



GIBRALTAR PARLIAMENT PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS TIMETABLE

Monday 30 March 2015

SUMMARY AGENDA: CHAMBER

3.30 pm	THE ORDER OF THE DAY
(i)	Government Bills – First and Second Reading
(ii)	Government Bills – Committee Stage and Third Reading
(iii)	Government Motions
(iv)	Private Members' Motion

THE ORDER OF THE DAY**GOVERNMENT BILLS****FIRST AND SECOND READING****The Hon the Chief Minister**

- (i) A bill for an Act to govern the organisational, administrative and procedural matters with the holding of referenda in Gibraltar. (B01/15)

The Hon the Chief Minister

- (ii) A Bill for an Act to amend the Electronic Commerce Act. (B03/15)

The Hon the Minister for Education and Justice & International Exchange of Information

- (iii) A Bill for an act to establish the University of Gibraltar and for connected purposes. (B05/2015)

The Hon the Minister for Business and Employment

- (iv) A Bill for an Act to Establish and Provide for the functions of the Office of Fair Trading and the Office of Fair Trading Commission; encourage business to comply with consumer law and improve their trading practices; streamline and simplify the Trade Licensing system; establish enforcement powers for the Trade Licensing Authority being part of the Office of Fair Trading in cases of non-adherence by licencees; establish a single point of contact as part of the trade licensing procedure; amend the law relating to the Protection of the collective interests of consumers; enable action to be taken against conduct detrimental to consumers; and for purposes connected therewith. (B02/15)

The Hon the Minister for Financial Services and Gaming

- (v) A Bill for an Act to transpose into the Law of Gibraltar provisions of Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking up and pursuit of the Business of Insurance and Re-Insurance (Solvency II), and provisions of Directive 2014/51/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2003/71/EC and 2009/138/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009, (EU) No 1094/2010 and (EU) No 1095/2010 in respect of the powers of the European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) and related matters. (B04/2015)

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Cont. GOVERNMENT BILLS

COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING

- (i) The Referendum Bill 2015;
- (ii) The Electronic Commerce (Amendment) Bill 2015;
- (iii) The University of Gibraltar Bill 2015;
- (iv) The Fair Trading Bill 2015;
- (v) The Financial Services (Insurance Companies)(Solvency II Directive) Bill 2015.

THE ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

The Hon the Chief Minister

- (i) “This House notes: Statements by the Hon. Daniel Feetham at the meeting of the House for questions of Thursday 19th March 2015 on the Sunborn Floating Hotel that he was not aware that the law firm of which he is a partner, Hassans, were solicitors for the operators of the Sunborn floating hotel; and

The content of exchanges in press releases on the past which disclosed that fact explicitly namely Government Press Releases 483, 487 and 536 of 2013;

And Therefore considers that Mr Feetham clearly misled the House when he stated that he was not aware that the law firm of which he is a partner, Hassans, were solicitors for the operators of the Sunborn floating hotel.”

THE ORDER OF THE DAY
Cont. MOTIONS
The Hon the Chief Minister

- (i) “THIS HOUSE condemns the Leader of the Opposition for attempting to mislead the readers of the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses excellent magazine, “In Touch”, by the use of the following statements and arguments which are entirely false, namely:
- that the Chief Minister compared Spain to North Korea at the United Nations;
- that the Chief Minister associated himself with the comments of Dennis Matthews at the United Nations that Spain was a terrorist state;
- that the Government had created a reef (which the Leader of the Opposition, in common with Spanish Partido Popular politicians describes as having laid “concrete blocks”) on environmental grounds when barely a few metres on it now plans a land reclamation next to the airport; and
- that the Government is misleading the public on BOTH public finances and the strength of the economy.
- And notes that the Leader of the Opposition is clearly prepared to ignore information provided to him in this House or prevent it in order to serve his own agenda and ambition, whether or not that misuse of information is damaging to the public interest of Gibraltar.”

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTION
The Hon D A Feetham

- (i) “This House notes the findings of the Report of the Dr Giraldi Home Inquiry, produced by the Inquiry Chairman, the Rt Hon Sir Jonathan Parker. The House particularly notes the following:
1. That all allegations of abuse in the Dr Giraldi Home were properly investigated by the Social Services Agency as and when the allegations were made;
 2. That those allegations of a criminal nature were referred to and investigated as appropriate by the Royal Gibraltar Police;
 3. That there was no conspiracy by any Government Minister, or indeed anyone else, to prevent the allegations in the witness statements filed on behalf of Joanna Hernandez from being put into the public domain and/or becoming the subject of judicial investigation, whether by delaying or obstructing the hearing of the claim, or by stifling the claim by prolonging the proceedings unnecessarily, or by any other means;
 4. That the serious claims were untrue, grossly exaggerated or unsubstantiated by credible evidence;

5. That staff at the Dr Giraldi Home were subjected to unfounded, offensive and regrettable criticism.

This House is grateful to the Care Staff at the Dr Giraldi Home, who despite having been the victims of the most spurious allegations, stood steadfast in their resolve to provide the best possible care to residents and service users in very difficult circumstances.

This House thanks and re-affirms its trust in the Royal Gibraltar Police, outgoing Attorney General Ricky Rhoda QC and the Social Services Agency.

This House resolves to repair the damage caused to the reputation and good standing of the Dr Giraldi Home, its staff, the Royal Gibraltar Police, the Social Services Agency and the Attorney General by informing through a letter from the Leader