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ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Francis Zammit Dimech, M.P., Ministru għall-Ambjent u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta tas-26 ta' Gunju, 2000.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Francis Zammit Dimech, M.P., Minister for the Environment, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 26th June, 2000.

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AN ACT to provide for the establishment of an Authority to be known as the Malta Resources Authority and for the exercise by or on behalf of that Authority of regulatory functions regarding resources relating to water, energy and mineral resources, and to make provision with respect to matters ancillary thereto or connected therewith.

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IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:-

TAQSIMA I - PRELIMINARI

1. Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-2000 dwar Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi, u għandu jibda jsehh f'dik id-data jew dawk id-dati li l-Ministru jista' b'avviż fil-Gazzetta jistabbilixxi, u dati differenti jistghu jiġu hekk stabbiliti għal għanijiet differenti u għal provvedimenti differenti ta' dan l-Att.

Titolu fil-qosor u bidu fis-sehh.

2. F'dan l-Att, kemm-il darba r-rabta tal-kliem ma tkunx tehtieg xort'ohra -

Tifsir.

“Awtorità” tfisser l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi mwaqqfa bl-artikolu 3 ta' dan l-Att;

“Direttorati” tfisser dawk id-direttorati li huma jew jistghu jkunu stabbiliti taht l-artikolu 5 ta' dan l-Att;

“distribuzzjoni” tfisser, dwar l-enerġija elettrika, it-trasport ta’ l-elettriku fuq is-sistemi ta’ medju-vultaġġ u ta’ vultaġġ baxx bil-ghan tal-kunsinna tieghu lix-xerrejja;

“enerġija” tinkludi enerġija elettrika, żjut, shana meta trasmessa bhala attivita’ kummerċjali, u enerġija li tinkiseb minn sorsi li jiġġeddu;

“enerġija elettrika” tfisser l-enerġija elettrika meta din tkun generata, trasmessa, distribwita, fornita jew użata ghal kull ghan minbarra t-trasmissjoni ta’ xi komunikazzjoni jew sinjal;

“Eżekuttiv Prinċipali” tfisser l-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali mahtur taht l-artikolu 5 ta’ dan l-Att;

“gass” tfisser kull idrokarburi f’forma gassuża sew fl-istat naturali taghhom jew miksuba mill-pitrolju jew prodotti kimikament;

“ilma” meta użata relattivament ghal xi Prattika, operazzjoni jew attività li tinsab regolata b’dan l-Att ghandha tinkludi s-servizzi ta’ rimi ta’ drenagġ u skart likwidu, iżda ma ghandhiex tinkludi ilma tax-xorb bottiljat;

“impjegat” tfisser persuna impjegata mill-Awtorità;

“kumitat konsultattiv” jew “kumitat” tfisser kumitat ta’ konsultazzjoni stabbilit skond ma hemm fl-artikolu 25 ta’ dan l-Att;

“kuntrattur” tfisser persuna li taġixxi skond ftehim magħmul ma’ l-Awtorità jew skond is-subartikolu (5) ta’ l-artikolu 5 ta’ dan l-Att;

“Ministru” tfisser il-Ministru responsabbli għar-rizorsi;

“pitrolju” tfisser l-idrokarburi naturali kollha sew f’forma likwida sew gassuża, inkluż iż-żejt krud u sew fi stat krud sew naturali jew f’forma pproċessata jew raffinata u meta użata relattivament għall-esplorazzjoni u l-produzzjoni tal-pitrolju ghandu jkollha l-istess tifsira bhalma hu lilha moghti bl-artikolu 2 ta’ l-Att dwar il-Produzzjoni tal-Pitrolju;

“President” tfisser il-President ta’ l-Awtorità u tinkludi, fiċ-ċirkostanzi msemmija fis-subartikolu (3) ta’ l-artikolu 3 ta’ dan l-Att, lill-Viċi-President jew persuna oħra hekk mahtura biex tagħmilha ta’ President;

Iżda, għar-rigward ta' l-artikolu 25 ta' dan l-Att, "President" tfisser il-President ta' kumitat konsultattiv;

"riżorsi" tfisser ir-riżorsi li għandhom x'jaqsmu ma' l-ilma, l-enerġija u riżorsi minerali regolati minn jew skond dan l-Att;

"riżorsi minerali" tfisser kull mineral, blat jew sediment kostitwit minn komposti jew sustanzi organiċi jew inorganiċi, estratt, imtella' minn minjiera jew xort'ohra miksub minn go l-art, inkluż qiegħ il-baħar u s-sottoswol tiegħu, iżda ma tinkludix l-ilma;

"sena finanzjarja" tfisser perjodu ta' tmax il-xahar li jtemm fit-30 ta' Settembru:

Iżda l-ewwel sena finanzjarja ta' l-Awtorità għandha tibda mad-dhul fis-seħh ta' dan l-Att u għandha ttemm fit-30 ta' Settembru tas-sena li tiġi minnufih wara;

"trasmissjoni" tfisser, dwar l-enerġija elettrika, it-trasport ta' l-elettriku fuq is-sistema interkonnessa ta' vultaġġ għoli bil-ghan tal-kunsinna tiegħu lix-xerrejja finali jew lid-distributuri;

"uffiċjal pubbliku" għar-rigward ta' l-artikolu 11 ta' dan l-Att, għandha l-istess tifsira lilha mogħtija bl-artikolu 124 tal-Kostituzzjoni iżda ma tinkludix imhalef tal-Qrati Superjuri jew maġistrat tal-Qrati Inferjuri;

"żejt" tinkludi faham, l-idrokarburi kollha jew derivati ta' l-idrokarburi li normalent jintużaw bħala żjut, inkluż żejt krud, żjut ibbażati fuq idrokarburi jew faham, żejt f'forma gassuża, sostituti tal-pitrolju f'forma likwida, likwidi jew gassijiet magħmula minn fermentazzjoni jew proċessi simili, meta mahsuba biex jintużaw bħala żjut, żjut prodotti minn skart solidu; iżda ma tinkludix pitrolju għal fini ta' l-Att dwar il-Produzzjoni tal-Pitrolju;

TAQSIMA II - TWAQQIF, FUNZJONIJIET U TMEXXIJA TA' L-AFFARIJIET TA' L-AWTORITÀ

3. (1) Għandu jkun hemm korp, li jkun magħruf bħala l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi, li jkun magħmul minn President u mhux inqas minn erba' u mhux iktar minn sitt membri oħra.

Twaqqif u kompożizzjoni ta' l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi.

(2) Il-membri ta' l-Awtorità għandhom jinhatru mill-Ministru għal żmien sena jew għal dak il-perjodu itwal li jista' jiġi speċifikat fl-istrument tal-hatra sugġett għal massimu ta' tliet snin iżda l-membri li jiġu hekk mahtura jistgħu jiġu mahtura mill-ġdid malli jiskadi ż-żmien tal-hatra tagħhom.

(3) Il-Ministru jista' jinnomina lil wiehed mill-membri l-oħra ta' l-Awtorità bhala Viċi-President u l-membri li jiġi hekk nominat ikollu s-setgħat kollha u jwettaq il-funzjonijiet kollha tal-President matul l-assenza jew l-inkapaċità tiegħu li jagħmilha ta' President jew filwaqt li l-President ikun vaganza jew matul kull btala fil-kariga ta' President; u l-Ministru jista' wkoll, f'kull waħda miċ-ċirkostanzi hawn aktar qabel imsemmija, jahtar lil xi persuna oħra biex tagħmilha ta' President u f'każ bhal dak il-provvedimenti ta' qabel għandhom japplikaw għar-rigward ta' dik il-persuna.

(4) Persuna ma tkunx kwalifikata li jkollha l-kariga ta' membru ta' l-Awtorità jekk:-

(a) tkun Ministru, Segretarju Parlamentari jew membru tal-Kamra tad-Deputati; jew

(b) tkun imhalled jew magistrat fil-qrati tal-ġustizzja; u

(ċ) ikollha xi interess finanzjarju jew ieħor f'xi impriza jew attività li x'aktarx tolgot it-twettiq tal-funzjonijiet tagħha bhala membru ta' l-Awtorità:

Iżda l-Ministru jista' jwarrab l-iskwalifika ta' persuna taht dan il-paragrafu jekk dik il-persuna tiddikjara dak l-interess u dik id-dikjarazzjoni u twarrib ta' l-iskwalifika jiġu pubblikati fil-Gazzetta.

(5) Bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-artikolu, il-kariga ta' membru ta' l-Awtorità ssir vakanti:-

(a) meta jiskadilu ż-żmien tal-kariga; jew

(b) jekk ikun hemm ċirkostanzi li jikkagunaw, li kieku ma kienx membru ta' l-Awtorità, li jkun skwalifikat milli jinhatar bhala tali.

(6) Membru ta' l-Awtorità jista' jitneħħa mill-kariga mill-Ministru jekk, fil-fehma tal-Ministru, dak il-membri ma jkunx idoneu biex ikompli f'dik il-kariga jew ikun sar inkapaċi milli jwettaq sew dmirijietu bhala membru.

(7) Jekk membru jirriżenja jew jekk il-kariga ta' membru ta' l-Awtorità tkun xort'oħra vakanti jew jekk membru ma jkunx jista' għal liema raġuni tkun iwettaq il-funzjonijiet tal-kariga tiegħu, il-Ministru jista' jahtar persuna li tkun kwalifikata li tinhatar bhala membru biex tkun membru temporanju ta' l-Awtorità; u kull min jinhatar b'dan

il-mod ghandu, bla hsara ghad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikoli (5) u (6) ta' dan l-artikolu, jtemm milli jkun tali membru meta tinhatar persuna biex timla l-vakanza jew, skond il-każ, meta l-membru li ma setax iwettaq il-funzjonijiet tal-kariga tieghu jerga' jibda jwettaq dawk il-funzjonijiet.

(8) Membru ta' l-Awtorità li jkollu xi interess dirett jew indirett f'xi kuntratt maghmul jew propost li jsir mill-Awtorità, li ma jkunx interess li jiskwalifika lil dak il-membru milli jibqa' membru, ghandu jizvela x-xorta ta' dak l-interess fl-ewwel laqgħa ta' l-Awtorità wara li huwa jkun sar jaf bil-fatti rilevanti, u dak l-izvelar ghandu mbagħad jitniżżel fil-minuti ta' l-Awtorità, u l-membru li jkollu interess kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi ghandu jirtira minn kull laqgħa li fiha jkun qed jiġi diskuss dak il-kuntratt. Kull iżvelar bħal dak ghandu jiġi mgharraf lill-Ministru mingħajr dewmien. Meta l-interess tal-membru jkun tali li jiskwalifikah milli jibqa' membru, huwa ghandu jirrapporta l-fatt minnufih lill-Ministru u jissottometti r-riżenja tieghu.

4. (1) L-Awtorità ghandu jkollha dawn il-funzjonijiet li ġejjin: - Funzjonijiet ta' l-Awtorità.

(a) li tirregola, tissorvelja u żżomm fil-konjizzjoni tagħha kull Prattika, operazzjoni u attività li tirrigwarda r-riżorsi ta' l-enerġija, l-ilma u l-minerali;

(b) li tagħti licenza, permess jew awtorizzazzjoni oħra, għall-ghemil ta' kull operazzjoni jew attività li tirrigwarda r-riżorsi ta' l-enerġija, l-ilma u l-minerali;

(ċ) li tirregola u tiżgura li jkun hemm interkonnessjoni għall-produzzjoni, trasmissjoni u distribuzzjoni tas-servizzi jew tal-prodotti regolati minn jew taħt dan l-Att;

(d) li tiżgura kompetizzjoni ġusta f'kull Prattika, operazzjoni u attività bħal dik;

(e) li tistabilixxi *standards* ta' kwalità u sigurezza minimi għal kull wahda mill-imsemmija Prattiki, operazzjonijiet u attivitajiet u biex tirregola dawk il-miżuri li jistgħu jkunu meħtieġa biex jiżguraw is-sigurezza pubblika u dik privata;

(f) li tiżgura u tirregola l-iżvilupp u l-manutenzjoni ta' sistemi effiċjenti sabiex tiġi sodisfatta, daqskemm ikun ekonomikament possibbli, kull domanda raġonevoli għall-provdiment tar-riżorsi regolati minn jew taħt dan l-Att;

(g) li tagħmel kull studju, ricerka jew investigazzjoni dwar kull haġa li jkollha x'taqsam mar-riżorsi regolati minn jew taħt dan l-Att;

(h) li tipprovdi informazzjoni u toħroġ linji direttivi lill-pubbliku u lil entitajiet kummerċjali u entitajiet oħra dwar hwejjeġ li għandhom x'jaqsmu ma' dawk ir-riżorsi;

(i) li tirregola l-istruttura tal-prezzijiet għal kull attività regolata b'dan l-Att u meta jkun xieraq li tistabbilixxi l-mekkaniżmi li bihom jiġi stabbilit il-prezz li jkollu jithallas għall-akkwist, produzzjoni, manifattura, bejgħ, ħzin u distribuzzjoni relattiva;

(j) li tistabbilixxi l-kwalifiki minimi li persuna għandu jkollha meta hija tiġi mqabbdha taħdem jew tiġi impjegata f'xi attività regolata minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(k) li tistabbilixxi miżuri għall-protezzjoni ta' l-ambjent fil-prattiki, operazzjonijiet u attivitajiet regolati minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(l) li tiżgura li l-obbligi internazzjonali magħmula mill-Gvern relattivi għall-hwejjeġ regolati minn jew taht dan l-Att jiġu mharsa;

(m) li jagħti parir lill-Ministru dwar il-formulazzjoni ta' policy għar-rigward ta' hwejjeġ regolati b'dan l-Att, u b'mod partikolari għar-rigward ta' dawk l-obbligi internazzjonali;

(n) xort'oħra li tagħti parir lill-Ministru dwar kull haġa konnessa mal-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att;

(o) li tifformula u timplementa l-policies u l-istrategiji b'għanijiet *short-term* u *long-term*, għar-rigward ta' l-attivitajiet regolati b'dan l-Att;

(p) li twettaq dawk il-funzjonijiet l-oħra li jistgħu minn żmien għal żmien jiġu lilha assenjati mill-Ministru.

(2) L-Awtorità għandha wkoll:-

(a) għar-rigward ta' l-enerġija -

(i) ġġib 'il quddiem, tinkoraġġixxi u tirregola l-manieġġ, il-generazzjoni u l-użu ta' kull forma ta' enerġija; u

(ii) tinkoraġġixxi l-użu ta' sorsi alternattivi ta' enerġija u għal dak l-ghan, skond dawk ir-regolamenti li jistgħu jiġu preskritti, li tagħmel imposti fuq l-enerġija li tiġi prodotta minn sorsi li ma jiġgeddux u tagħti sussidji f'dak li għandu x'jaqsam mal-produzzjoni ta' enerġija minn sorsi li jiġgeddu;

(b) għar-rigward ta' l-ilma -

(i) tassigura u tirregola l-akkwist, il-produzzjoni, il-ħażna, id-distribuzzjoni jew disponiment ieħor ta' l-ilma għal għanijiet domestiċi, kummerċjali, industrijali jew oħrajn;

(ii) tassigura u tirregola l-konservazzjoni, t-tikbir u l-operazzjoni tar-riżorsi ta' l-ilma u ta' l-għejjun tal-provvista ta' l-ilma;

(iii) tassigura u tirregola t-trattament, il-ħżin, id-disponiment, l-użu jew l-użu mill-ġdid, kif f'loku, ta' skart likwidu, ilma mhux tax-xorb, ilma mtajjan u ilma tax-xita;

(iv) tassigura u tirregola l-provvediment ta' sistemi adegwati ta' drenagġi pubbliċi u tiżgura l-indafa, is-sigurezza u l-effiċjenza tagħhom;

(v) tiżgura t-tnehhija, l-ilqugh, it-trattament u d-disponiment sigur ta' skart kummerċjali;

(vi) tinkoraġġixxi u tirregola l-użu mill-ġdid ta' skart ittrattat;

(vii) tiżgura d-disponiment ta' ilma mhux tax-xorb fid-drenagġ kif għandu jkun;

(viii) tagħmel l-aħjar użu mill-ilma tax-xita;

(ċ) għar-rigward ta' l-estrazzjoni ta' minerali:

(i) twettaq dawk il-funzjonijiet li jistgħu jiġu awtorizzati mill-Prim Ministru skond u għall-għanijiet ta' l-Att dwar il-Produzzjoni tal-Pitrolju, u ta' l-Att dwar il-Blata Kontinentali; Kap. 194.

