

Case No CEDUC-25-6049

2 October 2025

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

Honourable Prime Minister

In terms of Articles 17C(1) and 22(4) of the Ombudsman Act we draw your attention to the case of non-action by the Ministry responsible for Education in connection with the Final Opinion delivered by this Office on the 17th September 2025 after an investigation following a complaint by a mother of a ‘statemented’ seven year old boy.

The complaint revolved over the inability of the Education Authorities to provide adequate one-to-one LSE supervision primarily because of directives issued by the Union of Professional Educators

The pertinent findings of this Office and the recommendation are to be found in paras. 7 to 11 of the Final Opinion aforementioned (Doc. A).

By letter of the 17th September 2025 addressed to Permanent Secretary MEYR, this Office requested to be informed by the 30th September 2025 what action the Ministry intended to take in line with this Office’s recommendation (Doc. B). To date this Office has received no reply.

In view of the above, we are bringing the matter to your attention in the hope that it can be resolved by you, Sir, thus avoiding the necessity of ulterior steps as per said Article 22(4).

Yours sincerely

Joseph Zammit McKeon
Ombudsman

Vincent A De Gaetano
Commissioner for Education

Encl: Doc. A - Final Opinion of 17th September 2025
Doc. B - Letter to Permanent Secretary MEYR of 17th September 2025

Copy: Mr Oreste Cassar – DG (Coordination & Implementation) - OPM