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The External Refurbishment of St Joseph's Estate

HM Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce the completion of Phase I of works to refurbish St Joseph's Estate.

Essential external repairs have been undertaken to St Joseph's Estate which include a much needed toddler's playground and the re-surfacing of pavers to access walkways to the middle and upper area of the estate. The upper east area parking bays have also been re-surfaced and the drainage rationalised to prevent ponding and the retaining wall has been rebuilt. Extensive repairs to other retaining walls within the estate have also been undertaken including the rearrangement to the slope angle of the stairs of the common areas. The replacement and re-levelling of the pavers throughout the estate, to improve the drainage of surface water, has also been carried out.

This is currently Phase I of several refurbishment phases to be undertaken to the estate. Subsequent phases will include extensive repairs to several roofs in order to eliminate the long standing water penetration problem being experienced by some tenants. These works are scheduled to commence shortly. Other phases will include the redecoration of the building façade, railings and staircases.

This project is in keeping with the Government's ongoing commitment to refurbish all Government housing estates to maintain them in satisfactory conditions and not allow them to deteriorate as has happened in the past.