(ii) bla ħsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subparagrafu (i) ta' dan il-paragrafu, tirregola kull haġa li jkollha x'taqsam ma' l-estrazzjoni tal-pitrolju;

(iii) bla ħsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subparagrafi (i) u (ii) ta' dan il-paragrafu, tirregola kull haġa li jkollha x'taqsam ma' l-estrazzjoni ta' riżorsi minerali;

(iv) tiżgura l-aħjar utilizzazzjoni ta' riżorsi minerali u tirregola l-kwalità u l-kwantità ta' minerali estratti;

(d) ghar-rigward tal-pitrolju:

(i) tiżgura li jkun hemm disponibbli f'kull żmien provvisti u hażniet ta' riserva adegwati ta' *petroleum* u gass;

(ii) tirregola d-distribuzzjoni, l-bejgh, l-esportazzjoni jew id-disponiment b'kull mod iehor li jkun ta' żjut forniti għall-*bunkering*; għall-ghanijiet ta' dan il-paragrafu "*bunkering*" u "żejt" għandu jkollhom l-istess tifsir lilhom assenjat bl-artikolu 2 ta' l-Att dwar it-Taxxa fuq *Bunkering* ta' żjut.

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(3) il-provvedimenti ta' dan l-artikolu għandhom ikunu mingħajr preġudizzju għall-eżerċizzju tal-funzjonijiet ta' xi awtorità stabbilita minn jew taht xi liġi għar-rigward tas-sahha pubblika, l-ambjent jew kull haġ'ohra li tinkwadra fil-funzjonijiet ta' xi awtorità simili.

Tmexxija ta' l-affarijiet ta' l-Awtorità.

5. (1) Bla hsara għall-provvedimenti l-oħra ta' dan l-Att l-affarijiet u x-xogħol ta' l-Awtorità għandhom ikunu r-responsabbiltà ta' l-Awtorità nnifisha iżda salv kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi, it-tmexxija eżekuttiva ta' l-Awtorità, l-amministrazzjoni u l-organizzazzjoni tagħha u l-kontroll amministrattiv ta' l-uffiċjali u l-impjegati tagħha, jkunu r-responsabbiltà ta' l-Eżekuttiv Principali ta' l-Awtorità, li jkollu wkoll dawk il-poteri l-oħra li jistgħu minn żmien għal żmien jiġu lilu delegati mill-Awtorità.

(2) Għandhom jitwaqqfu d-Direttorati hekk kif inhuma elenkati fl-Ewwel Skeda li tinsab ma' dan l-Att, li jkollhom ir-responsabbiltajiet kif inhuma hemm deskritti. Il-Ministru jista', wara li jikkonsulta lill-Awtorità, b'Ordni fil-Gazzetta, jabolixxi xi wiehed jew iktar minn dawk id-Direttorati, jibdel ir-responsabbiltajiet tagħhom u jistabbilixxi dawk id-Direttorati l-oħra li jista' minn żmien għal żmien iqis bhala li jkunu mehtieġa.

(3) L-Awtorità għandha teżerċita l-funzjonijiet tagħha permezz tad-Direttorati hekk stabbiliti u għal dak l-ghan hija għandha tvesti f'kull wiehed mid-Direttorati hekk stabbiliti u suġġett għas-sorveljanza u l-kontroll totali ta' l-Eżekuttiv Principali, dawk il-funzjonijiet tagħha li jirrelataw jew huma anċillari għal dawk l-affarijiet li hija responsabbli għalihom sabiex dak id-Direttorat ikun jista' jagħti sehh lill-policies ta' l-Awtorità u bix-xort'ohra jkun jista' jwettaq b'mod effettiv u effiċjenti l-funzjonijiet ta' l-Awtorità fl-isfera rispettiva ta' l-operat tagħha.

(4) Kull wiehed mid-Direttorati hekk stabbiliti għandu jitmexxa minn individwu li jista' jkun sew uffiċjal pubbliku assenjat

biex iwettaq dmirijietu ma' l-Awtorità jew impjegat ta' l-Awtorità, jew persuna assenjata biex taħdem ma' l-Awtorità skond ftehim bejn l-Awtorità u intrapriża pubblika jew privata, li f'kull każ ikollu esperjenza jew konoxxenza adegwati fl-isfera rispettiva ta' l-operat.

(5) Sew l-Awtorità sew kull wiehed mid-Direttorati jistghu jeżerċitaw xi wiehed jew iktar mill-funzjonijiet tagħhom kemm direttament kemm permezz ta' l-uffiċjali jew impjegati tagħhom jew permezz ta' aġenzija li tkun awtorizzata għal dak l-ghan, jew permezz ta' kuntrattur jew persuna oħra li magħhom isir ftehim għat-twettiq ta' xi waħda jew iktar minn dawk il-funzjonijiet:

Iżda ebda haġa f'dan is-subartikolu ma għandha tawtorizza lill-Awtorità sabiex tagħti b'kuntratt xi funzjonijiet regolatorji jew ta' liċenzjar tagħha.

(6) Meta f'dan l-Att xi haġa jkollha ssir minn jew kontra jew għar-rigward ta' l-Awtorità, jew xi avviż ikollu jinghata jew jista' jinghata lill-Awtorità, kull haġa jew avviż simili jistghu wkoll jintgħamli minn jew kontra jew għar-rigward ta' jew jinghataw lid-Direttorat li l-haġa tkun tinkwadra taħt il-ġurisdizzjoni tiegħu minhabba f'xi delega ta' funzjoni lil dak id-Direttorat; u għall-ghanijiet hawn aktar qabel imsemmija kull riferenza f'dan l-Att għall-Awtorità tinkludi riferenza għad-Direttorat idoneu.

(7) L-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali u l-kapijiet tad-Direttorati għandhom jinhatru mill-Awtorità wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru għal żmien tliet snin u dak iż-żmien jista' jiġġedded għal żminijiet oħra ta' tliet snin kull wiehed:

Iżda l-ewwel Eżekuttiv Prinċipali u l-ewwel kapijiet ta' kull direttorat għandhom jinhatru mill-Ministru.

(8) L-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali għandu jattendi għal-laqgħat kollha tal-Bord iżda ma jkollux vot waqt dawk il-laqgħat:

Iżda l-Awtorità tista' jekk tkun tqis li jkun hekk xieraq tehtieg lill-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali biex ma jattendix għal xi waħda mil-laqgħat jew għal xi parti minn xi laqgħa.

(9) L-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali jkun responsabbli għall-implimentazzjoni ta' l-ghanijiet ta' l-Awtorità fl-eżerċizzju tal-funzjonijiet tagħha u mingħajr preġudizzju għall-generalità ta' dak hawn aktar qabel imsemmi huwa għandu :

(a) jassumi kull responsabbiltà għas-sorveljanza u l-kontroll totali tad-Direttorati;

(b) jassenja lil kull Direttorat dawk id-dmirijiet li huma bil-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att, jew skondhom, vestiti f'dak id-Direttorat;

(c) jikkoordina l-operat tad-Direttorati;

(d) jiżviluppa l-istrategiji mehtieġa għall-implementazzjoni ta' l-għanijiet ta' l-Awtorità;

(e) jagħti parir lill-Awtorità dwar kull haġa li din tista' tirriferilu jew dwar kull haġa li huwa jqis li tkun mehtieġa jew spedjenti; u

(f) dawk id-dmirijiet l-oħra li l-Awtorità tista' tassenjalu minn żmien għal żmien.

Relazzjonijiet bejn il-Ministru u l-Awtorità.

6. (1) Il-Ministru jista', għar-rigward ta' dawk l-affarijiet li jkun jidhrulu li jolqtu l-interess pubbliku, minn żmien għal żmien jagħti lill-Awtorità direttivi bil-miktub ta' xorta ġenerali, li ma jkunux inkonsistenti mal-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att, dwar il-*policy* li għandha tiġi segwita fit-twettiq tal-funzjonijiet vestiti fl-Awtorità minn jew taht dan l-Att, u l-Awtorità għandha, kemm jista' jkun malajr, iġġib fis-sehh dawk id-direttivi kollha.

(2) L-Awtorità għandha tagħti lill-Ministru faċilitajiet għall-ksib ta' informazzjoni dwar il-proprjetà li jkollha u l-attivitajiet tagħha u tibghatlu prospetti, kontijiet u kull informazzjoni oħra li jkollha x'taqsam ma' dan, u tagħtih il-faċilitajiet kollha biex ikun jista' jivverifika l-informazzjoni mogħtija, b'dak il-mod u f'kull waqt li huwa jista' hekk raġonevolment jehtieġ.

(3) Jekk l-Awtorità tonqos milli thares xi ordni mahruġa taht dan l-artikolu, il-Prim Ministru jista' jagħmel Ordni li biha jittrasferixxi lill-Ministru għal kollox jew biss f'parti xi funzjoni jew funzjonijiet ta' l-Awtorità.

Personalità ġuridika u rappreżentanza ta' l-Awtorità.

7. (1) L-Awtorità għandha tkun korp ġuridiku li jkollu personalità ġuridika distinta u għandha tkun kapaċi, bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att, li tagħmel kull kuntratt, li takkwista, iżzomm u tiddisponi minn kull xorta ta' proprjetà għall-għanijiet tal-funzjonijiet tagħha, jew li tharrek u li tiġi mharrka, u li tagħmel dawk l-affarijiet kollha u li tidhol f'dawk it-transazzjonijiet kollha li jkun incidentali jew li jwasslu għall-eżerċizzju jew it-twettiq tal-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att, inkluż is-self jew it-tisliġ ta' flus.

(2) Ir-rappreżentanza ġuridika ta' l-Awtorità għandha tkun vestita solidalment fil-President u fl-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali:

Iżda l-Awtorità tista' tahtar lil xi wiehed jew aktar mill-membri taghha jew mill-uffiċjali jew l-impjegati ta' l-Awtorità biex jidhru f' isem u flok l-Awtorità fi proċedimenti ġudizzjarji kif ukoll f' kull att, kuntratt, strument jew dokument ieħor ikun liema jkun:

Iżda wkoll, dwar kull haġa li tinkwadra fil-funzjonijiet vestiti f' Direttorat, ir-rappreżentanza legali u ġuridika ta' l-Awtorità għandha tkun tvesti wkoll fil-Kap tad-Direttorat jew f' dak il-membru, uffiċjal jew impjegat ieħor ta' l-Awtorità, hekk kif l-Awtorità tista' tahtar jew tawtorizza għal dak l-ghan.

(3) Kull dokument li huwa ntiż bhala strument magħmul jew mahruġ mill-Awtorità u li jiġi ffirmat mill-President jew mill-Eżekuttiv Prinċipali jew minn Kap tad-Direttorat għar-rigward ta' xi haġa vestita fid-Direttur relattiv mill-Awtorità għandu jiġi riċevut b' xieħda u għandu, sakemm ma jiġix ippruvat il-kuntrarju, jitqies li jkun strument magħmul jew mahruġ mill-Awtorità.

8. (1) Il-laqgħat ta' l-Awtorità għandhom jissejhu mill-President daqskemm ikun meħtieġ iżda mill-anqas darba fix-xahar jew b' inizjattiva tiegħu jew fuq talba ta' xi tnejn mill-membri l-oħra.

Provvedimenti
rigward il-
proċedimenti ta' l-
Awtorità.

(2) Nofs l-ghadd tal-membri li f' dak iż-żmien ikunu jikkostitwixxu l-Awtorità għandhom jagħmlu quorum. Id-deċiżjonijiet għandhom jiġu adottati minn maġġoranza sempliċi tal-voti tal-membri preżenti u votanti. Il-President, jew fl-assenza tiegħu il-Viċi-President jew persuna oħra li tkun mahtura biex tagħmilha ta' President, għandhom ikollhom vot inizjali u fil-każ li jkun hemm voti ndaq, *casting vote*. Mingħajr preġudizzju għall-htigiet l-oħra ta' dan l-Att, ebda deċiżjoni ma tkun valida jekk din ma jkollhiex l-appoġġ ta' mill-anqas żewġ membri ta' l-Awtorità.

(3) Bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att l-Awtorità tista' tirregola l-proċedura taghha nnifisha.

(4) Bla hsara għall-provvedimenti ta' qabel ta' dan l-artikolu, ebda att jew proċediment ta' l-Awtorità ma għandu jiġi invalidat unikament minhabba li jkun hemm xi vakanza fost il-membri.

(5) Kull att magħmul minn xi persuna li jkun qed jaġixxi bonafidi, bhala membru ta' l-Awtorità għandu jkun validu bhallikieku huwa kien membru minkejja li wara jiġi skopert li kien hemm xi difett fil-hatra jew il-kwalifiki tiegħu. Ebda att jew proċediment ta' l-Awtorità ma għandu jiġi kontestat minn xi membru minhabba fil-ksur tad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (8) ta' l-artikolu 3 ta' dan l-Att.

TAQSIMA III - UFFIĊJALI U IMPJEGATI TA' L-AWTORITÀ

Hatriet ta' personal.

9. Minghajr preġudizzju għall-provvedimenti l-oħra ta' dan l-Att, il-hatra ta' uffiċjali u ta' impjegati oħra ta' l-Awtorità għandha ssir mill-Awtorità. Il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet ta' l-impieg għandhom jiġu stabbiliti mill-Awtorità bi ftehim mal-Ministru.

Hatra u funzjonijiet ta' l-uffiċjali u l-impjegati ta' l-Awtorità.

10. L-Awtorità għandha tahtar u timpjega, b'dik ir-rimunerazzjoni u b'dawk il-pattijiet u kondizzjonijiet ta' żmien hekk kif tista', skond l-artikolu 9 ta' dan l-Att tistabilixxi, lil dawk l-uffiċjali u l-impjegati ta' l-Awtorità bħalma jistgħu minn żmien għal żmien ikunu meħtieġa għat-twettiq dovut u effiċjenti tal-funzjonijiet ta' l-Awtorità.

Assenjament ta' uffiċjali pubbliċi biex jaqdu dmirijiet ma' l-Awtorità.

11. (1) Il-Prim Ministru jista', fuq talba ta' l-Awtorità, minn żmien għal żmien jordna li uffiċjal pubbliku għandu jiġi assenjat biex jaqdi dmirijietu ma' l-Awtorità f'dik il-kapaċità u b'seħħ minn dik id-data li tista' tiġi speċifikata fl-ordni tal-Prim Ministru.

(2) Il-perjodu li matulu ordni bħal dik hawn aktar qabel imsemmija għandha tapplika għal xi uffiċjal li jkun speċifikat fiha, għandu, kemm-il darba l-uffiċjal ma jkunx irtira mis-servizz pubbliku, jew xort'oħra temm milli jibqa' fil-kariga f'data li tiġi qabel, jew kemm-il darba ma tiġix speċifikata data differenti f'dik l-ordni, jtemm milli jibqa' jseħħ wara sena mid-data effettiva ta' dik l-ordni kemm-il darba l-ordni ma tiġix aktar kmieni revokata mill-Prim Ministru.

Status ta' uffiċjali pubbliċi assenjati biex jaqdu dmirijiet ma' l-Awtorità.

12. (1) Meta uffiċjal jiġi assenjat għal dmirijiet ma' l-Awtorità taht xi wiehed mill-provvedimenti ta' l-artikolu 11 ta' dan l-Att, dak l-uffiċjal għandu, matul iż-żmien li fih dik l-ordni jkollha effett dwaru, jkun taht l-awtorità u l-kontroll amministrattiv ta' l-Awtorità iżda huwa għandu għal kull għan u raġuni oħra jibqa' u jitqies u jiġi trattat bħala uffiċjal pubbliku.

(2) Minghajr preġudizzju għall-ġeneralità ta' dak hawn aktar qabel imsemmi, uffiċjal li jkun assenjat għal dmirijiet kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi:

(a) ma għandux waqt iż-żmien li matulu huwa jkun hekk assenjat :

(i) ikun prekluz mill-japplika għal trasferiment f'xi dipartiment tal-Gvern skond il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet tas-servizz konnessi mal-hatra tiegħu mal-Gvern li jkollu fid-data meta huwa jiġi hekk assenjat għal dmirijietu; jew;

(ii) ikun hekk impjegat li r-rimunerazzjoni u l-kondizzjonijiet tas-servizz tieghu jkunu inqas favorevoli minn dawk li jkunu konnessi mal-hatra tieghu mal-Gvern li jkollu fid-data hawn aktar qabel imsemmija jew li kienu jkunu konnessi ma' dik il-hatra, matul dak iż-żmien, li kieku dak l-uffiċjal ma jkunx gie assenjat biex jaqdi dmirijietu ma' l-Awtorità; u

(b) ikollu jedd li s-servizz tieghu ma' l-Awtorità jiġi kkunsidrat bhala servizz mal-Gvern għall-ghanijiet ta' pensjoni, gratwità, jew benefiċċju taht l-Ordinanza dwar il-Pensjonijiet u l-Att dwar il-Pensjonijiet lil Nisa Romol u Tfal Iltiema u ta' kull dritt jew privileġġ ieħor li huwa jkollu jedd għalih, u responsabbli għal kull responsabbiltà li dwarha huwa jkun responsabbli, hlief għall-fatt li huwa jkun gie assenjat biex iwettaq dmiru ma' l-Awtorità.

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(3) Meta ssir applikazzjoni kif provdut fis-subparagrafu (i) tal-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (2) ta' dan l-artikolu għandha tinghatalha l-istess konsiderazzjoni daqslikieku l-applikant ma jkunx gie assenjat għal servizz ma' l-Awtorità.

(4) L-Awtorità għandha thallas lill-Gvern dawk il-kontribuzzjonijiet li jistgħu minn żmien għal żmien jiġu stabbiliti mill-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi dwar l-ispiza ta' pensjonijiet u gratwitajiet li jinqalghu minn uffiċjal li jkun assenjat għal dmirijiet ma' l-Awtorità kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi matul il-perjodu li fih huwa jkun hekk assenjat.

13. (1) L-Awtorità tista', bl-approvazzjoni tal-Prim Ministru, toffri lil uffiċjal assenjat għal dmirijiet ma' l-Awtorità taht xi waħda mid-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-artikolu 11 ta' dan l-Att impjieg permanenti ma' l-Awtorità b'dik ir-rimunerazzjoni u b'dawk il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet li ma jkunux inqas favorevoli minn dawk li jgawdi dak l-uffiċjal fid-data ta' dik l-offerta.

Offerta ta' impjieg permanenti ma' l-Awtorità lil uffiċjali pubbliċi assenjati biex jaqdu dmirijiet ma' l-Awtorità.

(2) Il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet f'xi offerta magħmula kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi ma għandhiex titqies bhala inqas favorevoli biss għaliex ma jkunux għal kollox identiċi jew superjuri għal dawk li l-uffiċjal involut ikun qed igawdi fid-data ta' dik l-offerta, jekk dawk il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet ikkunsidrati flimkien, fil-fehma tal-Prim Ministru jkunu joffru benefiċċji sostanzjalment ekwivalenti jew akbar.

(3) Kull uffiċjal li jaċċetta impjieg permanenti ma' l-Awtorità li jiġi offert lilu, taht id-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu, għandu għall-ghanijiet kollha minbarra dawk ta' l-

Ordinanza dwar il-Pensjonijiet u l-Att dwar il-Pensjonijiet lil Nisa Romol u Tfal Iltiema, u b'riserva ghad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (6) ta' dan l-artikolu, jitqies bhala li temm ikun fis-servizz tal-Gvern u li jkun dahal fis-servizz ma' l-Awtorità fid-data meta huwa jaċċetta, u għall-finijiet ta' l-imsemmija Ordinanza u ta' l-imsemmi Att, sakemm applikabbli għalih, servizz ma' l-Awtorità għandu jitqies bhala servizz mal-Gvern fi hdan it-tifsiriet tagħhom rispettivament.

(4) Kull uffiċjal bhal dak hawn aktar qabel imsemmi li, minnufih qabel ma jaċċetta impieg permanenti ma' l-Awtorità kellu jedd jikseb benefiċċju taht l-Att dwar il-Pensjonijiet lil Nisa Romol u Tfal Iltiema, għandu jibqa' jkollu dak il-jedd li jibbenefika tahtu għal kull skop bhallikieku s-servizz tiegħu ma' l-Awtorità kien servizz mal-Gvern.

(5) L-Awtorità għandha thallas lill-Gvern dawk il-kontribuzzjonijiet li jistgħu minn żmien għal żmien jiġu stabbiliti mill-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi għar-rigward ta' l-ispiza ta' pensjonijiet u gratwitajiet li jinqalghu minn uffiċjal li jkun aċċetta li jwettaq impjeg skond "*performance*" ma' l-Awtorità kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi matul il-perjodu li jibda fid-data meta dak l-uffiċjal hekk jaċċetta.

(6) Għall-ghanijiet ta' l-Ordinanza dwar il-Pensjonijiet, l-emolumenti pensjonabbli ta' dak l-uffiċjal pubbliku meta huwa jirtira għandhom jitqiesu li jkunu l-emolumenti pensjonabbli li jithallsu lil uffiċjal fis-servizz tal-Gvern fi grad u f'livell inkrementali li jikkorrispondu għall-kariga u l-livell inkrementali li bih l-uffiċjal jirtira mill-Awtorità.

(7) (a) Għall-ghanijiet ta' dan l-artikolu il-karigi u l-gradji salarjali ma' l-Awtorità għandhom jiġu klassifikati fi gradi u livelli inkrementali li jkunu l-iktar jikkorrispondu mill-qrib fis-servizz taht il-Gvern ta' Malta b'riferenza għal *job description*, sengha, responsabbiltajiet u fatturi oħra analogi.

(b) Il-klassifikazzjoni msemmija fil-paragrafu (a) ta' dan is-subartikolu għandha ssir minn bord magħmul minn President li jiġi mahtur mill-Ministeru responsabbli għall-finanzi u minn żewġ membri oħra, wiehed mahtur mill-Ministeru centralment responsabbli għal *policies* dwar il-persunal fis-servizz pubbliku u wiehed li jiġi mahtur mill-Awtorità. Il-klassifikazzjoni għandha ssir u tkun suġġetta għall-approvazzjoni finali tal-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi.

(ċ) Dik il-klassifikazzjoni ghandha ssehh fi żmien tliet xhur minn kull aġġustament tas-salarji ta' impjegati fis-servizz tal-Gvern u, jew, ta' impjegati ta' l-Awtorità.

(d) Ebda kariga ma ghandha tigi klassifikata fi grad oghla minn dak ta' Grad 3 fis-servizz tal-Gvern jew dak il-grad iehor li l-Ministru responsabbli ghall-finanzi jista' minn żmien ghal żmien jistabbilixxi b'avviż fil-Gazzetta.

(e) Minghajr preġudizzju ghall-artikolu 113 tal-Kostituzzjoni, hadd ma jista', wara klassifikazzjoni kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi, jkollu jedd ghal drittijiet taht l-imsemmija Ordinanza dwar il-Pensjonijiet li jkunu inqas favorevoli minn dawk li kien ikollu jedd ghalihom qabel dik il-klassifikazzjoni.

TAQSIMA IV - PROVVEDIMENTI FINANZJARJI

14. (1) Minghajr preġudizzju ghall-provvedimenti li ġejjin ta' dan l-artikolu, l-Awtorità ghandha hekk tmexxi l-affarijiet taghha li daqstant mill-ispiza mehtieġa ghat-twettiq sew tal-funzjonijiet taghha ghandha, daqskemm dan ikun possibbli, tinhareġ mid-dhul taghha.

L-infieq ta' l-Awtorità isir mid-dhul taghha.

(2) Ghal dak l-ghan l-Awtorità ghandha tigbor kull dritt, rata u hlas iehor preskritti jew meqjusa bhala preskritti b'dan l-Att jew tahtu jew kull liġi oħra li jkollha x'taqsam mas-setghat u l-funzjonijiet ta' l-Awtorità.

(3) L-Awtorità ghandha wkoll tithallas mill-Gvern mill-Fond Konsolidat dawk l-ammonti li l-Parlament jista' minn żmien ghal żmien jawtorizza li jiġu approprijati sabiex minnhom isiru kull nefqa li l-Awtorità jista' jkollha taghmel u li ma tkunx tista' tinhareġ mid-dhul taghha u l-ispejjeż ta' xoghlijiet speċifikati biex dawn jitkomplew jew xort'oħra jsiru mill-istess Awtorità, li jkunu xoghlijiet ta' infrastruttura jew ta' xorta kapitali simili.

(4) Kull eċċess ta' dhul fuq l-infieq ghandu, bla ħsara ghal dawk l-ordnijiet li l-Ministru, wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli ghall-finanzi, jista' jaghmel, jiġi applikat mill-Awtorità ghall-formazzjoni ta' fondi ta' riserva sabiex dawn jintużaw ghall-ghanijiet ta' l-Awtorità; u minghajr preġudizzju ghall-generalità tas-setghat moghtijin lill-Ministru b'dan is-subartikolu, kull ordni li ssir mill-Ministru kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi tista' tkun tordna t-trasferiment lill-Gvern, jew l-applikazzjoni b'dak il-mod li jista' jiġi speċifikat fl-ordni, ta' xi parti mid-drittijiet, rati u hlasijiet oħra miġbura skond is-subartikolu (2) ta' dan l-artikolu jew ta' kull eċċess bhal dak kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmi.

(5) Il-flus kollha ta' l-Awtorità li ma jkunux mehtieġa minnufih biex minnhom issir l-ispiza jistghu jiġu investiti b'dak il-mod li jista' minn żmien għal żmien jiġi approvat mill-Ministru.

Setgħa li tissellef jew toriġina kapital.

15. (1) Bil-ghan li tkun tista' taqdi kull funzjoni tagħha taht dan l-Att, l-Awtorità tista', bl-approvazzjoni bil-miktub tal-Ministru li tinghata wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi, tissellef jew tiġbor flus b'dak il-mod, minn dik il-persuna, dak il-korp jew dik l-awtorità, u taht dawk il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet li l-Ministru jista', wara konsultazzjoni kif hawn aktar qabel imsemmija, japprova bil-miktub.

(2) L-Awtorità tista' wkoll, minn żmien għal żmien, tissellef, b'*overdraft* jew xort'ohra, dawk l-ammonti li tista' tehtieġ sabiex twettaq il-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att:

Iżda għal kull ammont li jkun jeċċedi l-hamsin elf lira, għandha tinghata l-approvazzjoni tal-Ministru bil-miktub.

Avvanzi mill-Gvern.

16. Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi jista', wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru, jagħmel avvanzi lill-Awtorità ta' dawk l-ammonti li huwa jista' jaqbel li jkunu mehtieġa mill-Awtorità biex din twettaq kull funzjoni tagħha taht dan l-Att, u jista' jagħmel dawk l-avvanzi b'dawk il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet li huwa jista', wara dik il-konsultazzjoni hawn aktar qabel imsemmija, iqis li tkun xierqa. Avvanz bħal dak jista' jsir mill-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi mill-Fond Konsolidat, u minghajr ebda approprjazzjoni ohra minbarra dan l-Att, b'kitba minnu magħmula li tkun tawtorizza lill-*Accountant General* li jagħmel dak l-avvanz.

Self minghand il-Gvern.

17. (1) Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi jista', għal kull htieġa ta' l-Awtorità ta' xorta kapitali, jikkuntratta jew jiġbor kull self, jew jidhol f'passiv, għal dawk il-perjodi u b'dawk il-pattijiet u kondizzjonijiet hekk kif huwa jista' jqis li jkun xieraq; u kull ammont dovut għar-rigward ta' jew f'konnessjoni ma' xi self jew passiv bħal dak għandu jkun piż fuq il-Fond Konsolidat.

(2) Għandu jinghata avviż dwar kull self, passiv jew avvanz magħmul jew li jsir taht il-provvedimenti ta' qabel ta' dan l-artikolu lill-Kamra tar-Rappreżentanti kemm jista' jkun prattikament malajr.

(3) Sakemm ma jibda jsir il-ġbir ta' xi self bħal dak imsemmi fis-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu, jew bil-ghan li l-Awtorità tiġi pprovduta b'kapital funzjonali, il-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi jista', b'kitba magħmula minnu nnifsu, u minghajr ebda approprjazzjoni ohra hlief dan l-Att, jawtorizza lill-*Accountant General* li jagħmel avvanzi lill-Awtorità mit-*Treasury Clearance Fund* taht dawk il-pattijiet li jistghu jiġu speċifikati mill-Ministru meta dawn isiru.

(4) Ir-rikavat minn kull self li jingabar bil-ghan li jsiru avvanzi lill-Awtorità, u kull flus ohra li ghandhom jiġu avvanzati lill-Awtorità taht dan l-artikolu, ghandhom jitqieghdu ġewwa fond speċifikament stabbilit ghal dak l-ghan u li jkun maghruf bhala "Fond ghal Self lill-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi".

(5) Ammonti li jirċievi l-*Accountant General* mill-Awtorità ghar-rigward ta' avvanzi maghmulin lill-Awtorità taht is-subartikolu (3) ta' dan l-artikolu ghandhom jithallsu, f'dawk li huma ammonti riċevuti bhala hlas lura billi jitqieghdu fit-*Treasury Clearance Fund* u, f'dawk li huma ammonti riċevuti bhala mgħax billi jitqieghdu fil-Fond Konsolidat.

18. (1) L-Awtorità ghandha tara li jithejjew f'kull sena finanzjarja, u ghandha mhux iktar tard minn sitt ġimghat wara tmiem kull sena bhal dik tadotta, estimi tad-dhul u l-infieq ta' l-Awtorità ghas-sena finanzjarja li tiġi minnufih wara: Estimi ta' l-Awtorità.

Iżda l-estimi għall-ewwel sena finanzjarja ta' l-Awtorità ghandhom jiġu mhejjija u adottati f'dak iż-żmien li l-Ministru jista' jispeċifika b'avviż bil-miktub lill-Awtorità.

(2) Fit-thejjija ta' dawk l-estimi l-Awtorità ghandha tqis kull fond u flus ohra li jistghu jkunu dovuti li jithallsu lilha mill-Fond Konsolidat matul is-sena finanzjarja rilevanti, sew bis-sahha ta' dan l-Att jew ta' Att ta' approprjazzjoni jew ta' kull liġi ohra; u l-Awtorità ghandha hekk thejji l-estimi imsemmija b'mod li tiżgura li d-dhul totali ta' l-Awtorità huwa mill-inqas suffiċjenti biex minnu jithallas kull ammont li sewwasew għandu jintefaq mill-kont tad-dhul tagħha inkluż, iżda minghajr preġudizzju għall-generalità ta' dik il-frazi, d-deprezzament.

(3) L-estimi ghandhom isiru f'dik l-ghamla u għandu jkun fihom dik l-informazzjoni u dak it-tqabbil ma' snin ta' qabel hekk kif il-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi jista' jordna.

(4) Kopja ta' l-estimi ghandha, meta dawn jiġu adottati mill-Awtorità, tintbagħat minnufih mill-Awtorità lill-Ministru u lill-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi.

(5) Il-Ministru għandu, ma' l-ewwel opportunità u mhux iktar tard minn sitt ġimghat wara li jkun irċieva kopja ta' l-estimi minghand l-Awtorità, japprovhom bl-emendi jew minghajrhom, wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi.

L-infieq ghandu jkun skond l-estimi approvati.

19. (1) Ma ghandha ssir jew tiggarrab ebda nefqa mill-Awtorità kemm-il darba ma jkunx sar provvediment ghaldaqshekk fl-estimi approvati kif provdut fl-artikolu 18 ta' dan l-Att.

