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### **Sandpits House**

One of the first projects of this administration's Capital Works Programme was the external refurbishment of Sandpits House in the south district.

Sandpits House originally had a flat roof, but this was replaced with a mono-pitched roof to eradicate problems with water ingress. This was one of the first buildings to be improved in this way and it has since been successfully used in other major refurbishment works, doing away with water ingress problems.

The building facade was improved with the application of a new insulated specialist render system and was also upgraded with the installation of new double glazed window units.

The external upgrade of this building was a complete success. Other rental stock buildings have also been refurbished to this standard, and the works programme will continue.

Minister for Housing, Samantha Sacramento MP said, "When we took office, it was obvious to us that Gibraltar's Housing stock had fallen into disrepair and we made it priority to repair and refurbish them to ensure that they did not fall into disrepair again. In order that we could do this in a planned, systematic way, the Ministry for Housing technical team set about preparing a Capital Works programme. Many big scale refurbishment works to Government rental blocks and estates have already been undertaken as part of this programme and will continue with the programme to endure that the rental stock is brought up to standard."