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Allegations Against the Royal Gibraltar Police : factual report sought

His Excellency the Governor, Sir James Dutton, KCB CBE, and the Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, both received, before and during the weekend, correspondence from a person who had undergone the Royal Gibraltar Police selection weekend. The correspondence in question makes allegations against certain officers of the RGP and against the RGP as an institution.

As a result of receiving the said correspondence, the Governor and the Chief Minister agreed, in exercise of their respective powers under the Police Act, to meet with the Chairman of the Gibraltar Police Authority, Mr John Gonçalves and the Commissioner of the Police.

The meeting was held this morning at the Convent. In Mr Gonçalves' absence, Mrs Naomi Hassan-Weisfogel attended the meeting.

The Governor and the Chief Minister received a very full and detailed response from the RGP in respect of allegations made.

Mrs Hassan Weisfogel was also able to provide her own feedback on the RGP's selection weekend, given that she had been present for a large part of the process.

As a result of the allegations contained in the applicant's letter and the information provided to His Excellency and the Chief Minister, the Chief Minister has decided, on behalf of the Government, to ask the GPA to provide him with a factual report of each of the allegations made as soon as possible. The report will be shared with the Governor. The preparation of the factual report will allow for each of the applicants for RGP posts who attended the selection weekend to provide their recollections to the GPA members who will carry out the relevant investigation into the allegations made.