



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Retirement of Principal Auditor**

In announcing the retirement of the Principal Auditor, Mr James Posso, HM Government wishes to place on record its acknowledgment and appreciation of Mr Posso's exemplary and invaluable contribution to the Public Service. Mr Posso joined the Civil Service in 1975 as a Clerical Officer in the Audit Office and, resulting from a series of promotions and transfers, worked at the Department of Labour and Social Security and later at the Treasury before becoming Deputy Accountant General in April 2001.

Mr Posso has been Principal Auditor for the last twelve years. The Chief Minister, on behalf of HM Government would like to thank Mr Posso and wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

HM Government would also like to welcome Mr Posso's successor into the role of Principal Auditor, Mr Anthony Sacramento who has been appointed by HE The Governor, acting on the advice of the Specified Appointments Commission.

Mr Anthony Sacramento, who was previously in the post of Deputy Principal Auditor (Senior Officer), has been appointed as Principal Auditor with effect from 3 April 2017. (Details of Mr Sacramento's record of service is attached). Mr Sacramento joined the Civil Service in 1975 as a Clerical Officer in the Department of Labour & Social Security and after nearly 17 years at the Audit Office, spent some time at the Treasury and then again at the Audit Office before becoming Principal Secretary at the Department of Social Security. Since January 2016, he has been the Deputy Principal Auditor and therefore brings vast managerial experience and relevant expertise to the post. His deep knowledge of the workings of the Audit Office and its current staff of professionals will undoubtedly guarantee a seamless transmission.

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said: 'I would like to thank James Posso for his dedication throughout his 42 years of service to Gibraltar. Throughout his career Mr Posso rose through the ranks of the Civil Service and his experience and expertise have proved invaluable, and on behalf of the Government I wish him a well-deserved long, healthy and happy retirement.'

'I am delighted that Anthony Sacramento has been appointed as Gibraltar's next Principal Auditor, a role for which he is undoubtedly well-qualified. Mr Sacramento has a wealth of relevant experience in the Civil Service and his diligent service throughout his career commends him for this role. I am confident that he will rise to the challenge and wish him all the best for the remainder of a very successful career.'



## NOTE TO THE EDITORS:

The appointment of the Principal Auditor has been undertaken, pursuant to section 56 (2) of the Constitution of Gibraltar. This follows a recruitment and selection process whereby HE the Governor acting on the advice of the Specified Appointments Commission has appointed Mr Anthony Sacramento to post of Principal Auditor.

### MR ANTHONY SACRAMENTO - GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Post/Grade	Department	From	To
Clerical Officer	Labour and Social Security	26 August 1975	27 February 1983
Executive Officer	Labour and Social Security	28 February 1983	1 May 1984
Executive Officer	Audit Office	2 May 1984	12 November 1987
Higher Executive Officer	Audit Office	13 November 1987	7 May 1997
Senior Executive Officer (Senior Auditor)	Audit Office	8 May 1997	22 March 2001
Senior Executive Officer	Treasury	23 March 2001	7 August 2005
Deputy Principal Auditor (Senior Officer)	Audit Office	8 August 2005	31 January 2010
Principal Secretary (Senior Officer)	Social Security	1 February 2010	3 January 2016
Deputy Principal Auditor (Senior Officer)	Audit Office	4 January 2016	2 April 2017

### MR JAMES POSSO - GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Post/Grade	Department	From	To
Clerical Officer	Audit Office	17 February 1975	31 December 1981



Executive Officer	Audit Office	1 January 1982	30 April 1984
Executive Officer	Department of Labour and Social Security	1 May 1984	31 August 1987
Higher Executive Officer	Audit Office	1 September 1987	1 April 1991
Higher Executive Officer	Treasury	2 April 1991	18 January 1996
Senior Executive Officer	Treasury	19 January 1996	31 March 2001
Deputy Accountant General (Senior Officer)	Treasury	1 April 2001	7 August 2005
Principal Auditor	Audit Office	8 August 2005	2 April 2017