

13 October, 2017

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

The Hon E J Phillips has given notice on 13th October 2017 that he proposes to move the following motion at the next meeting of Parliament:

“THIS HOUSE:

ACKNOWLEDGES the excellent work being conducted by the judiciary and the men and women of the Gibraltar Court Service in discharging their duties to the public and other service users;

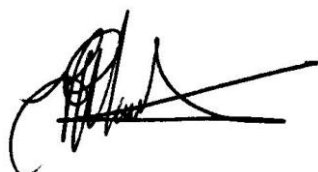
NOTES the oath made by the Minister with responsibility for Justice, pursuant to the Judicial Services Act 2007, which provides that the Minister discharge his duty to ensure the provision of resources for the efficient and effective support of the courts;

NOTES the financial provision made for a fourth puisne Judge in the Appropriation Bill 2017-2018 passed by this House on 29 June 2017;

NOTES that the representative body of the legal profession, the Bar Council, was not consulted on the decision by the Government not to fund a fourth judicial appointment despite provision having been made in the Appropriation Bill 2017-2018;

WELCOMES the unprecedented statement by the Honourable Mr Justice Dudley, Chief Justice on 17 August 2017 inviting the Government to reconsider the appointment of a fourth puisne judge;

BELIEVES that the Government should ensure that our courts and the Judiciary are appropriately resourced to meet the demands of complex and high value litigation and to appropriately provide for the impact of legal assistance reforms on those resources.”



Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament