Gibraltar Parliament

19 November, 2026

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

The Hon J Ladislaus MP has given notice on 19th November 2026 that she proposes to move the following Motion at the next Meeting of Parliament:

"THIS HOUSE:

NOTES that in 1865 the responsibility for fire fighting in Gibraltar was removed from the military authorities and the Sanitary Order in Council set up the Sanitary Commissioners placing upon them the responsibility of "prevention and extinction of fires" and that these are the origins of the Fire Brigade in Gibraltar;

FURTHER NOTES that in 1946 the first civilian recruits were signed on and trained as firefighters and that in 1948 the first Gibraltarian civilian Chief Fire Officer of Gibraltar was appointed;

RECALLS that on 20th November 2014 the City Fire Brigade became the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service;

ACKNOWLEDGES the sterling, efficient, loyal, selfless efforts and excellent work of all serving and previous officers and members of the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service and its predecessor organisations in the protection and defence of Gibraltar from fire and other dangers or the delivery of rescue services often in the most dangerous and perilous circumstances;

CONFIRMS its gratitude on behalf of this House and the people of Gibraltar for the service over so many years of the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service;

AND HEREBY RESOLVES to bestow the Freedom of the City of Gibraltar upon the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service in grateful recognition of their longstanding history of dedicated service, courage and commitment which have made an enduring contribution to the safety and wellbeing of Gibraltar and its people."

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