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Purchase of Viewing Platform for Events

The Ministry of Culture and the Ministry for Equality have been aware for some time that wheelchair users are unable to see parades and local events. As a consequence, the two ministries have been working together for the last year to identify a suitable viewing platform for wheelchair users.

HM Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce that it has now purchased a suitable, purpose built viewing platform.

The platform will be used for the first time at the first of the cultural Summer Nights which is dedicated to the 'Pride' event. This will be held on Saturday 12th July 2014 at Casemates Square.

Spaces at the wheelchair viewing platform will be available on a first come first served basis and, people may be accompanied by one other person.

The Minister for Equality, The Honorable Samantha Sacramento said:

'HM Government is committed to ensuring that people with mobility issues have an equal, inclusive and accessible experience when attending events. Consultation with professional advisors has ensured that this is possible.'

Editor's Note:

Technical information:

- *The platform is made of steel deck items and has been supplied in parts to allow for the possibility of setting up in various layouts. It will be set up according to each event's needs.*
- *The platform is built with a ramp of 1:12 gradient which is the recommended rise for wheelchair use.*

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- *With evermore focus on ensuring events are inclusive to the disabled sector, wheelchair users are elevated so that their view is not obstructed by standing audience.*