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NEW BALCONIES AT MOUNT ALVERNIA - AT LAST, THE OLD SCAFFOLDING HAS GONE

HM Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce that refurbishment works of the balconies along the west elevation of Mount Alvernia have been completed after scaffolding was erected some 12 years ago. This scaffolding had previously had to be replaced twice because it had itself become unsafe due to exposure to the elements. The deficiencies have now been addressed and the refurbishment has been completed. The deficiencies of the balconies ranged from broken balustrades, exposure of steel frame, broken bricks and no cementation, in fact, the balconies had become so dilapidated that they were actually being supported by the scaffolding. Following major works, these have now been completely replaced with new balconies with anti-slip surface flooring. The new balustrades are higher than the old rails for safety reasons but their design permits residents to enjoy panoramic views of the Bay of Gibraltar. The façade of the building has also been refurbished and painted and new awnings will be fitted very shortly.

Samantha Sacramento Minister for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly has stated "I am delighted that these much-needed major refurbishment works have been able to rectify an issue which has deprived residents of the use and enjoyment of balconies for 12 years. This investment will now significantly enhance the quality of life of residents as they can now enjoy the outside space and spectacular views and it once again demonstrates this administration's commitment to our elderly community. The planning, undertaking and completion of this project has involved many people in order to ensure that works were undertaken in a scheduled manner, causing minimal disruption to residents and I must acknowledge their professionalism. I would also like to express my thanks to the residents and management of Mount Alvernia for their patience and understanding whilst the refurbishment work was being carried out."