



# PROCEEDINGS OF THE GIBRALTAR PARLIAMENT

MORNING SESSION: 10.00 a.m. – 10.05 a.m.

Gibraltar, Thursday, 5th July 2012

## The Gibraltar Parliament

*The Parliament met at 10.00 a.m.*

[MR SPEAKER: Hon. H K Budhrani QC *in the Chair*]

[CLERK TO THE PARLIAMENT: M L Farrell Esq RD *in attendance*]

## Order of the Day

**Tributes in memory of  
former Speaker of the House, Sir Alfred Vasquez, QC  
and Mr J E Triay, QC**

**Clerk:** Sitting of Parliament, Thursday, 5th July.  
The Hon. the Chief Minister.

5 **Chief Minister (Hon. F R Picardo):** Mr Speaker, Members gathered here this morning will know that today we were to start what is one of the most important set pieces of the annual life of this Parliament, which was the debate on the Estimates on the Appropriation Bill. It is sadly my duty to come here today to adjourn the House as a result of the passing of two great Gibraltarians.

10 The first, I think, to remember is Sir Alfred Vasquez, who held your Chair for a record period of time and who passed away quietly at home two days ago. I think everybody who came into contact with Sir Alfred knew him to be a positive influence in their lives and all of the people who served in this Parliament with him whom I had occasion to speak with yesterday remembered his time here as Speaker with fondness.

15 And of course, Mr Speaker, the death that led to this adjournment is the unfortunate passing of Mr J E Triay, another very prominent member of our community, a man who held forthright views that he defended honestly and fairly and who is also, as we know, the father-in-law of the Leader of the Opposition, which would have made it impossible for the Leader of the Opposition to have answered today my speech on the presentation of the Estimates.

20 So, Mr Speaker, I think it is appropriate to pay tribute to both of those great Gibraltarians, who have passed away and in that context to adjourn the House.

Before I move the adjournment, I give way, if any Member of the benches opposite wishes to associate themselves with these remarks.

25 **Hon. D A Feetham:** Mr Speaker, we have nothing to add to the Leader of the House's words in relation to Mr Vasquez and also J E Triay. We associate ourselves entirely with the comments of the Leader of the House, and of course, extend our condolences to both sets of families on the very sad loss of both individuals.

30 **Hon. Chief Minister:** Mr Speaker, on that basis I have the honour to move that the House do now adjourn to Monday, 9th July, at 9.30 a.m.

**Mr Speaker:** I now propose the question which is that this House do now adjourn to Monday, 9th July 2012, at 9.30 a.m.

35 I now put the question which is that this House do now adjourn to Monday, 9th July 2012, at 9.30 a.m. Those in favour; (**Members:** Aye.) Those against. Passed.

This House will now adjourn to Monday, 9th July 2012 at 9.30 a.m.

*The House adjourned at 10.05 a.m.*