(2) Minkejja l-provvedimenti tas-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu:-

(a) sa l-iskadenza ta' sitt xhur mill-bidu ta' sena finanzjarja, jew sa l-approvazzjoni ta' l-estimi ghal dik is-sena, skond liema data tigi l-ewwel, l-Awtorità tista' taghmel jew iggarrab spiza ghat-twettiq tal-funzjonijiet taghha taht dan l-Att li ma tkunx globalment teċċedi nofs l-ammont approvat ghas-sena finanzjarja preċedenti;

(b) in-nefqa approvata ghar-rigward ta' intestatura jew sotto-intestatura ta' l-estimi tista', bl-approvazzjoni tal-Ministru li tinghata wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli ghall-finanzi, issir jew tiggarrab ghar-rigward ta' xi intestatura jew sotto-intestatura ohra ta' l-estimi;

(ċ) ghar-rigward ta' l-ewwel sena finanzjarja, l-Awtorità tista' taghmel jew iggarrab nefqa li ma tkunx globalment teċċedi dawk l-ammonti li l-Ministru responsabbli ghall-finanzi jista, wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru, jippermetti;

(d) jekk ghar-rigward ta' xi sena finanzjarja jinstab li l-ammont approvat fl-estimi ma jkunx suffiċjenti jew inkella tkun inqalghet htieġa ghal nefqa ghal ghan li ma jkunx hemm provdut dwaru fl-estimi, l-Awtorità tista' tadotta estimi supplimentari ghall-approvazzjoni tal-Ministru, u f'kull każ bhal dak il-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att applikabbli ghall-estimi ghandhom kemm jistghu ikunu japplikaw ghall-estimi supplimentari.

Pubblikazzjoni ta' l-estimi approvati.

20. Il-Ministru ghandu, ma l-ewwel opportunità u mhux iktar tard minn tmien ġimgħat wara li jkun irċieva kopja ta' l-estimi u ta' l-estimi supplimentari ta' l-Awtorità, jew, jekk f'xi żmien waqt dak il-perijodu l-Kamra tad-Deputati ma tkunx qed tiltaqa' fi żmien tmien ġimgħat mill-bidu tas-sessjoni li minnufih imiss wara, jara li dawk l-estimi jitqieghdu fuq il-Mejda tal-Kamra tad-Deputati.

Kontijiet u verifika.

21. (1) L-Awtorità ghandha tara li jinżammu kontijiet u *records* ohra sew ghar-rigward ta' l-operazzjonijiet taghha, u ghandha tara li jithejja prospett ta' kontijiet ghar-rigward ta' kull sena finanzjarja.

(2) Il-kontijiet ta' l-Awtorità ghandhom jigu verifikati minn awditur jew awdituri li jinhatru mill-Awtorità u jigu approvati mill-Ministru:

Iżda l-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi jista', wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru, jehtieg li l-kotba u l-kontijiet ta' l-Awtorità jigu verifikati jew eżaminati mill-Awditur Ġenerali li għal dan il-ghan għandu jkollu s-setgħa li jagħmel kull verifika manwali u ċertifikazzjoni ohra li jqs li jkunu mehtieġa.

(3) Wara tmiem kull sena finanzjarja, u mhux aktar tard mid-data meta l-estimi ta' l-Awtorità jintbagħtu lill-Ministru taht l-artikolu 18 ta' dan l-Att, l-Awtorità għandha tara li kopja tal-prospett tal-kontijiet debitament verifikat għandu jintbagħat lill-Ministru u lill-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi flimkien ma' kopja ta' kull rapport magħmul mill-awdituri dwar dak il-prospett jew fuq il-kontijiet ta' l-Awtorità.

(4) Il-Ministru għandu, ma l-ewwel opportunità u mhux aktar tard minn tmien ġimghat wara li jkun irċieva kopja ta' kull prospett u rapport bħal dak, jew, jekk f'xi żmien waqt dak il-perijodu l-Kamra tad-Deputati ma tkunx qed tiltaqa', fi żmien tmien ġimghat mill-bidu tas-sessjoni li minnufih imiss wara, jara li kopja ta' kull prospett u rapport bħal dak jitqieghdu fuq il-Mejda tal-Kamra tad-Deputati.

22. (1) Il-flus kollha li jingabru mill-Awtorità għandhom jitqegħdu f'bank jew banek li jinhatru bhala bankiera ta' l-Awtorità b'riżoluzzjoni ta' l-Awtorità. Dawk il-flus għandhom, kemm jista' jkun prattiku, jitqieghdu f'dawk il-banek minn jum għall-iehor, hlief dak l-ammont li l-Awtorità tista' tawtorizza li għandu jinżamm sabiex isiru nefqiet żgħar minnu u hlasijiet ta' flus likwidi ta' minnufih.

Depozitu tad-dhul u hlasijiet li jsiru mill-Awtorità.

(2) Kull hlas mill-fondi ta' l-Awtorità, minbarra nefqiet żgħar li ma jkunux jeċċedu ammont stabbilit mill-Awtorità, għandhom isiru minn dak l-uffiċjal jew dawk l-uffiċjali ta' l-Awtorità li l-Awtorità tahtar jew tinnomina għal dak l-ghan.

(3) Ċekkijiet li jinharġu fuq, u żbanki li jsiru minn, xi kont tal-bank ta' l-Awtorità għandhom ikunu ffirmati minn dak l-uffiċjal ta' l-Awtorità hekk kif jista' jiġi mahtur jew nominat mill-Awtorità għal dak l-ghan u għandhom ikunu kontrosenjati mill-President, jew minn dak il-membri jew uffiċjal iehor ta' l-Awtorità li jista' jiġi awtorizzat mill-Awtorità għal dak l-ghan.

(4) L-Awtorità għandha wkoll tagħmel provvedimenti għar-rigward ta':-

(a) il-mod kif il-hlasijiet għandhom jigu awtorizzati jew approvati u l-uffiċjal jew uffiċjali li għandhom jawtorizzawhom jew japprovawhom;

(b) it-titolu ta' kull kont miżmum f'bank jew banek fejn jiġu depożitati l-flus ta' l-Awtorità, u t-trasferiment ta' fondi minn kont għall-iehor;

(ċ) il-metodu li għandu jiġi adottat meta jkun qed jithallsu flus mill-fondi ta' l-Awtorità;

u ġeneralment għar-rigward ta' kull haġa li hi rilevanti għat-tiżmim u kontroll sew tal-kontijiet u l-kotba, u l-kontroll tal-finanzi, ta' l-Awtorità.

Kuntratti ta' provvista ta' xoghlijiet.

23. Minghajr preġudizzju għal kull ordni komunikata mill-Ministru taht is-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 6 ta' dan l-Att, l-Awtorità ma għandhiex, hlief bl-approvazzjoni tal-Ministru mogħtija għal raġunijiet speċjali u wara konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi, tagħti jew tidhol f'xi kuntratt għall-provvista ta' oġġetti jew materjal jew għall-eżekuzzjoni ta' xoghlijiet, jew għall-ghoti ta' servizzi, lil jew għall-benefiċċju ta' l-Awtorità, li jkun stmat mill-Awtorità li jeċċedi tliet elef lira jew kull ammont ieħor bhal dak li l-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi jista' b'regolamenti jippreskrivi, hlief wara li jkun ġie ppubblikat avviz dwar l-intenzjoni ta' l-Awtorità li tidhol fil-kuntratt u jkunu nharġu s-sejhiet għall-offerti relattivi.

Rapport Annwali.

24. L-Awtorità għandha, mhux aktar tard minn sitt ġimghat wara tmien kull sena finanzjarja, tagħmel u tibghat lill-Ministru u lill-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi rapport li jkun ġeneralment jittratta dwar l-attivitajiet ta' l-Awtorità matul dik is-sena finanzjarja u li jkun fih dik l-informazzjoni relattiva għall-proċedimenti u l-policy ta' l-Awtorità b'dak il-mod li xi wiehed mill-Ministri msemmija jista' minn żmien għal żmien ikun jehtieg. Il-Ministru għandu ma' l-ewwel opportunità u mhux aktar tard minn tmien ġimghat wara li jkun irċieva kopja ta' kull rapport bhal dak, jew jekk f'xi żmien waqt dak il-perijodu l-Kamra tad-Deputati ma tkunx qed tiltaqa', fi żmien tmien ġimghat mill-bidu tas-sessjoni li minnufih imiss wara, jara li l-kopja ta' kull rapport bhal dak titqiegħed fuq il-Mejda tal-Kamra tad-Deputati.

TAQSIMA V - MIXXELLANJI

Hatra u funzjonijiet ta' kumitati konsultattivi.

25. (1) Il-Ministru jista' minn żmien għal żmien jahtar kumitati konsultattivi għar-rigward ta' dak is-settur jew dawk is-setturi li huwa jista' jistabbilixxi.

(2) Kumitat konsultattiv għandu, għall-aħjar twettiq tal-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att, jagħti parir lill-Awtorità dwar dawk l-affarijiet u jwettaq dawk il-funzjonijiet l-oħra li l-Ministru jista' jispeċifika fl-istrument tal-hatra.

(3) Il-membri tal-kumitat ghandhom jinhatru mill-Ministru u ghandhom jibqghu f'dik il-kariga ghal dak il-perjodu u b'dawk il-pattijiet u kondizzjonijiet li l-Ministru jista' jqis li jkunu xierqa.

(4) Kull kumitat ikun jikkonsisti f'membru wiehed li jirrapprezenta lill-Awtorità bhala President u f'dawk il-membri ohra li l-Ministru jista' jqis li jkun xieraq li jahtar.

(5) Il-provvedimenti tal-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (4), u s-subartikoli (5) u (8) ta' l-artikolu 3 ta' dan l-Att ghandhom *mutatis mutandis* ikunu japplikaw ghall-membri tal-kumitati konsultattivi.

(6) Kull kumitat konsultattiv ghandu jzomm il-minuti tal-laqghat kollha li jaghmel u ghandu jibghat kopji ta' dawk il-minuti lill-Awtorità. Id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-artikolu 8 ta' dan l-Att ghandhom ikun *mutatis mutandis* japplikaw ghall-kumitat u l-membri tieghu.

26. (1) Hadd ma ghandu jwettaq xi attività jew operazzjoni, jew ikun ingaġġat f'xi attività jew operazzjoni tali, li tirrigwarda r-rizorsi ta' l-enerġija, l-ilma u l-minerali kemm-il darba dik il-persuna ma jkollhiex liċenza, permess jew awtorizzazzjoni ohra ta' l-Awtorità taht dan l-Att:

Liċenzjar, eċċ. ta' attivitajiet.

Izda ghar-rigward ta' l-esplorazzjoni u l-produzzjoni ta' idrokarburi, is-setgha li jiġi eżerċitat il-hruġ ta' liċenza taht dan l-Att ghandha tkun bla hsara ghall-awtorizzazzjoni tal-Prim Ministru skond l-Att dwar il-Produzzjoni tal-Pitrolju.

(2) Kull min iwettaq xi attività bhal dik minghajr liċenza jew li jaġixxi bi ksur ta' xi kondizzjoni ta' dik il-liċenza, jkun hati ta' reat u jista' jehel meta jinsab hati multa ta' mhux iżjed minn Lm 50,000 jew prigunerija ghal żmien mhux iżjed minn sentejn, jew ghal dik il-multa u prigunerija flimkien.

(3) Bla hsara ghad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-artikolu 469A tal-Kodiċi ta' Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili ma ghandu jkun hemm ebda appell minn xi deċiżjoni ta' l-Awtorità taht is-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu.

Kap.12

(4) Il-provvedimenti ta' dan l-artikolu ma ghandhomx japplikaw ghal xi ġiebjja jew bir f'dar ta' abitazzjoni, li jenhtiegu li jiġu konstruwiti taht xi liġi, u d-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-artikolu ma ghandhomx jitqiesu li jehtiegu xi liċenza jew permess ghall-konstruzzjoni u l-manutenzjoni ta' xi ġiebjja jew bir bhal dawk, b'dan illi din il-konstruzzjoni ma tipprekludix lill-Awtorità milli teżerċita xi wahda mill-funzjonijiet u s-setghat taht dan l-Att bil-ghan li tiżgura li ma jinhelix

ilma jew jiġi użat hażin u li ma ssir ebda hsara fis-saff tal-akwifer jew band'ohra.

Persuni li jitqiesu
bhala uffiċjali
pubbliċi.

Kap. 9.

27. Il-membri ta' l-Awtorità, il-membri tal-kumitati konsultattivi u l-uffiċjali u l-impjegati kollha ta' l-Awtorità ghandhom jitqiesu li huma uffiċjali pubbliċi għall-iskop tat-tifsira u għall-ghanijiet tal-Kodiċi Kriminali.

Setgħa ta' għemil
ta' regolamenti.

28. (1) Il-Ministru jista', wara konsultazzjoni ma' l-Awtorità, jagħmel regolamenti għar-rigward ta' kull waħda mill-funzjonijiet ta' l-Awtorità jew għall-ahjar twettiq ta' xi wiehed mill-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att;

(2) Mingħajr preġudizzju għall-generalità tas-setgħa hawn aktar qabel imsemmija dawk ir-regolamenti jistgħu, b'mod partikolari jipprovdu:-

(a) dwar l-ghoti, tiġdid, trasferiment, sospensjoni u thassir ta' liċenzi, permessi jew awtorizzazzjonijiet ohra għar-rigward ta' xi operazzjoni jew attività regolati minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(b) dwar il-mod kif applikazzjonijiet għall-ghoti, tiġdid jew trasferiment ta' liċenzi, permessi jew awtorizzazzjonijiet ohra jew ta' xi klassi waħda jew iktar tagħhom għandha ssir dwar il-kontenut ta' dawk l-applikazzjonijiet; dwar il-mod kif dawk il-liċenzi għandhom jingħataw, jiġġeddu jew jiġu trasferiti; il-forma li fiha dawk il-liċenzi għandhom jinħarġu, il-kontenut tagħhom, id-drittijiet li jithallsu għalihom jew f'konnessjoni magħhom u l-mod li bih it-tiġdid jew it-trasferiment tagħhom għandu jiġi indikat;

(c) dwar li jiġi stabbilit it-terminu tal-validità tal-liċenzi, permessi jew awtorizzazzjonijiet ohra jew ta' xi klassi waħda jew iktar tagħhom;

(d) dwar ir-regolament ta' strutturi ta' prezz għar-riżorsi ta' l-enerġija, l-ilma u l-minerali u fejn xieraq sabiex jiġu stabbiliti t-tariffi u l-hlasijiet għall-provvista, l-ħażna u d-distribuzzjoni ta' l-elettriku u ta' xi wiehed mir-riżorsi msemmija u għall-użu ta' *grids* u sistemi ohra li jintużaw fit-trasmissjoni u d-distribuzzjoni ta' xi wiehed mir-riżorsi msemmija;

(e) dwar l-iżgurar ta' riservi adegwati, fejn japplika, u dwar l-iżgurar ta' proviżjon adegwat tar-riżorsi regolati minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(f) dwar l-akkwist obligatorju u d-distribuzzjoni ta' riżorsi bħal dawk matul żminijiet ta' skarsezza;

(g) dwar l-inqas standards li ghandhom jiġu adottati fi, u kull haġa oħra li ghandha x'taqsam mal-konservazzjoni, akkwist, provvista, bejgh, hażna, ġenerazzjoni, distribuzzjoni, trasmissjoni, esportazzjoni, trattament, użu mill-ġdid jew disponiment u kull Prattika, operazzjoni u attività oħra regolata minn jew taht dan l-Att inklużi l-mezzi li bihom dawk ir-riżorsi ghandhom jiġu protetti, akkwistati, forniti, mibjugħa, maħżuna, ġenerati, distribwiti, trasmessi, esportati, trattati, użati mill-ġdid jew imnehhija;

(h) biex jiżguraw u jirregolaw il-konservazzjoni, it-tikbir, l-operazzjoni u l-użu ta' ghejjun ta' riżorsi ta' l-enerġija, l-ilma u l-minerali kif ukoll il-promozzjoni u l-manigġ, il-ġenerazzjoni u l-użu ta' kull forma ta' enerġija;

(i) dwar l-iżgurar ta' kompetizzjoni ġusta f'kull Prattika, operazzjoni u attività relatata ma' l-enerġija, l-ilma u riżorsi minerali;

