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OPPOSITION'S CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY & SPENDING IS JUST WOLF CRYING NONSENSE

What astonishingly short memories the GSD must have!

The previous Government refused point-blank to answer questions from the press or from the public and gave the then Opposition just a handful of Parliamentary opportunities to ask any questions. Indeed, it is utterly impossible to imagine that GSD government giving consideration to a Freedom of Information Act!

This Government answers dozens of press questions every week, holds regular Direct Democracy sessions to answer the public's questions and holds monthly sessions of Parliament to respond to the Opposition's questions.

The difference in approach to 'openness and transparency' could not be more pronounced so it is amazing that the current Opposition should draw attention to an area which was one of the previous government's biggest failings.

Commenting on the matter, the Chief Minister Fabian Picardo said:

"What is happening is that Mr Feetham's GSD wants people to forget what they are like when they are in Government. They want people to forget they answered questions only three or two times a year in Parliament. They want people to forget they were the worst overspenders on projects : Mr Caruana spent £84m on the airport which was supposed to cost £24m and Mr Feetham overspent hugely on the Courts and Prison. They left only £2m in the kitty at the end of their last financial year in office but they want to pretend to be prudent. I am looking forward to dealing with everyone one of the spurious arguments being put by Daniel Feetham and the GSD. I will be able to demonstrate that on everything they complain of the GSD and Mr Feetham were worse offenders. we are a transparent and accountable Government delivering on our manifesto commitments and prudently ensuring the public finances of Gibraltar are stronger than ever. That will soon be clear

beyond argument and the GSD and Mr Feetham won't have anywhere left to go and will as a result never be trusted again. Too much crying wolf when Gibraltar is doing as well as it is will be Mr Feetham's undoing."