

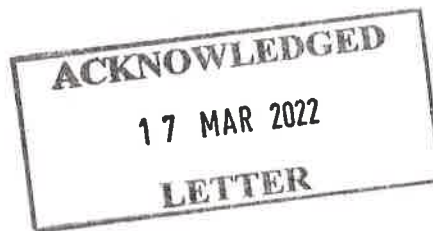


Our Ref. : MEDS/65/2022/1

Your Ref. : CEDUC-21-2542

16 March 2022

The Hon. Dr Vincent A. De Gaetano
Commissioner for Education
Office of the Ombudsman
11, St. Paul Street
Valletta



Dear Commissioner,

With reference to your opinion on case CEDUC-21-2542, the Ministry for Education and Sport (MEDS) adheres to the PSMC which in MEDS's opinion is already striking a balance between the employee's wellbeing and the interest of the service.

Allowing an employee on Career Break to work for other employers will highly prejudice the service offered by the State and will create a drain in our resources. This will also create instances where State schools are left without a teacher to offer the service which it is legally obliged to do whilst the teacher is still on the State books.



Matthew Vella
Permanent Secretary

cc: Dr Joyce Cassar, Permanent Secretary, People and Standards Division