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Police recover
stolen exotic
animals

Palma.—The police have arrested four people in connection with a series of robberies at a nature reserve on the island. Various exotic animals including a monkey, along with parrots and an eagle were recovered by the police during the operation which is still ongoing. The monkey was in a poor state of health when it was recovered by officers at a house in Palma.

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● If you are self employed in Spain it costs you **256 euros** a month. In Britain it costs **13 euros**.

● Small businesses finding it hard to survive in Spain as a result of excessive red tape and government taxes.
● Calls for government to take action.

Palma.—A British businesswoman in Majorca said yesterday that government red tape and taxes has almost destroyed her dream of founding her own company.

Chrissy Perry started the medical online information service, Patient QI, in November but soon discovered that the cost would be high. She told the *Bulletin* yesterday that her self employed “licence” or *autonomo* costs 256 euros a month compared to just 13 euros in Britain. As her company is online the tax situation is complicated so she will have to pay an accountant



Chrissy Perry; nightmare,

3,500 euros a year just to make her returns. “It is an outrageous situation. I could have formed the company in Britain for a fraction of the cost but my home and family are in Majorca,” she said. In a recent *Bulletin* survey on Facebook, which asked readers “has Majorca lost its shine?” the high cost of being self employed was one of the reasons which some people gave for thinking about a return to Britain.

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Heir to the throne opens Madrid tourism fair

The heir to the Spanish throne Prince Felipe, seen above with Balearic leader Jose Ramon Bauza, opened the Fitur tourism fair in Madrid yesterday at a time when the Spanish tourist industry is in full recovery. See Report on Page Three.

PALMA COURT HEARING

Princess will be “visible”

● The Infanta Cristina, the youngest daughter of King Juan Carlos of Spain, will have to walk past the media pack when she arrives in court in Palma next month to answer questions from a Palma judge over tax and money laundering claims. A court spokesperson said yesterday that the Infanta would be “very visible” for the media for the hearing on 8 February. She is the first member of the Spanish royal family ever to be questioned by a judge.

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