(j) dwar l-egħmil ta' studji, ricerka jew investigazzjoni fuq kull haġa li jkollha x'taqsam mar-riżorsi regolati minn jew taht dan l-Att u l-provdiment ta' informazzjoni, il-hruġ ta' linji direttivi lill-pubbliku u lil entijiet kummerċjali fuq kull ma għandu x'jaqşam ma' dawk ir-riżorsi;

(k) biex jagħtu seħħ lil kull obligazzjoni internazzjonali li l-Gvern jaderixxi għaliha għar-rigward tar-riżorsi regolati minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(l) dwar ir-regolar tas-servizzi li jistgħu jinhtieġu għar-rigward tar-riżorsi ta' l-enerġija, l-ilma u l-minerali u ż-żmien, il-mod, il-post u l-kondizzjoni li bihom jew li tahtom ghandhom jiġu pprovvuti dawk is-servizzi;

(m) dwar ir-regolar tal-kwalifiki li għandu jkollhom persuni li jkunu impjegati f'xi attività regolata minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(n) dwar affarijiet li jolqtu l-kostruzzjoni, il-kondizzjoni u l-manutenzjoni ta' faċilitajiet, apparat u tagħmir iehor utilizzat fil-provdiment ta' xi wiehed mill-imsemmija riżorsi jew servizzi li ghandhom x'jaqsmu magħhom;

(o) dwar il-preskrizzjoni ta' informazzjoni li għandu jkollhom id-detenturi ta' liċenza taht dan l-Att u l-ghoti ta' data statistika minn dawk id-detenturi ta' liċenza;

(p) dwar l-eghmil ta' kull depożitu jew l-ghoti ta' xi garanzija biex jiġi żgurat it-twettiq ta' xi obligazzjoni minn xi persuna li tiġi imposta bħala kondizzjoni ta' xi permess, awtorizzazzjoni jew liċenza taht dan l-Att;

(q) dwar li jiġi preskritt li kull min jaġixxi bi ksur ta' xi regolament magħmul taht dan l-artikolu jkun hati ta' reat u li jiġu stabbiliti pieni li wiehed jista' jehel:

Iżda ebda piena bhal dik ma għandha tkun ikbar minn multa ta' iktar minn Lm 10,000 jew prigunerija għal żmien mhux iżjed minn sitt xhur jew għal dik il-multa u prigunerija flimkien;

(r) dwar li tiġi preskritta kull prattika li għandha tiġi adottata għar-rigward tas-sigurezza u l-harsien ta' l-ambjent għar-rigward ta' kull attività minn jew taht dan l-Att;

(s) dwar li tiġi preskritta kull haġa li tista' tkun jew li tkun mehtieġa li tiġi preskritta b'dan l-Att.

Setgħat ta' provditur ta' servizz.

29. (1) L-esekuzzjoni ta' kull xogħol konness mas-servizzi kollha provduti taht liċenza mahruġa taht dan l-Att għandhom jitwettqu b'dak il-mod hekk kif jista' jiġi miftiehem bejn il-provditur tas-servizz u l-persuna li tirċievi dawk is-servizzi.

(2) Il-provditur ta' xi servizz li għalih tkun mehtieġa liċenza taht dan l-Att u kull impjegat debitament awtorizzat minnu jista' f'kull żmien raġonevoli jidhol f'kull fond bil-ghan li:-

(a) jaċċerta ruhu li s-servizzi jkunu qegħdin jintużaw skond il-kondizzjonijiet li jkunu forniti tahtom;

(b) jagħmel manutenzjoni jew isewwi kull tagħmir li jiġi fornit minnu għar-rigward ta' dak is-servizz;

(ċ) jaċċerta dik id-data jew informazzjoni li jistgħu jinhtieġu f'konnessjoni mal-provdiment ta' dak is-servizz:

Iżda kull provditur ta' servizz tali għandu jsewwi kull hsara li tiġi kaġunata bi dhul bhal dak.

(3) Kull min jostruwixxi jew jimpedixxi lil xi persuna fit-twettiq ta' dmirijietu taht is-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu jkun hati ta' reat kontra dan l-Att.

30. (1) Uffiċjal jew impjegat ta' l-Awtorità hekk awtorizzat jista', f'kull żmien raġonevoli, jidhol f'kull lok li fih żona fejn jingabar l-ilma, nixxiegha, bir, moghdija ta' l-ilma, mina, ġiebjja, kanal jew *fittings* ta' l-ilma, drenagġ, ilma mhux tax-xorb jew servizz, apparat, stallazzjoni, strument, impjant jew aċċessorji jkunu qeghdin jew ikunu ġew jew ikunu se jiġu stallati, mqieghda jew imwahnha għall-manifattura, desalinazzjoni, trattament, raffinar, provvista, hażna u distribuzzjoni ta' l-ilma jew għall-fini ta' provvista ta' komunikazzjoni mas-sistema tad-drenagġ jew li fih tkun tenhtiegħ xi attività li tehtiegħ liċenza taht dan l-Att għall-ghanijiet ta':-

Setgħa tad-dhul sabiex jiġu żgurati l-kondizzjonijiet ta' l-istallazzjonijiet eċċ.

(a) l-ispezzjonar ta' kull haġa jew attività hawn aktar qabel imsemmija u l-aċċertar dwar jekk ikunx hemm xi hela ta' riżorsi, jew ta' xi haġ'ohra kontra l-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att, tar-regolamenti li jsiru tahtu jew il-pattijiet u l-kondizzjonijiet ta' xi liċenza, permess jew awtorizzazzjoni mahruġa taht dan l-Att;

(b) l-aċċertar ta' dik id-data jew informazzjoni li l-Awtorità tista' tenhtiegħ f'konnessjoni mal-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att.

(2) Kull min jostruwixxi jew jimpedixxi lil xi uffiċjal jew impjegat ta' l-Awtorità fl-eżerċizzju ta' dmirijietu taht dan l-Att ikun hati ta' reat kontra dan l-Att.

31. Il-Ministru jista', wara konsultazzjoni ma' l-Awtorità, jagħmel regolamenti mhux inkonsistenti ma' dan l-Att li jkunu jippreskrivu fejn ma jkunx hemm piena xort'ohra preskritta taht dan l-Att, il-pieni li ma jkunux aktar minn multa ta' għaxart elef lira Maltija li persuna li tagħmel reat kontra dan l-Att tista' tehel meta tinsab hatja.

Pieni għal reati kontra dan l-Att.

32. (1) Ikun hemm Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Riżorsi, li jkun magħmul minn tliet membri, li wiehed minnhom, li jkun il-President, għandu jkun persuna li tkun eserċitat bhala avukat għal mhux inqas minn seba' snin.

Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Riżorsi.

(2) Il-membri tal-Bord għandhom jinhatru mill-Ministru għal perjodu li jiġi indikat fl-ittra tal-hatra tagħhom, u jistgħu jiġu hekk mahtura għal perjodi ulterjuri hekk kif il-Ministru jista' jqis li jkun xieraq.

(3) Membru tal-Bord jista' jiġi rikuzat jew jastjeni għal xi waħda mir-raġunijiet li għalihom jista' jiġi rikuzat jew jastjeni mhallef skond l-artikolu 734 tal-Kodiċi ta' Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili. F'kull każ bhal dak il-Ministru għandu jahtar persuna, li jkollha l-kwalifiki tal-membri rikuzat jew li jastjeni, biex joqghod bhala membru tal-Bord minflok il-membri msemmi.

(4) Membru tal-Kamra tar-Rappreżentanti jew ta' xi Kunsill Lokali ghandu jkun skwalifikat milli jinhatar jew ikompli jkun membru tal-Bord ghal daqstant żmien daqskemm idum f' dik il-kariga.

(5) Il-Ministru ghandu wkoll jahtar persuna biex taghmilha ta' segretarju tal-Bord.

Appelli.

33. (1) Jista' jsir appell quddiem il-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Riżorsi minn kull deċiżjoni ta' l-Awtorità skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att u regolamenti maghmulin tahtu u kull persuna li thoss ruhha aggravata b'xi deċiżjoni bhal dik ghandu jkollha l-jedd li taghmel appell.

(2) Jista' jsir appell quddiem il-Bord ghal kull wahda mir-raġunijiet li ġejjin:

(a) li jkun sar żball materjali dwar il-fatti;

(b) li kien hemm żball materjali fil-proċedura;

(c) li jkun sar żball fil-liġi;

(d) li kien hemm xi illegalità materjali, inkluża l-irragonevolezza jew nuqqas ta' proporzjonalità.

(3) Il-Bord ghandu jsejjes id-deċiżjoni tiegħu fuq raġunijiet u ghandu jara li dawk id-deċiżjonijiet jkunu pubbliċi fil-waqt li jithallew barra, jekk iqis li jkun hekk xieraq ghal raġunijiet ta' konfidenzjalità, l-ismijiet tal-persuni involuti.

(4) Fid-deċiżjoni ta' appell taht dan l-artikolu l-Bord jista':

(i) jiċhad l-appell;

(ii) jannulla d-deċiżjoni,

u meta l-Bord jannulla d-deċiżjoni, jista' jirreferi l-kwistjoni lill-Awtorità flimkien ma' ordni biex din terġa' tikkunsidraha mill-ġdid u tasal ghal deċiżjoni skond ir-riżultanzi tal-Bord.

(5) L-effett ta' deċiżjoni li dwarha jkun hemm appell ma ghandux, hlief meta l-Bord jew il-Qorti ta' l-Appell, skond il-każ, hekk jordna, jkun sospiż b'konsegwenza ta' l-eghmil ta' dak l-appell.

Setgħat u proċedura tal-Bord.

34. (1) Il-Bord ikun kompetenti li jisma' u jiddeċiedi appell li jinġieb quddiemu skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att u regolamenti maghmulin tahtu; u bla hsara għall-artikolu 36 ta' dan l-Att, id-deċiżjonijiet tal-Bord ghandhom ikunu finali u konkluzivi.

(2) Għall-eżerċizzju tal-funzjonijiet tiegħu il-Bord jista' jharrek lil kull persuna biex tidher quddiemu sabiex tixhed u ġgib dokumenti magħha; u l-President ikollu s-setgħa li jagħti l-ġurament. Il-Bord jista' wkoll jahtar periti biex jagħtu parir lill-Bord fuq kull sugġett tekniku li jista' jkun relevanti għad-deċiżjoni tiegħu.

(3) Għall-ghanijiet hawn aktar qabel imsemmija, il-Bord ikollu l-istess setgħat bħalma jappartjenu lill-Prim'Awla tal-Qorti Ċivili skond il-liġi.

(4) Il-proċedura li għandha tiġi segwita quddiem il-Bord, iż-żmien li fih u l-mod kif għandu jinġieb appell quddiem il-Bord għandhom ikunu hekk kif jista' jiġi preskritt; u bla hsara għal dan, u għal kull dispożizzjoni applikabbli oħra ta' dan l-Att, il-Bord jista' jistabbilixxi l-proċedura tiegħu nnifsu.

35. Parti f'appell quddiem il-Bord li thoss ruhha aggravata b'deċiżjoni tal-Bord, jew l-Awtorità jekk din thoss ruhha mhux sodisfatta b'xi deċiżjoni bħal dik, tista' fuq punt ta' liġi tappella quddiem il-Qorti ta' l-Appell kif magħmula skond is-subartikolu (6) ta' l-artikolu 41 tal-Kodiċi ta' Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili permezz ta' rikors li jiġi pprezentat fir-reġistru ta' dik il-qorti, fil-każ ta' appell mill-Awtorità fi żmien tletin ġurnata minn meta l-Bord jagħti d-deċiżjoni tiegħu, u fil-każ ta' xi persuna oħra fi żmien tletin ġurnata minn meta dik id-deċiżjoni tkun giet lilu notifikata.

Appell quddiem il-Qorti ta' l-Appell.

36. (1) B'effett mill-bidu fis-sehħ ta' dan l-artikolu il-liġijiet murija fl-Ewwel Kolonna tat-Tieni Skeda li tinsab ma' dan l-Att għandu jkollhom effett bla hsara għall-emendi murija fit-Tieni Kolonna ta' l-imsemmija Skeda.

Emendi u riżervi.

(2) Kull leġislazzjoni sussidjarja preskritta taht xi wiehed mill-provvedimenti tal-liġijiet li qeghdin jiġu emendati għandha tkompli ssehħ u kull leġislazzjoni sussidjarja bħal dik, minbarra l-leġislazzjoni sussidjarja magħmula taht l-Att dwar il-Produzzjoni tal-Pitrolju, għandu jkollha effett bħallikieku magħmula taht dan l-Att u tista' tiġi emendata, sostitwita jew revokata skond hekk.

(3) Kull liċenza, permess, awtorità jew ordni mogħtija jew magħmula taht xi waħda mill-provvedimenti tal-liġijiet li qeghdin jiġu emendati, u li jkunu għadhom fis-sehħ minnufih qabel dik l-emenda, għandhom jibqgħu fis-sehħ wara li ssir bħallikieku kienu xi liċenza, permess, awtorità jew ordni mogħtija jew magħmula taht provvediment korrispondenti ta' dan l-Att, u kull liċenza, permess, awtorità jew ordni bħal dawk hawn aktar qabel imsemmija għandhom jiġu ttrattati u jsir minnhom skond hekk.

(4) Il-pieni preskritti taht il-paragrafu (q) ta' l-artikolu 45 ta' l-Att ta' l-1991 dwar il-Korporazzjoni għas-Servizzi ta' l-Ilma, liema artikolu qiegħed jithassar b'dan l-Att, għandhom, sakemm jiġu preskritti regolamenti taht l-artikolu 31 ta' dan l-Att, jitqiesu bħala l-pieni preskritti taht dan l-imsemmi artikolu 31.

L-EWWEL SKEDA

(Artikolu 5 (2))

Direttorati

Bla hsara ghas-setghat li ghandu l-Ministru taht is-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 5 ta' dan l-Att, ghandu jkun hemm dawn id-Direttorati li ġejjin -

1. Direttorat ghar-Regolament tar-Riżorsi ta' l-Energija b'responsabbiltà ghar-regolament ta' kull Prattika li tirrigwarda l-ġenerazzjoni, it-trasmissjoni, d-distribuzzjoni, il-provvista u l-użu ta' l-enerġija, ikunu xi jkunu s-sorsi ta' xi enerġija bhal dik.
2. Direttorat ghar-Regolament tar-Riżorsi ta' l-Ilma b'responsabbiltà ghar-regolament ta' kull Prattika li tirrigwarda r-riżorsi ta' l-ilma, d-drenagg u l-iskart likwidu.
3. Direttorat ghar-Regolament tar-Riżorsi Minerali b'responsabbiltà ghar-regolament ta' kull Prattika li tirrigwarda r-riżorsi minerali.

IT-TIENI SKEDA

(Artikolu 37)

L-Ewwel Kolonna

Ordinanza dwar
l-Importazzjoni,
Magazzinagg u Bejgh
ta' Pitrolju, Kap. 25.

**It-Tieni Kolonna
Emendi Relattivi**

1. L-artikolu 12 ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) minflok il-kliem "ta' din l-Ordinanza." ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ta' din l-Ordinanza:"; u

(b) fi tmiemu ghandu jizded dan il-proviso li ġej:-

"Izda dik is-setgħa ma ghandhiex testendi għall-egħmil ta' regolamenti li jolqtu l-importazzjoni, il-magazzinagg u l-bejgh ta' sustanzi esplożivi jew infjammabbli li dwarhom is-setgħa ta' egħmil ta' regolamenti hi vestita fl-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi taht l-Att ta' l-2000 dwar Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi."

Att dwar il-Produzzjoni
tal-Pitrolju, Kap. 156.

1. Fit-tifsira ta' "Ministru" fl-artikolu 2, minflok il-kliem "Ministru jew uffiċjal iehor li jkun awtorizzat" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Ministru, persuna jew awtorità ohrajn li jkunu awtorizzati".

2. Fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 3 minflok il-kliem "u l-Gvern ta' Malta jkollu l-jedd esklużiv li jfittex u li jhaffer għal pitrolju u li jiehu dak il-pitrolju" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "u l-jedd għat-tiftix u t-thaffir għal pitrolju u t-tehid ta' dak il-pitrolju ghandu jkun sugġett għal liċenza mahruġa taht il-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att".

