



Deputy Chief Minister

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Buckingham Palace responds to 10,000-strong petition

Her Majesty the Queen greatly appreciates the loyalty of the people of Gibraltar but has no plans to visit Gibraltar for the foreseeable future with overseas travel very limited. These comments have come in a response from Buckingham Palace to the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia following the submission of a petition containing 10,000 signatures which had been collected locally.

The petition, with a covering letter from Dr Garcia, was sent to Gibraltar House in London for forwarding to Buckingham Palace this summer. The response arrived during the general election campaign and the details are being disclosed at this time.

Dr Garcia met this morning with three representatives of the group who collected the signatures, Mrs Liz Balban, Mrs Sheridan Borda and Mr Luis Edwards in order to convey the news and pass them a copy of the letter from the Palace.

The letter adds:

“The United Kingdom and Gibraltar share a tight bond stretching back over three hundred years. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. These anniversaries help us remember the countless sacrifices made by citizens of the United Kingdom and Gibraltar in defence of our shared values.” It recalls that Her Majesty conveyed her best wishes to HE the Governor and the Chief Minister on 9 September following the joint congratulations sent when she became the longest reigning Monarch of the United Kingdom and its Overseas Territories.