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### Further Major Refurbishment Works in the Upper Town - New Police Barracks

As part of the major refurbishment of the Government's rental housing stock and as part of the regeneration programme of Gibraltar's Upper Town, which already includes completed refurbishment works at Moorish Castle Estate, MacFarlane House and Anderson House, there has also been a complete external renovation of the New Police Barracks building at Willis' Road.

This building has also gone through a complete transformation and has similar enhancements such as a new mono-pitched roof, a new specialist insulated render system, new bespoke drying baskets, new double-glazed windows and the renovation of stairwell core elements.

As part of the Government's policy of introducing passenger lifts where possible, three new passenger lifts were installed in the building. Each of the new lifts services one of the three stairwell cores, further improving access to flats.

The remaining rental blocks in the Upper Town, Tankerville, Macmillan and Willis' House, are also part of the Government's capital works programme and are scheduled for refurbishment.

The Minister for Housing, Samantha Sacramento MP, said: "I am delighted with the quality of this refurbishment and the New Police Barracks has been refurbished as part of our Government's policy to invest in the upkeep of our housing stock as well as this being part of a holistic strategy of urban renewal. In addition to the aesthetic enhancement to the facade, the building has also benefited from internal improvements, including the installation of double-glazing to enhance energy efficiency. The installation of lifts will also provide a great benefit.

"We value our tenants who live in Government rental housing stock and we are investing in them by investing in where they live. It is important that we refurbish our stock that has fallen into disrepair."