

been looking at sectoral issues mainly in Eastern Europe. She has been examining the role of banking as a whole to see how it can be kept free from fraud, to ensure that it has the correct capitalisation and how it can operate whilst ensuring a sound total economy.

Haddon sees her role as a Financial Services Commissioner is to make sure that the Gibraltar Finance Centre develops as an acceptable and correctly controlled unit. This will cover banking, funds management, insurance and financial services and provide a shield of investor protection. Companies must be totally honest and tell potential customers exactly what is being offered.

Haddon, speaking with the experience of one meeting of the Financial Services commission, does not see the commissioners dividing into Gibraltarian and English camps. All are consummate professionals who will use their considerable experience to reach the right decision and will not be swayed by political issues. After all it is a Commission independent of all governments.