3. L-artikolu 4 ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) fis-subartikolu (1) minflok il-kliem "li jagħti lil min jidhirlu xieraq liċenzi" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "li jagħti lill-applikant li jintgħażel liċenza";

(b) fis-subartikolu (2) minflok il-kliem "illi l-Ministru jidhirlu xierqa" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "li jistgħu jiġu stipulati fis-sejha għal applikazzjonijiet";

(ċ) fis-subartikolu (3) l-kliem "jekk il-Ministru jiddeċiedi hekk," ghandhom jithassru;

(d) fil-paragrafu (v) tas-subartikolu (3), minflok il-kliem “xoghljiet jew xort’ohra.” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “xoghljiet jew xort’ohra;”;

(e) minnufih wara l-paragrafu (v) ghandu jizdied dan il-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:

“(vi) dawk il-pattijiet u kondizzjonijiet ohra li jistghu jigu speċifikati fis-sejha ghal applikazzjonijiet;”;

(f) fis-subartikolu (4) minnufih wara l-kliem “pubblikata fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “u b’kull mod iehor bhal dak li jista’ jkun mehtieg taht l-obbligazzjonijiet internazzjonali li jidhol fihom il-Gvern”;

(g) minnufih wara s-subartikolu (4) ghandhom jizdiedu dawn is-subartikoli godda li ġejjin:

“(5) Is-sejha pubblika ghall-applikazzjonijiet imsemmija fis-subartikolu (1) ta’ dan l-artikolu ghandha tiġi ppubblikata fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern u b’kull mod iehor hekk kif jista’ jiġi preskritt, mill-anqas disghin jum qabel id-data ta’ l-eghluq ghal dawk l-applikazzjonijiet.

(6) Il-hruġ tas-sejha ghall-applikazzjonijiet u l-ghoti ta’ liċenza taht dan l-artikolu ghandhom ukoll ikunu sugġetti ghal dawn il-kriterji li ġejjin:-

(a) il-kapaċità teknika u finanzjarja ta’ applikant;

(b) il-mod li bih applikant jipproponi li jipprospetta, jesplora jew idahhal fil-produzzjoni l-area ġeografika li tkun is-sugġett tas-sejha ghall-applikazzjonijiet; u

(ċ) konsiderazzjonijiet ekonomiċi u finanzjarji.

(7) Il-hruġ ta’ sejha pubblika ghall-applikazzjonijiet u l-ghoti ta’ liċenza taht dan l-Att ghandhom ikunu jharsu kull provvediment tal-liġi li jirregola r-regoli dwar l-akkwisti u l-kompetizzjoni li jistghu minn żmien ghal żmien ikunu fis-sehh.”.

4. Is-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 5 ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) minflok il-kliem "Il-Ministru" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Bla hsara għall-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att u għal kull obligazzjoni internazzjonali li l-Gvern jidhol fiha, il-Ministru"; u

(b) minnufih wara l-paragrafu (d) ghandu jiżdied dan il-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:-

"(e) kull haġa li tenhtieg jew li tista' tiġi preskritta taht dan l-Att;"

Att dwar l-Enemalta,
Kap. 272.

1. L-artikolu 3 ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) fis-subartikolu (2) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Enemalta jkollha l-awtorità wahdanija u esklużiva" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "u għal kull htieġa li hemm provdut dwarha taht kull liġi oħra, Enemalta hija awtorizzata";

(b) is-subartikolu (3) tiegħu ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(i) minnufih wara l-kliem "Bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "u għal kull htieġa oħra li hemm provdut dwarha taht xi liġi oħra;" u

(ii) minflok il-paragrafu (a) tiegħu ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

"(a) li tiżviluppa u żżomm sistema effiċjenti sabiex tkun tista' twettaq il-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att;"

(iii) minflok il-paragrafu (d) tiegħu ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

"(d) li tipprovdi l-manigġ, il-generazzjoni u l-użu ta' sorsi u forom oħra ta' enerġija;" u

(iv) il-paragrafu (e) tiegħu ghandu jithassar;

u

(ċ) is-subartikolu (4) tieghu ghandu jigi emendat kif ġej:-

(i) minnufih wara l-kliem “bla hsara ghad-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ dan l-Att” ghandhom jiddiedu l-kliem “u ghal kull hteġa ohra li hemm provdut dwarha taht xi ligi ohra”;

(ii) fil-proviso ghall-paragrafu (ċ) tieghu, minflok il-kliem “l-approvazzjoni tal-Ministru responsabbli ghax-xoghlijiet pubbliċi” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “l-approvazzjoni ta’ l-Awtorità dwar it-Trasport ta’ Malta”; u

(iii) l-paragrafu (f) tieghu ghandu jithassar; u

(d) minflok is-subartikolu (5) tieghu ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

“(5) Fit-twettiq tal-funzjonijiet taghha taht dan l-Att, l-Enemalta ghandha:-

(a) ikollha dawk il-licenzi, permessi jew awtorizzazzjonijiet ohra;

(b) tkun sugġetta ghal dawk ir-regolamenti, regoli, ordnijiet, direzzjonijiet, *standards* u provvedimenti regolatorji ohra,

kif jistghu minn żmien ghal żmien jenhtieġu minn jew taht l-Att ta’ l-2000 dwar Awtorità ta’ Malta dwar ir-Rizorsi, jew kull ligi ohra.”.

2. Is-subartikolu (1) ta’ l-artikolu 14 ghandu jigi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) minflok il-kliem “Bla hsara ghad-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ dan l-Att u ta’ kull direttivi moghtija bis-sahha tieghu, Enemalta ghandha, safejn tkun tista’ taghmel hekk” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Bla hsara ghall-provvedimenti ta’ dan l-Att u ghal kull hteġa ohra li hemm provdut dwarha taht kull ligi ohra l-Enemalta tista’”; u

(b) fil-paragrafu (a) tieghu, minflok il-kliem “li, fil-fehma tal-Korporazzjoni, ikunu meqjusa li jaqdu talbiet xierqa ghal pitrolju;” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “li jitqiesu mill-Korporazzjoni bhala l-aktar vantaġġużi”.

3. Minnufih wara s-subartikolu (4) ta' l-artikolu 20 ghandu jizdied dan is-subartikolu gdid li ġej:-

“(5) Minkejja s-subartikoli ta' qabel ta' dan l-artikolu, meta l-istrutturi tal-prezzijiet ikunu stabbiliti għall-provvista ta' l-enerġija elettrika minn jew taht il-provvedimenti ta' l-Att ta' l-2000 dwar Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi, il-prezzijiet li jistghu jingabru mill-Enemalta għall-provvista ta' l-enerġija elettrika u servizzi relatati għandhom, sal-limitu li dawn ikunu japplikaw, ikunu regolati minn dawk l-istrutturi tal-prezzijiet.”.

4. L-artikoli 37 u 38 għandhom jiġu mħassra.

5. L-artikolu 39 għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) minnufih wara l-kliem “li ma jkunux inkonsistenti mad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att,” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “jew mal-provvedimenti fi jew taht kull liġi oħra li tirregola l-funzjonijiet ta' l-Enemalta,”;

(b) fil-paragrafu (d) minnufih qabel il-kliem “kull tariffa ta' prezzijiet” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (5) ta' l-artikolu 20 ta' dan l-Att”;

(ċ) il-paragrafi (e), (f), (g), (h) u (j) tiegħu għandhom jithassru; u

(d) fil-paragrafu (m) tiegħu, il-kliem “jew biex tiġi żgurata s-sigurtà pubblika, jew biex tiġi żgurata provvista xierqa u biżżejjed ta' enerġija elettrika u ta' pitrolju jew it-tmexxija xierqa ta' dak is-servizz” għandhom jithassru.

6. L-artikolu 41 għandu jithassar.

7. Fl-artikolu 42, minnufih wara l-kliem “jew ser tiġi provduta” u minnufih wara l-kliem “jew ta' pitrolju” għandhom f'kull każ jizdiedu l-kliem “minn Enemalta”.

8. Fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 43, minnufih wara l-kliem “li jista' jiġi preskritt” għandhom jizdiedu l-kliem “minn jew taht dan l-Att jew minn jew taht kull liġi oħra”.

Att dwar il-Korporazzjoni għas-Servizzi ta' l-Ilma, Kap. 355

1. L-artikolu 3 għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) fis-subartikolu (2) tieghu, minflok il-kliem “il-korporazzjoni jkollha l-awtorità wahdanija u esklużiva” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “u ta’ kull hteġa li hemm provdut dwarha taht kull liġi oħra, il-korporazzjoni tista’”;

(b) is-subartikolu (3) tieghu ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(i) minnufih wara l-kliem “Bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ dan l-Att” ghandhom jiżdiedu l-kliem “u ta’ kull hteġa li hemm provdut dwaru taht kull liġi oħra”;

(ii) minflok il-paragrafu (f) tieghu, ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

“(f) li tagħti pariri lill-Ministru dwar kull haġa li jkollha x’ taqsam mal-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att”; u

(iii) fil-paragrafu (j) il-kliem “u regolamenti” ghandhom jithassru;

(ċ) is-subartikolu 4 tieghu ghandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(i) fil-paragrafu (ċ) minflok il-kliem “tad-Direttur tax-Xoghlijiet” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “ta’ l-Awtorità dwar it-Trasport ta’ Malta”; u

(ii) il-paragrafu (e) ghandu jithassar; u

(d) minflok is-subartikolu (5) tieghu, ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

“(5) Fit-twettiq tal-funzjonijiet tagħha taht dan l-Att, il-Korporazzjoni:-

(a) ghandu jkollha dawk il-licenzi, permessi jew awtorizzazzjonijiet oħra;

(b) ghandha tkun sugġetta għal dawk ir-regolamenti, regoli, ordnijiet, direzzjonijiet, *standards* u provvedimenti regolatorji oħra,

kif jistghu minn żmien għal żmien jenhtiegu minn jew taht l-Att ta' l-2000 dwar Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi, jew kull ligi ohra.”.

2. Minflok l-artikolu 18 għandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

“18. (1) Bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att u għal kull htieġa taht kull ligi ohra, il-Korporazzjoni tista’:-

(a) tipprovdi l-ilma li daww il-persuni, b'dak il-mod u taht daww il-kondizzjonijiet li jistghu jiġu awtorizzati mill-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi;

(b) tiżgura li kull provvista ta' l-ilma tkun suffiċjenti u bi pressjoni u ta' kwalità tajba;

(ċ) sakemm tkun kapaċi tagħmel dan, iżżid ir-riżorsi ta' l-ilma u għal dak l-ghan tittratta l-ilma mielah b'kull proċess mehtieġ biex jitnehhielu l-melħ jew kull impurità ohra, jew inkella tagħmel użu mill-iktar teknoloġija adattata sabiex jiġu supplimentati r-riżorsi ta' l-ilma naturali;

(d) sal-limitu li tkun hekk awtorizzata tagħmel, tissorvelja kull art, tispezzjona kull bir u tara li jsir it-thaffir ta' toqob jew xoghlijiet ohra bil-ghan li tiġi aċċertata x-xorta tas-sottoswol jew il-preżenza, il-kwalità jew il-kwantità ta' ilma li jkun jinsab taht l-art hemmhekk u tara li jsir it-thaffir ta' spieri u l-ftuħ ta' mini taht l-art.

(2) Il-Korporazzjoni tista' tipprovdi assistenza teknika lil persuni ohra li jkunu jixtiequ jħafnu bjar, jifthu mini, jibnu kanali jew xort'ohra jtejbu l-provvista ta' l-ilma tagħhom.”.

3. L-artikolu 19 għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

(a) minflok in-nota marginali relattiva għandha tidhol “Provdiment ta' servizzi ta' skart likwidu, eċċ.”;

(b) minflok il-kliem “u ghal kull direttiva moghtija tahtu, il-Korporazzjoni ghandha” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “u ta’ kull ligi ohra, l-Korporazzjoni tista’”; u

(c) minflok il-kliem “tad-drenagg pubbliku” kull fejn dawn jinsabu fil-paragrafi (b) u (c) tieghu, ghandhom jidhlu f’kull kaz il-kliem “tad-drenagg”.

4. Minflok l-artikolu 27 ghandu jidhol dan li gej:-

“27. Il-hlasijiet, prezzijiet u drittijiet li ghandhom jingabru mill-Korporazzjoni ghal xi servizz jew faċilità minna provduti taht dan l-Att ghandhom ikunu hekk kif jista’ jigi preskritt bla hsara ghal dak ir-regolament jew mekkaniżmi rateali li jistghu minn żmien ghal żmien ikunu japplikaw ghal dawk is-servizzi jew faċilitajiet taht l-Att ta’ l-2000 dwar Awtorità ta’ Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi.”.

5. L-artikoli 43, 44, 45, 47 u 48 ghandhom jithassru.

6. Minflok l-artikolu 49 ghandu jidhol dan li gej:-

“49. Kull ufficjal tal-Korporazzjoni li jkun debitament awtorizzat mill-Bord jista’, f’kull waqt raġonevoli, jidhol għewwa kull fond sabiex:-

(a) jispezzjona, jibdel jew isewwi xi *fittings* jew servizz, tagħmir, stallazzjoni, strument, impjant jew aċċessorji ta’ l-ilma li jkunu jappartjenu lill-Korporazzjoni, kulmeta ma jkunx għadu mehtieg xi servizz moghti mill-Korporazzjoni jew meta l-Korporazzjoni tkun awtorizzata minn jew taht dan l-Att jew taht kull ligi ohra;

(b) jispezzjona, jibdel jew isewwi xi parti mis-sistemi tad-drenagg, ilma mhux tax-xorb jew tax-xita li jkunu tal-Korporazzjoni;

Iżda l-Korporazzjoni ghandha ssewwi kull hsara li tiġi kaġunata b'xi dhul, tibdil jew tiswija bhal dawk.”.

7. Fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 50, minnufih wara l-kliem “li jista' jiġi preskritt” ghandhom jiżdiedu l-kliem “taht dan l-Att jew kif jista' jkun mehtieġ minn jew taht xi provvediment ta' kull liġi oħra”.

8. Il-paragrafu (ċ) ta' l-artikolu 52 ghandu jithassar.

Att dwar it-Taxxa fuq
Bunkering taż-Żjut.
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1. Fit-tifsira ta' “Awtorità” fl-artikolu 2 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “Awtorità Marittima” kull fejn dawn jinsabu, ghandhom jidhlu f'kull każ il-kliem “Awtorità tal-Portijiet”.

2. L-artikolu 5 tiegħu ghandu jithassar.

3. Minflok l-artikolu 6 tiegħu ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

6. Hadd ma ghandu jqassam, ibiegh, jesporta jew jiddisponi b'kull mod iehor li jkun żjut mogħtija bi provvista għall-*bunkering* jekk ma jkollux liċenza mahruġa minn, jew xi ftehim jew arrangament magħmul ma' l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi skond l-Att ta' l-2000 dwar Awtorità dwar ir-Riżorsi ta' Malta.”.

“Għoti ta' liċenzi mill-awtorità regolatorja.

4. Minflok is-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 7 ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:-

“(2) Il-Ministru responabbli għall-portijiet jista', f'konsultazzjoni ma' l-Awtorità, u bi ftehim mal-Ministru jagħmel regolamenti għar-rigward ta' kull haġa li tista' jew li tkun mehtieġa li tiġi preskritta b'dan l-Att u għar-rigward ta' kull haġ'ohra li tista' tidher li tkun mehtieġa jew spedjenti għall-ahjar twettiq tal-provvedimenti ta' dan l-Att.”.

Ghanijiet u Ragunijiet

L-ghan ta' dan l-Abbozz hu sabiex titwaqqaf Awtorità li tkun maghrufa bhala l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Rizorsi li ghandha tkun ir-regolatur ta' l-attivitajiet u l-operazzjonijiet li ghandhom x'jaqsmu mar-rizorsi ta' l-energija, l-ilma u l-minerali. L-Abbozz jipprovdi wkoll ghal emendi konsegwenzjali ghal ligijiet ohra.

