

Brincat Anna at Parliament-MT

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Good afternoon Mrs Brincat,

I would like you to minute and note the following:

On 1st November 2022 at 15:15, I received a call from a mobile phone bearing number +[REDACTED] it resulted that Dr Michael Grech, who has already appeared before the PAC and is subpoenaed to appear on the 16th November 2022, called me on my personal phone number. The call went on for 7 minutes.

Dr Grech stated that the call was from a legal colleague to another and I immediately refuted this presumption. I immediately stated that he called me as PAC Chair and that my legal profession has nothing to do with his client nor the proceedings before the PAC.

He informed me that he may be abroad on the 16th November 2022 - and I replied stating that this matter is an administrative matter and it is to be clarified with yourself as Secretary.

He then proceeded with stating that he is worried about his client's publicity before the PAC - and I rebutted by stating that I shall not and will not comment as it is not my place and that I have nothing to do with this matter. I said that he will not interfere in my discretion as PAC Chair and that I will not shy away from investigating public funds. His clients should have thought about publicity before procuring public funds.

Lastly, he stated whether the meeting is going to be held in confidence again. To which I gave no definite answer, in saying that as previously stated in the last meeting I was not happy with the way the minutes were presented and that there might be questions which I might raise publicly and others which I may ask in confidence. I also stated that it is the Committee which decides on confidence and not the Chairman.

I proceeded with stating that I did not appreciate his call and that I did not understand the reason for said call. I then proceeded to end the call.

Please filter the above details for any privacy issues, but I would like to set the record straight for the purposes of clarity, transparency and accountability.

Regards,

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