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### Hotline to Report Illegal Labour set up at the Department of Employment

The Ministry of Business and Employment, in response to the request of the Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce the introduction of a 'hot-line' to report illegal labour at the Department of Employment.

A 24 hour telephone service with number 20011099 is staffed from 8.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. with an answering machine service available outside of these hours. Persons wishing to report any illegal labour can do so anonymously. Should personal details be obtained during the reporting of any illegal labour, the public is reminded that personal details will not be disclosed.

The Department of Employment also wishes to remind the public that the Labour Inspectors are a valuable source of information and their services should be used by both employees and employers and are available on telephone numbers 20011037, 20011038, 20011040, 20011063 and on mobile numbers 58740000 or 56001910. Alternatively the public can visit our offices at Unit 77 New Harbours (counter hours 8.30a.m. – 3.00p.m.).

Commenting on the above, the Minister for Business and Employment, the Honourable Neil F Costa, said: "With this new hotline, Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is reinforcing its commitment to reduce illegal labour in Gibraltar. As the public will remember, the Labour Inspectorate has been revamped and fully resourced and a new programme of inspections has been introduced. The new programme ensures regular inspections of businesses to verify that all employers are regulated with the relevant Government Departments. I am sure that this additional tool will provide even greater effectiveness to ensure a level playing field for all businesses. The Department is committed to provide the community with the first class service that they deserve and should expect"