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**A BILL
entitled**

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of an Authority to be known as the Malta Resources Authority and for the exercise by or on behalf of that Authority of regulatory functions regarding resources relating to water, energy and mineral resources, and to make provision with respect to matters ancillary thereto or connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:–

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Malta Resources Authority Act, 2000 and shall come into force on such date or dates as the Minister may by notice in the Gazette appoint, and different dates may be so appointed for different purposes and different provisions of this Act. Short title and commencement.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires - “advisory committee” or “committee” means an advisory committee established in accordance with article 25 of this Act; Interpretation.

“Authority” means the Malta Resources Authority established by article 3 of this Act;

“Chairman” means Chairman of the Authority and includes, in the circumstances mentioned in subarticle (3) of article 3 of this Act, the Deputy Chairman or other person appointed to act as Chairman:

Provided that, in relation to article 25 of this Act, “Chairman” means the Chairman of an advisory committee;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive appointed under article 5 of this Act;

“contractor” means a person acting in pursuance of an agreement entered into with the Authority or in accordance with subarticle (5) of article 5 of this Act;

“Directorates” means such directorates as are or may be established under article 5 of this Act;

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“distribution” in relation to electrical energy, means the transport of electricity on the medium - voltage and low - voltage distribution systems with a view to its delivery to customers;

“electrical energy” means electrical energy when generated, transmitted, distributed, supplied or used for any purpose except the transmission of any communication or signal;

“employee” means a person employed by the Authority;

“energy” includes electrical energy, fuels, heat when transmitted as a commercial activity, and energy derived from renewable sources;

“fuel” includes coal, all hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon derivatives normally used as fuels, including crude oil, fuels based on hydrocarbons or coal, gaseous fuel, petroleum substitutes in liquid form, liquids or gases produced from fermentation or similar processes when intended for use as fuels, fuels produced from solid waste; but does not include petroleum for the purposes of the Petroleum (Production) Act;

“financial year” means any period of twelve months ending on the 30th September:

Provided that the first financial year of the Authority shall begin with the coming into force of this Act and shall end on the 30th September of the next following year;

“gas” means all hydrocarbons in gaseous form whether in their natural state or obtained from petroleum or produced chemically;

“mineral resources” means any mineral, rock or sediment constituted of organic or inorganic compounds or substances extracted, mined or otherwise derived from the earth, including the seabed and the subsoil thereof, but does not include water;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for resources;

“petroleum” means all natural hydrocarbons whether in liquid or gaseous form, including crude oil, and whether in a crude or natural state or in a processed or refined form and when used in

relation to petroleum exploration and production it shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it by article 2 of the Petroleum (Production) Act;

“public officer” in relation to article 11 of this Act, has the same meaning assigned to it by article 124 of the Constitution but does not include a judge of the Superior Courts or a magistrate of the Inferior Courts;

“resources” means the resources relating to water, energy and mineral resources regulated by or under this Act;

“transmission” in relation to electrical energy, means the transport of electricity on the high-voltage interconnected system with a view to its delivery to final customers or distributors;

“water” when used in relation to any practice, operation or activity which is regulated by this Act shall include drainage and sewage services, but shall not include bottled table water.

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS OF THE AUTHORITY

3. (1) There shall be a body, to be known as the Malta Resources Authority, which shall consist of a Chairman and not less than four and not more than six other members.

Establishment and composition of the Malta Resources Authority.

(2) The members of the Authority shall be appointed by the Minister for a term of one year or for such longer period as may be specified in the instrument of appointment subject to a maximum of three years but the members so appointed may be re-appointed on the expiration of their term of office.

(3) The Minister may designate one of the other members of the Authority as Deputy Chairman and the member so designated shall have all the powers and perform all the functions of the Chairman during his absence or inability to act as Chairman or while the Chairman is on vacation or during any vacancy in the office of chairman; and the Minister may also, in any of the circumstances aforesaid, appoint another person to act as chairman and in such case the foregoing provisions shall apply in respect of such person.

(4) A person shall not be qualified to hold office as a member of the Authority if he -

(a) is a Minister, Parliamentary Secretary or a member of the House of Representatives;

(b) is a judge or magistrate of the courts of justice; or

(c) has a financial or other interest in any enterprise or activity which is likely to affect the discharge of his functions as a member of the Authority:

Provided that the Minister may waive the disqualification of a person under this paragraph if such person declares the interest and such declaration and waiver are published in the Gazette.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this article, the office of a member of the Authority shall become vacant -

(a) at the expiration of his term of office; or

(b) if any circumstances arise that, if he were not a member of the Authority, would cause him to be disqualified for appointment as such.

(6) A member of the Authority may be removed from office by the Minister if, in the opinion of the Minister, such member is unfit to continue in office or has become incapable of properly performing his duties as a member.

(7) If a member resigns or if the office of a member of the Authority is otherwise vacant or if a member is for any reason unable to perform the functions of his office, the Minister may appoint a person who is qualified to be appointed to be a member to be a temporary member of the Authority; and any person so appointed shall, subject to the provisions of subarticles (5) and (6) of this article, cease to be such a member when a person has been appointed to fill the vacancy or, as the case may be, when the member who was unable to perform the functions of his office resumes those functions.

(8) Any member of the Authority who has any direct or indirect interest in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Authority, not being an interest which disqualifies such member from remaining a member, shall disclose the nature of his interest at the first meeting of the Authority after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, such disclosure shall then be recorded in the minutes of the Authority, and the member having an interest as aforesaid shall withdraw from any meeting at which such contract is discussed. Any such disclosure shall be communicated to the Minister without delay. Where the interest of the member is such as to disqualify him from remaining a member, he shall report the fact immediately to the Minister and tender his resignation.

4. (1) The Authority shall have the following functions:-

Functions of the Authority.

(a) to regulate, monitor and keep under review all practices, operations and activities relating to energy, water and mineral resources;

(b) to grant any licence, permit or other authorisation, for the carrying out of any operation or activity relating to energy, water and mineral resources;

(c) to regulate and secure interconnectivity for the production, transmission and distribution of the services or products regulated by or under this Act;

(d) to ensure fair competition in all such practices, operations and activities;

(e) to establish minimum quality and security standards for any of the said practices, operations and activities and to regulate such measures as may be necessary to ensure public and private safety;

(f) to secure and regulate the development and maintenance of efficient systems in order to satisfy, as economically as possible, all reasonable demands for the provision of the resources regulated by or under this Act;

(g) to carry out studies, research or investigation on any matter relating to the resources regulated by or under this Act;

(h) to provide information and issue guidelines to the public and to commercial and other entities on matters relating to the said resources;

(i) to regulate the price structure for any activity regulated by this Act and where appropriate to establish the mechanisms whereby the price to be charged for the acquisition, production, manufacture, sale, storage and distribution thereof is determined;

(j) to establish the minimum qualifications to be possessed by any person who is engaged or employed in any activity regulated by or under this Act;

(k) to establish measures for the protection of the environment in the practices, operations and activities regulated by or under this Act;

(l) to ensure that international obligations entered into by the Government relative to the matters regulated by or under this Act are complied with;

(m) to advise the Minister on the formulation of policy in relation to matters regulated by this Act, and in particular in relation to such international obligations;

(n) otherwise to advise the Minister on any matter connected with its functions under this Act;

(o) to formulate and implement the policies and strategies with short-term and long-term objectives, in relation to the activities regulated by this Act;

(p) to perform such other functions as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Minister.

(2) The Authority shall also:-

(a) in relation to energy -

(i) promote, encourage and regulate the harnessing, generation and use of all forms of energy; and

(ii) encourage the use of alternative sources of energy and for such purpose in accordance with such regulations as may be prescribed, to impose levies on energy produced by non renewable sources and grant subsidies in connection with the production of energy from renewable sources;

(b) in relation to water -

(i) secure and regulate the acquisition, production, storage, distribution or other disposal of water for domestic, commercial, industrial or other purposes;

(ii) secure and regulate the conservation, augmentation and operation of water resources and the sources of water supply;

(iii) secure and regulate the treatment, storage, disposal, use or re-use, as appropriate, of sewage, waste water, sludge and storm water run-off;

(iv) secure and regulate the provision of adequate systems of public sewers and to ascertain their cleanliness, safety and efficiency;

(v) ensure the safe discharge, reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent;

(vi) encourage and regulate the re-use of treated effluent;

(vii) ensure the proper and fit disposal of waste water sewage;

(viii) maximise the use of storm water run-off;

(c) in relation to mineral extraction -

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(i) carry out such functions as may be authorised by the Prime Minister in terms and for the purposes of the Petroleum (Production) Act and the Continental Shelf Act;

(ii) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i) of this paragraph, regulate all matters relating to petroleum extraction;

(iii) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph regulate all matters relating to the extraction of mineral resources;

(iv) ensure the optimum utilisation of mineral resources and regulate the quality and quantity of minerals extracted;

(d) in relation to petroleum -

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(i) secure that adequate provision and reserve stocks of petroleum and gas is available at all times;

(ii) regulate the distribution, sale, exportation or disposal in any other manner of fuels supplied for bunkering; for the purposes of this paragraph "bunkering" and "fuel" shall have the same meaning assigned to them by article 2 of the Bunkering (Fuels) Tax Act.

(3) The provisions of this article shall be without prejudice to the exercise of the functions of any authority established by or under

any law in relation to public health, the environment or any other matter falling within the functions of any such authority.

Conduct of the
affairs of the
Authority.

5. (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Act the affairs and business of the Authority shall be the responsibility of the Authority itself but save as aforesaid, the executive conduct of the Authority, its administration and organisation and the administrative control of its officers and employees, shall be the responsibility of the Chief Executive of the Authority, who shall also have such other powers as may from time to time be delegated to him by the Authority.

(2) There shall be established the Directorates as listed in the First Schedule to this Act, which shall have the responsibilities as described therein. The Minister may, after consulting the Authority, by Order in the Gazette, abolish any one or more of the said Directorates vary their responsibilities and establish such other Directorate as he may from time to time deem appropriate.

(3) The Authority shall exercise its functions through the Directorates so established and for such purpose it shall vest in each of the Directorates so established and subject to the overall supervision and control of the Chief Executive, such of its functions as relate or are ancillary to the matters for which it is responsible so as to enable the said Directorate to give effect to the policies of the Authority and to otherwise discharge effectively and efficiently the functions of the Authority in its respective area of operation.

(4) Each of the Directorates so established shall be headed by an individual who shall either be a public officer detailed for duty with the Authority or an employee of the Authority or a person detailed to work for the Authority in accordance with an agreement made between the Authority and a public or private undertaking, in either case having adequate experience or knowledge in the respective area of operation.

(5) The Authority and each of the Directorates may exercise any one or more of their functions either directly or through any of their officers or employees or through an agency authorised for the purpose, or through a contractor or other person with whom an agreement for the performance of any one or more of such functions has been entered into:

Provided that nothing in this subarticle shall authorise the Authority to contract out any of its regulatory or licensing functions.

(6) Where in this Act anything is to be done by or against or with respect to the Authority, or any notice is to be or may be given

to the Authority, any such thing or notice may also be done by or against or with respect to or be given to the Directorate under whose jurisdiction the matter falls by reason of a delegation of function to such Directorate; and for the purposes aforesaid any reference in this Act to the Authority includes a reference to the appropriate Directorate.

(7) The Chief Executive and the heads of the Directorates shall be appointed by the Authority following consultation with the Minister for a period of three years and such period may be extended for further periods of three years each:

Provided that the first Chief Executive and the first head of each Directorate shall be appointed by the Minister.

(8) The Chief Executive shall attend all the meetings of the Board but shall not vote at such meetings:

Provided that the Authority may if it so deems fit require the Chief Executive not to attend any of the meetings or any part of a meeting.

(9) The Chief Executive shall be responsible for the implementation of the objectives of the Authority in the exercise of its functions and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing he shall -

(a) assume full responsibility for the overall supervision and control of the Directorates;

(b) assign to each Directorate such duties which are by, or in accordance with, the provisions of this Act vested in such Directorate;

(c) co-ordinate the workings of the Directorates;

(d) develop the necessary strategies for the implementation of the objectives of the Authority;

(e) advise the Authority on any matter it may refer to him or on any matter which he considers necessary or expedient; and

(f) such other duties as the Authority may assign to him from time to time.

6. (1) The Minister may, in relation to matters that appear to him to affect the public interest, from time to time give to the Authority directions in writing of a general character, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, on the policy to be followed in the carrying out of the functions vested in the Authority by or under this Act, and the Authority shall, as soon as may be, give effect to all such directions.

(2) The Authority shall afford to the Minister facilities for obtaining information with respect to its property and activities and furnish him with returns, accounts and other information with respect thereto, and afford to him facilities for the verification of information furnished, in such manner and at such times as he may reasonably require.

(3) If the Authority fails to comply with any directions issued under this article, the Prime Minister may make an order transferring to the Minister in whole or in part any of the functions of the Authority.

7. (1) The Authority shall be a body corporate having a distinct legal personality and shall be capable, subject to the provisions of this Act, of entering into contracts, of acquiring, holding and disposing of any kind of property for the purposes of its functions, or suing and being sued, and of doing all such things and entering into all such transactions as are incidental or conducive to the exercise or performance of its functions under this Act, including the lending or borrowing of money.

(2) The legal representation of the Authority shall jointly vest in the Chairman and the Chief Executive:

Provided that the Authority may appoint any one or more of its members or of the officers or employees of the Authority to appear in the name and on behalf of the Authority in any judicial proceedings and in any act, contract, instrument or other document whatsoever:

Provided further that in respect of any matter falling within the functions vested in a Directorate, the legal and judicial representation of the Authority shall also vest in the head of the Directorate or in such other member, officer or employee of the Authority, as the Authority may appoint or authorise for the purpose.

(3) Any document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by the Authority and signed by the Chairman or by the Chief Executive or by a head of a Directorate in relation to any matter vested in the relative Directorate by the Authority shall be received in evidence and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be an instrument made or issued by the Authority.

8. (1) The meetings of the Authority shall be called by the Chairman as often as may be necessary but at least once a month either on his own initiative or at the request of any two of the other members.

Provisions with respect to proceedings of the Authority.

(2) Half the number of members for the time being constituting the Authority shall form a quorum. Decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes of the members present and voting. The Chairman, or in his absence the Deputy Chairman or other person appointed to act as chairman, shall have an initial vote and in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote. Without prejudice to the other requirements of this Act, no decision shall be valid which is not supported by at least two members of the Authority.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Authority may regulate its own procedure.

(4) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, no act or proceeding of the Authority shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of any vacancy among the members.

(5) All acts done by any person acting in good faith, as a member of the Authority shall be valid as if he were a member notwithstanding that some defect in his appointment or qualification be afterwards discovered. No act or proceeding of the Authority shall be questioned on the ground of the contravention, by a member, of the provisions of subarticle (8) of article 3 of this Act.

PART III - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY

9. Without prejudice to the other provisions of this Act, the appointment of officers and other employees of the Authority shall be made by the Authority. The terms and conditions of employment shall be established by the Authority with the concurrence of the Minister.

Staff appointments.

10. The Authority shall appoint and employ, at such remuneration and upon such time terms and conditions as it may, in accordance with article 9 of this Act determine, such officers and employees of the Authority as may from time to time be necessary for the due and efficient discharge of the functions of the Authority.

Appointment and functions of officers and employees of the Authority.

11. (1) The Prime Minister may, at the request of the Authority, from time to time direct that any public officer shall be detailed for duty with the Authority in such capacity and with effect from such date as may be specified in the Prime Minister's direction.

Detailing of public officers for duty with the Authority.

(2) The period during which a direction as aforesaid shall apply to any officer specified therein, shall, unless the officer retires from the public service, or otherwise ceases to hold office at an earlier date, or unless a different date is specified in such direction, cease to have effect after one year from the effective date of such direction unless the direction is revoked earlier by the Prime Minister.

Status of public officers detailed for duty with the Authority.

12. (1) Where any officer is detailed for duty with the Authority under any of the provisions of article 11 of this Act, such officer shall, during the time in which such direction has effect in relation to him, be under the administrative authority and control of the Authority but he shall for other intents and purposes remain and be considered and treated as a public officer.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, an officer detailed for duty as aforesaid -

(a) shall not during the time in respect of which he is so detailed -

(i) be precluded from applying for a transfer to a department of the Government in accordance with the terms and conditions of service attached to the appointment under the Government held by him at a date on which he is so detailed for duty; or

(ii) be so employed that his remuneration and conditions of service are less favourable than those which are attached to the appointment under the Government held by him at the date aforesaid or which would have become attached to such appointment, during the said period, had such officer not been detailed for duty with the Authority; and

(b) shall be entitled to have his service with the Authority considered as service with the Government for the purposes of any pension, gratuity, or benefit under the Pensions Ordinance and the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act and of any other right or privilege to which he would be entitled, and liable to any liability to which he would be liable, but for the fact of his being detailed for duty with the Authority.

