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### **This is a Government that delivers on Education**

Elliott Phillips is spokesman for a party whose record in Education is probably the worst in Gibraltar's history. In sixteen years in power they built no schools and made no significant advancements in Education. That was real neglect. They had no intention of doing so either, as their manifesto pamphlet only referred to a 'megaschool' which was educationally unsound and rejected by education professionals. At election time they even famously declared that they would not build a new St Martin's School.

In contrast, the Government built two new schools, and a University, in its first term and is actively working on the new schools project. The Minister for Education has met with teachers and deputy heads of all the schools concerned, and is assembling a team to deliver on this manifesto commitment. Site visits and meetings are taking place and the new schools' needs are being professionally assessed.

Similarly the report on co-education is now in its final drafting stages.

Minister for Education Dr John Cortes said, "My predecessor Gilbert Licudi clearly showed how this Government can deliver in Education. Anyone who knows about this type of project, which Mr Phillips clearly does not, knows that the most important period is the planning phase – well before a brick is laid. Given that teaching professionals will be intimately involved at all stages, this phase is of particular importance. That is where we are now. The GSD will be shocked when they see what we are planning, and I look forward to Mr Phillips congratulating the Government on our achievements in Education."

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