish Government should urgently investigate what happened.'

'I agree that the jet ski incident must be seen in a wider context in which Spanish incursions have increased substantially since March 2012,' added Mr Cameron. 'I assure you that the UK Government will meet its constitutional commitments to the people of Gibraltar and will not compromise on sovereignty.'

The letter ends with Mr Cameron thanking the Chief Minister for his support, particularly at the Pre-G8 Summit. 'I should like to close by thanking you warmly for the strong commitment that Gibraltar has given to the G8 trade, tax and transparency agenda. Your support was an important factor in the success of the Lough Erne Summit.'

In response, Mr Picardo said, 'I am pleased that the Prime Minister has taken a strong line on the jet ski incident. Mr Cameron's letter is further proof of the British Government's unequivocal commitment to our sovereignty.'