



PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION – PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
(AS AMENDED AND PASSED ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2024)

"This House notes and welcomes the Principal Auditors report on the audit of the public accounts of Gibraltar for the years 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2018.

COMMENDS the Government for its continued assistance and cooperation with the Principal Auditor and is assured by the Government that it will continue its customary assistance and cooperation in assisting the Auditor in completing his work on the public accounts of Gibraltar for the year 31 March 2019 and every year thereafter.

WELCOMES the Government indication that it intends to take the Supplementary Appropriation Bill B26/23 for the two-year period 2019/2021 through all its Parliamentary stages in the March 2024 meeting of Parliament.

SIMILARLY WELCOMES the Government indication that it intends to take the Supplementary Appropriation Bill B27/23 for the year 2021/2022 through all its Parliamentary stages in the March 2024 meeting of Parliament.

This House furthermore Resolves that it is democratically right and essential to respect the fact that at the last General Election the electorate selected a very clear policy, set out on page 40 of the election winning GSLP Liberal Manifesto, which specifically provides that there should NOT be a standing committee be created to be designated as the "Public Accounts Committee".

CONFIRMS the importance this House places on the excellent work of successive Principal Auditors:

NOTES THAT the contracts awarded for the provision of care to Meddoc and other providers was the subject of tenders and negotiations designed to reduce the price paid by the tax payer, despite the relevant information in this respect unfortunately apparently not having been provided to the Principal Auditor and invites the Principal Auditor to review this part of this report with the further information available;

AND NOW CALLS UPON THE PRINCIPAL AUDITOR to investigate - with the full cooperation of the Government and the provision of such additional resources as may be necessary - the legality of the grant of contracts by the previous administration to Master Services and for the Airport tunnel, roads, approach landing and related works without tender AND TO Report to this House accordingly, in such time frame as he may consider reasonable - in a SPECIAL REPORT on the same."