

Case No CEDUC-21-2542

17 March 2022

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

Honourable Prime Minister

In terms of Article 17(C) and 22(4) of the Ombudsman Act (Cap. 385) we draw your attention to the case of non-compliance in connection with the Final Opinion delivered by this Office on 23rd February 2022 in connection with a complaint by a primary school teacher resident in Gozo.

The complaint refers to the unfair, unreasonable and improperly discriminatory situation in which the complainant and those like her find themselves when on a career break.

By letters dated 9th March 2022 and 16 March 2022, the People and Standards and the Ministry for Education and Sport respectively have indicated that they do not intend to follow any of the recommendations made by this Office.

In view of the above, we are bringing the matter to your attention in the hope that it can be settled through your good offices, thus obviating the need for ulterior steps in terms of the aforementioned Art. 22(4).

Yours sincerely

A C Mifsud
Ombudsman

Vincent A De Gaetano
Commissioner for Education

Encl: Final Opinion - 23rd February 2022
Letter from People & Standards Division – 9th March 2022
Letter from the Ministry for Education and Sport – 16th March 2022