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The Ministry of Business and Employment and Department of Employment go online

The Minister for Business and Employment, the Hon Neil F Costa MP, today launched his new ministerial website <http://ministryofbusiness.gov.gi>, which will be uploaded with timely information on his new Ministerial portfolios. The new site will have illustrated sections on Business and Employment together with his new responsibilities.

The website will contain information on the Business Support Unit, the Department of Employment, the Industrial Tribunal, the Royal Gibraltar Post Office and the Department of Social Security, together with the Office of Fair Trading ("OFT"). As well as a link to the main HM Government of Gibraltar website, the website will provide links to the website for the Department of Employment that is also being launched today and can be accessed at <http://employment.gov.gi>. The website of the Office of Fair Trading will be launched in June.

As part of the Department's drive to make itself fully accessible to the entire community, an up-to-date list of contact persons with their responsibilities and contact number will be detailed. This will enable the public to contact the section and/or member of staff directly. In addition, as a means of keeping up with emerging technologies and offering an advanced and efficient service to all website users, these new websites are compatible with a wide variety of devices, ranging from desktop formats to mobile and tablet devices.

Currently, under the existing website, all employment forms can be downloaded under PDF format for printing and completion. The next stage of development, in line with Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar's E-Government policy, will consist of the ETB's web portal. This will allow the public round the clock virtual access to the services offered, full details of which will be announced next week.



Minister for Business and Employment, the Hon Neil F Costa MP said: “We are committed to full interaction between the public sector, the general public and the business community. I am therefore delighted that the Department of Employment is contributing its resources to this effect. To have dedicated websites where we can be in touch with the public is a great mechanism and a valuable asset allowing us to provide regular updates of the new projects on which we are working. Finally, I very much look forward to announcing next week the establishment of our digital platforms that will enhance and facilitate the many services we provide to the public.”