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Opposition criticise Government even when they agree!

The Opposition, as is now customary, could not help but take issue with the Government once again, even whilst accepting that the way certain drugs are regarded is a delicate and important subject which requires open consultation and mature consideration.

This is precisely what the Government have said.

It is beyond doubt that the Opposition is intent on simply repeating its purposely incorrect positions to give themselves air time. It is cheap politics and of the worst sort. It does not surprise the Government that the Opposition in its latest press statement simply repeats the dramatically misconstrued views of the Minister for Health, Care and Justice and, reflecting their lackadaisical attention to matters, approximately 4 weeks after he made them.

The Minister did not say that drugs should be decriminalised. He gave the personal view that resources currently expended on detecting, investigating and prosecuting the simple possession of drugs could be better allocated to stopping the importation and supply of drugs. In other words, the Minister was urging that drugs should be stopped from coming into Gibraltar in the first place.

The Minister explained that his views, apart from his own research, are based on cases that he came across whilst Minister with responsibility for employment. There needs to be expert advice and wide consultation in order to re-examine the way that Gibraltar deals with drugs. The Government and the Opposition have said the same thing.