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CHIEF MINISTER IN DEMAND FROM THE MEDIA

The Chief Minister has had a busy day of press interviews as the story of the weekend's border queues continues to run in the media's headlines.

Mr Picardo was interviewed 'live' on both this morning's 'Today' programme on the BBC's Radio 4 and on BBC TV's 'News 24' channel.

On the Today programme, interviewer Justin Webb asked Mr Picardo several questions about the causes of the weekend's frontier queue and whether or not 'there was anything that Gibraltar could do about it.' Mr Picardo replied that, 'Public opinion - not just in the United Kingdom but around Europe and around the world - is being picked up in this morning's media. People don't like to see a bully being allowed to get away with it.'

The Today programme is the most popular programme on Radio 4 and one of the BBC's most popular programmes across its radio networks and has been voted the most influential news programme in Britain in setting the political agenda. It has over 7 million regular listeners.

After a false start in the morning when there was a failure of the audio link to London, Mr Picardo successfully completed a second interview with BBC News 24 late in the afternoon.

In the meanwhile, the Chief Minister also gave television interviews to the Al Jazeera TV channel and to the ITV 'News at Ten' programme.

....and there are more interviews scheduled for tomorrow.