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Archives website logs over 2000 hits

The new website of the Gibraltar National Archives has logged over two thousand hits from 10 countries in its first week of operation.

The website (www.nationalarchives.gi) allows users to search the lists and registers of population of Gibraltar from 1777 to 1914. It also includes a list of people who remained in Gibraltar after it was captured in 1704. This searchable material has proved to be a very popular feature.

The 2219 hits have come from a number of countries including the United Kingdom (346), Spain (131), the United States of America (86), France (16), Australia (14) and Brazil (13). There have been 1541 hits from Gibraltar. The data shows that the average session lasted 20 minutes and that 60% of those on the website were new visitors.

Commenting on the matter, the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said:

“It is very good to see that there has been such interest in the website and in the data that is stored there and available to the general public. It is important to recall that the current database holds 174,000 records. This is part of the wider digitisation policy of the Government which will see an ever increasing amount of historical data being stored in electronic form, some of which will be made available on-line. The Government would like to acknowledge the work of present Archivist Mr Anthony Pitaluga and also the work of past Archivists in making this possible.”