



PRESS RELEASE

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Meeting with Opposition being Fixed: CM Looking Forward to it

The press release from Hon Roy Clinton MP on the meeting which is being arranged by the Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, is disrespectful of Parliament and of Parliamentary procedures. Mr Clinton has set down questions in respect of this matter which are due to be answered on Thursday and it is striking to see that he has nonetheless issued a statement ahead of those answers. The fact is that the Chief Minister is waiting for a date on which all the professional advisers are available. That is what has delayed the meeting.

Mr Picardo said: "I am very much looking forward to this meeting in which we will demonstrate to the members of the Opposition who attend that this is an excellent investment in Gibraltar and a huge expression of confidence in our public finances and our economy. I therefore have no reason to delay the meeting. I do, nonetheless, want to try to ensure that all relevant advisers are present. I am surprised, however, at Roy having flouted Parliamentary protocol in this way. I will put it down to his lack of experience."