

Case No CEDUC-24-4893

14 April 2025

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 Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology in connection with the Final Opinion delivered by this Office on the 28th February 2025.

The complaint refers to maladministration by MCAST in terms of paragraphs (b) and (d) of subarticle (1) of Article 22 of Cap.385 in connection with a top-up allowance for a select group of members of the teaching staff of MCAST, as explained in the Report of the 28th February 2025 (copy attached) and in particular in paragraphs 6 and 7 thereof.

MCAST has to date not indicated that it intends to comply with the recommendation (paragraph 9 of the Report), limiting itself to requesting extension of the time to reply, ostensibly on the ground that “... *the matter is still under active internal review and discussion.*”

In view of the above, we bring 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

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Ombudsman

Vincent A De Gaetano
Commissioner for Education

Encl: Final Opinion of 28th February 2025

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