

16 February, 2022

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

The Hon E J Phillips has given notice on 16th February 2022 that he proposes to move the following motion at the next meeting of Parliament:

“THIS HOUSE:

NOTES the presentation before the United Kingdom Parliament by way of a Private Members' Bill for a Bill to declare British Sign Language an official language of the United Kingdom; to provide for a British Sign Language Council to promote and advise on the use of BSL; to establish principles for the use of BSL in public services; to require public bodies to have regard to those principles and to guidance issued by the Council; and for connected purposes.

RECOGNISES and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the huge challenges faced by our deaf and hearing loss community in being heard, listened to and understood.

RECOGNISES and **ACKNOWLEDGES** that we must do more to provide support for our deaf and hearing loss community in the wider provision of British Sign Language translation, education and awareness across all public services.

ACKNOWLEDGES the tireless work of members of the Gibraltar Hearing Issues and Tinnitus Association and the wider deaf and hearing loss community in raising awareness of the issues affecting the lives of the hearing impaired past and present.

AND CALLS on the Government to bring a Bill before the House to declare British Sign Language an official language of Gibraltar; to provide for a statutory body to promote and advise on the use of BSL; to establish principles for the use of BSL in public services; to require public bodies to have regard to those principles and to guidance issued by the statutory body; and for connected purposes.”



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