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BALEARICS AND BRITAIN TALKING “SAFE AIR CORRIDORS”

● Balearic tourism minister clashes in parliament with opposition over airport testing.

Tourism minister Iago Negueruela told the Balearic parliament that “there is no airport in the world performing PCR tests” on passengers.

Responding to questions from Jorge Campos of Vox, Negueruela added that the Spanish government has now started holding meetings with other governments, e.g. the UK, about the re-establishment of safe air corridors with the Balearics.

The minister replied to Campos by pointing out that there have been two plans to reactivate the tourism sector. The first was the pilot plan in June, and the second is the agreement between the Spanish government and the governments in the Balearics and the Canaries regarding the protocols for safe corridors.

The regional government’s sole objectives, he stressed, “are to revive the economy and to ensure that employees have jobs”.

The agreement, as previously reported, would involve tests at point of origin and destination for passengers coming from countries with an incidence rate of over 50 per 100,000 inhabitants.



;Minister for tourism Iago Negueruela said no airport tests.

Negueruela explained that the European Union is also looking to gain agreement in this regard for the movement of people.

Campos insisted that there are airports where tests are carried out, referring to Germany and to Brussels. He criticised Negueruela and President Armengol for

the “worst tourist data in Spain and Europe” and told the minister that he was “not up to the job”. He called on him to resign “before the citizens throw him out”.

Following all the latest updates on air corridors between the Balearics and Britain on our website; www.majorcadailybulletin.es

● Minister told in Balearic parliament to resign for the “worst tourism data in Spain and Europe...”

“Women must be paid the same as men...”

Spain’s government passed a decree yesterday to tighten rules on sex discrimination in pay, requiring companies to disclose the gender breakdown of staff wages, and setting up a framework to determine whether different jobs have the same value.

“The message is very clear: women must be paid the same as men for doing the same jobs,” Equality Minister Irene Montero told a news conference after the weekly cabinet meeting.

Montero said the government had to be proactive to prevent the coronavirus pandemic from worsening the gender pay gap.

“In this emergency situation we know that there will be no economic recovery if we don’t end the pay gap once and for all,” she said.

Companies that fail to disclose the breakdown of wages by gender would face fines of up to 187,000 euros (\$220,000), Labour Minister Yolanda Diaz said.

“You can’t play around with fundamental rights,” she said.

Since coming to power in January, Spain’s left-wing coalition government has made bolstering women’s rights a cornerstone of its political programme.

The government has also been pushing for tougher sexual violence laws. Ministers aim to change the definition of rape to cover all non-consensual sex, after a high-profile case in which defendants in a gang rape initially faced lesser charges because prosecutors could not prove they used violence.

That ruling was overturned and the attackers were convicted of rape last year.