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## Clarification on Together Gibraltar Event

Given the very public allegations made by Together Gibraltar, and their founder Marlene Hassan-Nahon, the Government feels it should clarify the rules regarding the participation of Senior Public Officials at public political events.

General Orders prevent Senior Public Officials from speaking publicly on matters of political controversy and from publicly expressing personal political views.

In the case of Together Gibraltar's 'Fireside Chat', both speakers withdrew from the event of their own accord upon learning that the event was being marketed as a Together Gibraltar event at Together Gibraltar's party political offices. As Senior Public Officials, their attendance at any public political event regardless of the organising Party, would be inappropriate. In both cases, this was a personal decision made by the individual.

The Government did not ask anybody to withdraw from the event. It certainly did not prohibit anyone from attending.