

Case No CEDUC-22-2586

7 April 2022

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

Honourable Prime Minister

In terms of Article 22(4) of the Ombudsman Act, we draw your attention to a case of non-compliance by the University of Malta in connection with the Final Opinion delivered by this Office on the 4th of March 2022 after a thorough investigation. The complaint was lodged by *[omissis]* on 8th January 2022.

The complainant – a mature student registered with the Islands and Small States Institute of the University of Malta – complained that he was unfairly treated in the course of the examination and grading of his dissertation. The substance of the findings by this Office is contained in paragraphs 3 to 6 of the Final Opinion (copy attached for ease of reference).

By letter dated 1st April 2022 the University indicated that it would not give effect to this Office's recommendation. This Office replied to the University on 6th April 2022.

The Minister for Education is apprised of the case.

In view of the above, we are bringing, Sir, the matter to your attention in the hope that it can be resolved, thereby obviating the need to refer the matter to the House of Representatives in terms of Article 22 (4) of the abovementioned Act.

Yours sincerely

A C Mifsud
Ombudsman

Vincent A De Gaetano
Commissioner for Education

Encl: Final Opinion of 4th March 2022
Letter from University of Malta of 1st April 2022
Reply by Commissioner for Education of 6th April 2022