

Case No CEDUC-24-4612

30 September 2024

The Honourable Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
Auberge de Castille
Castille Place
Valletta

Honourable Prime Minister

In terms of Article 17C(1) and 22(4) of the Ombudsman Act we draw your attention to the case of non-compliance by the Ministry for Education in connection with the Final Opinion delivered by this Office on the 17th May 2024.

The complaint refers to the payment of an allowance according to a practice in existence at the time that the complainant (a teacher) commenced a course at the University of Malta leading to a Certificate in Maltese Proof Reading. The case is similar to one concluded on 3rd April 2023 (Case No CEDUC-22-2985) and communicated to you on 29th May 2023.

While the Ministry for Education has acknowledged the principle of legitimate expectation outlined in the report of the 17th May 2024, this Office's recommendation has, for the reasons spelled out in the two communications received from the Permanent Secretary at MEYR of the 14th June 2024 and 25th June 2024, not been complied with.

In view of the above, we are bringing the matter to your attention in the hope that it can be resolved by you without further delay, Sir, thus avoiding the hassle of ulterior steps as contemplated in the said Art. 22(4).

Yours sincerely

Judge Joseph Zammit McKeon
Ombudsman

Vincent A De Gaetano
Commissioner for Education

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Final Opinion of 17th May 2024

Reply from MEYR of 14th June 2024

Communication from COE to PS MEYR of 17th May 2024

Communication from PS MEYR of 25th June 2024