

Formentera's Department of Inspection Services reports the addition of a new mechanic to the staff of the island's roadworthiness testing site, or ITV. In recent months, the time drivers wait for a vehicle to be inspected has also shrunk; motorists who request an appointment today are given options in the first week of February.

Inspection services councillor Antonio J Sanz said the expanded staff and a reorganisation of work were both driving improved experiences among motorists on visits to the ITV. According to Sanz, meetings to establish a calendar of inspections and build increased coordination are in the works between the administration, the local small- and medium-sized business association and car hire companies. The inspections will begin in March, but the councillor insisted they would have no impact on how appointments are scheduled with drivers.

The latest hire brings the total number of personnel at the ITV to three mechanics and two administrative assistants. Business hours —normally Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 2.00pm— have been expanded this year to include Thursday service until 8.30pm.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 971 32 31 30 or by emailing itv@conselldeformentera.cat .

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