(3) Wherean application is made as provided in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subarticle (2) of this article the same consideration shall be given thereto as if the applicant had not been detailed for service with the Authority.

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(4) The Authority shall pay to the Government such contributions as may from time to time be determined by the Minister responsible for finance in respect of the cost of pensions and gratuities earned by an officer detailed for duty with the Authority as aforesaid during the period in which he is so detailed.

13. (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Prime Minister, offer to any officer detailed for duty with the Authority under any of the provisions of article 11 of this Act permanent employment with the Authority at a remuneration and on terms and conditions not less favourable than those enjoyed by such officer at the date of such offer.

Offer of permanent employment with the Authority to public officers detailed for duty with the Authority.

(2) The terms and conditions comprised in any offer made as aforesaid shall not be deemed to be less favourable merely because they are not in all respects identical with or superior to those enjoyed by the officer concerned at the date of such offer, if such terms and conditions, taken as a whole, in the opinion of the Prime Minister offer substantially equivalent or greater benefits.

(3) Every officer who accepts permanent employment with the Authority offered to him, under the provisions of subarticle (1) of this article shall for all purposes other than those of the Pensions Ordinance and of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, and saving the provisions of subarticle (6) of this article, be deemed to have ceased to be in service with the Government and to have entered into service with the Authority on the date of his acceptance, and for the purposes of the said Ordinance and of the said Act, so far as applicable to him, service with the Authority shall be deemed to be service with the Government within the meanings thereof respectively.

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(4) Every such officer as aforesaid who, immediately before accepting permanent employment with the Authority was entitled to benefit under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, shall continue to be so entitled to benefit thereunder to all intents as if his service with the Authority were service with the Government.

(5) The Authority shall pay to the Government such contributions as may from time to time be determined by the Minister responsible for finance in respect of the cost of pensions and gratuities earned by an officer who has accepted permanent employment with the Authority as aforesaid during the period commencing on the date of such officer's acceptance.

(6) For the purposes of the Pensions Ordinance the pensionable emoluments of such public officer on retirement shall be deemed to be the pensionable emoluments payable to an officer in Government service in a grade and at an incremental level corresponding to the post and incremental level at which the officer retires from the Authority.

(7) (a) For the purposes of this article posts and salary grades with the Authority shall be classified in the most nearly corresponding grades and incremental levels in the service under the Government of Malta by reference to job description, skills, responsibilities and other analogous factors.

(b) The classification referred to in paragraph (a) of this subarticle shall be carried out by a board composed of a chairman appointed by the Ministry responsible for finance and two other members, one appointed by the Ministry responsible centrally for personnel policies in the public service and one appointed by the Authority. The classification shall be subject to the final approval of the Minister responsible for finance.

(c) Such classification shall take place within three months of any adjustment of salaries of employees in Government service and, or, of employees of the Authority.

(d) No post shall be classified in a grade higher than that of a Grade 3 in the service of the Government or such other grade that the Minister responsible for finance may from time to time by notice in the Gazette determine.

(e) Without prejudice to article 113 of the Constitution, no person may, following a classification as aforesaid, be entitled to rights under the said Pensions Ordinance less favourable than those to which he would have been entitled prior to such classification.

PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Authority to meet expenditure out of revenue.

14. (1) Without prejudice to the following provisions of this article, the Authority shall so conduct its affairs that so much of the expenditure required for the proper performance of its functions shall, as far as possible, be met out of its revenue.

(2) For such purpose the Authority shall levy all fees, rates and other payments prescribed or deemed to be prescribed by or under this Act or any other law related to the powers and functions of the Authority.

(3) The Authority shall also be paid by Government out of the Consolidated Fund such sums as Parliament may from time to time authorise to be appropriated to meet any of its expenditure that cannot be met out of its revenue and the costs of specified works to be continued or otherwise carried out by the Authority, being works of infrastructure or a similar capital nature.

(4) Any excess of revenue over expenditure shall, subject to such directives as the Minister, after consultation with the Minister responsible for finance, may from time to time give, be applied by the Authority to the formation of reserve funds to be used for the purposes of the Authority; and without prejudice to the generality of the powers given to the Minister by this subarticle, any direction given by the Minister as aforesaid may order the transfer to the Government, or the application in such manner as may be specified in the direction, of any part of the fees, rates and other payments levied in accordance with subarticle (2) of this article or any such excess as aforesaid.

(5) Any funds of the Authority not immediately required to meet expenditure may be invested in such manner as may from time to time be approved by the Minister.

15. (1) For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under this Act, the Authority may, with the approval in writing of the Minister given after consultation with the Minister responsible for finance, borrow or raise money in such manner, from such person, body or authority, and under such terms and conditions as the Minister, after consultation as aforesaid, may in writing approve.

Power to borrow or raise capital.

(2) The Authority may also, from time to time, borrow, by way of overdraft or otherwise, such sums as it may require for carrying out its functions under this Act:

Provided that for any amount in excess of fifty thousand liri, there shall be required the approval of the Minister in writing.

16. The Minister responsible for finance may, after consultation with the Minister, make advances to the Authority of such sums as he may agree to be required by the Authority for carrying out any of its functions under this Act, and may make such advances on such terms and conditions as he may, after consultation as aforesaid, deem appropriate. Any such advance may be made by the Minister responsible for finance out of the Consolidated Fund, and without further appropriation other than this Act, by warrant under his hand authorising the Accountant General to make such advance.

Advances from Government.

17. (1) The Minister responsible for finance may, for any requirements of the Authority of a capital nature, contract or raise loans, or incur liabilities, for such periods and on such terms and conditions as he may deem appropriate; and any sums due in respect of or in connection with any such loan or liability shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

(2) Notice of any loans, liabilities or advances made or incurred under the foregoing provisions of this article shall be given to the House of Representatives as soon as practicable.

(3) Pending the raising of any such loan as is mentioned in subarticle (1) of this article, or for the purpose of providing the Authority with working capital, the Minister responsible for finance may, by warrant under his hand, and without further appropriation other than this Act, authorise the Accountant General to make advances to the Authority out of the Treasury Clearance Fund under such terms as may be specified by the Minister upon the making thereof.

(4) The proceeds of any loan raised for the purposes of making advances to the Authority, and any other moneys to be advanced to the Authority under this article, shall be paid into a fund specially established for the purpose and which shall be known as the "Malta Resources Authority Loan Fund".

(5) Sums received by the Accountant General from the Authority, in respect of advances made to the Authority under subarticle (3) of this article shall be paid, as respects of amounts received by way of repayment into the Treasury Clearance Fund and, as respects of amounts received by way of interest into the Consolidated Fund.

18. (1) The Authority shall cause to be prepared in every financial year, and shall not later than six weeks after the end of each such year adopt, estimates of the income and expenditure of the Authority for the next following financial year:

Provided that the estimates for the first financial year of the Authority shall be prepared and adopted within such time as the Minister may by notice in writing to the Authority specify.

(2) In the preparation of such estimates the Authority shall take account of any funds and other monies that may be due to be paid to it out of the Consolidated Fund during the relevant financial year, whether by virtue of this Act or an appropriation Act or of any other law; and the Authority shall so prepare the said estimates as to ensure that the total revenues of the Authority are at least sufficient to meet all

sums properly chargeable to its revenue account including, but without prejudice to the generality of that expression, depreciation.

(3) The estimates shall be made out in such form and shall contain such information and such comparison with previous years as the Minister responsible for finance may direct.

(4) A copy of the estimates shall, upon their adoption by the Authority, be sent forthwith by the Authority to the Minister and to the Minister responsible for finance.

(5) The Minister shall, at the earliest opportunity and not later than six weeks after he has received a copy of the estimates from the Authority approve the same with or without amendment after consultation with the Minister responsible for finance.

19. (1) No expenditure shall be made or incurred by the Authority unless provision therefor been made in the estimates approved as provided in article 18 of this Act. Expenditure to be according to approved estimates.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subarticle (1) of this article –

(a) until the expiration of six months from the beginning of a financial year, or until the approval of the estimates for that year, whichever is the earlier date, the Authority may make or incur expenditure for carrying on its functions under this Act not exceeding in the aggregate one-half of the amount approved for the preceding financial year;

(b) expenditure approved in respect of a head or sub-head of the estimates may, with the approval of the Minister given after consultation with the Minister responsible for finance, be made or incurred in respect of another head or sub-head of the estimates;

(c) in respect of the first financial year, the Authority may make or incur expenditure not exceeding in the aggregate such amounts as the Minister responsible for finance may, after consultation with the Minister, allow;

(d) if in respect of any financial year it is found that the amount approved in the estimates is not sufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose not provided for in the estimates, the Authority may adopt supplementary estimates for approval by the Minister and in any such case the provisions of this Act applicable to the estimates shall as near as practicable apply to the supplementary estimates.

Publication of approved estimates.

20. The Minister shall, at the earliest opportunity and not later than eight weeks after he has received a copy of the estimates and supplementary estimates of the Authority, or if at any time during that period the House of Representatives is not in session, within eight weeks from the beginning of the next following session, cause such estimates to be laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

Accounts and audit.

21. (1) The Authority shall cause to be kept proper accounts and other records in respect of its operations, and shall cause to be prepared a statement of accounts in respect of each financial year.

(2) The accounts of the Authority shall be audited by an auditor or auditors to be appointed by the Authority and approved by the Minister:

Provided that the Minister responsible for finance may, after consultation with the Minister, require the books and accounts of the Authority to be audited or examined by the Auditor General who shall for the purpose have the power to carry out such physical checking and other certifications as he may deem necessary.

(3) After the end of each financial year, and not later than the date on which the estimates of the Authority are forwarded to the Minister under article 18 of this Act, the Authority shall cause a copy of the statement of account duly audited to be transmitted to the Minister and to the Minister responsible for finance together with a copy of any report made by the auditors on that statement or on the accounts of the Authority.

(4) The Minister shall, at the earliest opportunity and not later than eight weeks after he has received a copy of every such statement and report, or if at any time during that period the House of Representatives is not in session, within eight weeks from the beginning of the next following session, cause every such statement and report to be laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

Deposit of revenues and payments by the Authority.

22. (1) All monies accruing to the Authority shall be paid into a bank or banks appointed as bankers of the Authority by a resolution of the Authority. Such monies shall, as far as practicable, be paid into any such banks from day to day, except such sum as the Authority may authorise to be retained to meet petty disbursements and immediate cash payments.

(2) All payments out of the funds of the Authority, other than petty disbursements not exceeding a sum fixed by the Authority,

shall be made by such officer or officers of the Authority as the Authority shall appoint or designate for that purpose.

(3) Cheques against and withdrawals from any bank account of the Authority shall be signed by such officer of the Authority as may be appointed or designated by the Authority for that purpose and shall be countersigned by the Chairman, or such other member or officer of the Authority as may be authorised by the Authority for that purpose.

(4) The Authority shall also make provision with respect to –

(a) the manner in which and the officer or officers by whom payments are to be authorised or approved;

(b) the title of any account held with the bank or banks into which the monies of the Authority are to be paid, and the transfer of funds from one account to the other;

(c) the method to be adopted in making payments out of funds of the Authority;

and generally with respect to any matter which is relevant to the proper keeping and control of the accounts and books, and the control of the finance, of the Authority.

23. Without prejudice to any directions communicated by the Minister under subarticle (1) of article 6 of this Act, the Authority shall not, except with the approval of the Minister granted for special reasons and after consultation with the Minister responsible for finance, award or enter into any contract for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works, or for the rendering of services, to or for the benefit of the Authority, which is estimated by the Authority to exceed three thousand liri or such other amount as the Minister responsible for finance may by regulations prescribe, except after notice of the intention of the Authority to enter into the contract has been published and competitive tenders have been issued. Contracts of supply of works.

24. The Authority shall, not later than six weeks after the end of each financial year, make and transmit to the Minister and to the Minister responsible for finance a report dealing generally with the activities of the Authority during that financial year and containing such information relating to the proceedings and policy of the Authority as either of the said Ministers may from time to time require. The Minister shall, at the earliest opportunity and not later than eight weeks after he has received a copy of every such report, or if at any time during that period the Annual Report.

House of Representatives is not in session, within eight weeks from the beginning of the next following session, cause a copy of every such report to be laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment and
functions of
advisory
committees.

25. (1) The Minister may from time to time appoint advisory committees in respect of such sector or sectors as he may determine.

(2) An advisory committee shall, for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act, advise the Authority on such matters and perform such other functions as the Minister may specify in the instrument of appointment.

(3) The members of the committee shall be appointed by the Minister and shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Minister may deem appropriate.

(4) Each committee shall consist of one member representing the Authority as Chairman and such other members as the Minister may deem fit to appoint.

(5) The provisions of paragraph (a) of subarticle (4), and subarticles (5) and (8) of article 3 of this Act shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the members of the advisory committees.

(6) Each advisory committee shall keep minutes of all its meetings and shall forward copies of such minutes to the Authority. The provisions of article 8 of this Act shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the committee and its members.

Licensing, etc of
activities.

26. (1) No person shall carry out any activity or operation, or be engaged in such activity or operation, relating to energy, water and mineral resources unless such person is in possession of a licence, permit or other authorisation of the Authority under this Act:

Provided that in relation to the exploration and production of hydrocarbons, power to exercise the issue of a licence under this Act shall be subject to an authorisation of the Prime Minister in terms of the Petroleum (Production) Act.

(2) Any person who carries out any such activity without a licence or who acts in breach of any condition of such licence, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine (multa)

not exceeding Lm50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Saving the provisions of article 469A of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure no appeal shall lie from any decision of the Authority under subarticle (1) of this article.

(4) The provisions of this article shall not apply to any cistern or well in any dwelling house, which is required to be constructed under any law, and the provisions of this article shall not be deemed to require any licence or permit for the construction and maintenance of any such cistern or well, so however this construction shall not preclude the Authority from exercising any of its functions and powers under this Act for the purpose of ensuring that water is not wasted or misused and that no damage is caused to the aquifer or elsewhere.

27. The members of the Authority, the members of the advisory committees and all officers and employees of the Authority shall be deemed to be public officers within the meaning and for the purposes of the Criminal Code.

Persons deemed public officers.

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28. (1) The Minister may, after consultation with the Authority make regulations in respect of any of the functions of the Authority or for the better carrying out of any of the provisions of this Act.

Power to make regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the aforesaid power such regulations may, in particular provide -

(a) for the grant, renewal, transfer, suspension and cancellation of licences, permits or other authorisations in respect of any operation or activity regulated by or under this Act;

(b) for the manner in which applications for the grant, renewal or transfer of licences, permits or other authorisations or of any one or more classes thereof is to be made; for the contents of such application; for the manner in which such licences are to be granted, renewed or transferred; the form in which such licences are to be issued, the contents thereof, the fees payable therefor or in connection therewith and the manner in which renewals or transfers thereof are to be indicated;

(c) for establishing the duration of the validity of licences, permits or other authorisations or of any one or more classes thereof;

(d) for the regulation of price structures for energy, water and mineral resources and where appropriate for the determination of tariffs and charges for the supply, storage and distribution of electricity and any of the said resources and for the use of grids and other systems used in the transmission and distribution of any of the said resources;

(e) for securing adequate reserves, where applicable, and for securing the adequate provision of the resources regulated by or under this Act;

(f) for the compulsory acquisition and distribution of any such resources during periods of scarcity;

(g) for the minimum standards to be adopted in, and any other matter related to the conservation, acquisition, supply, sale, storage, generation, distribution, transmission, export, treatment, re-use or disposal and any other practices, operations and activities, regulated by or under this Act including the means by which such resources are to be protected, acquired, supplied, sold, stored, generated, distributed, transmitted, exported, treated, re-used or disposed of;

(h) to secure and regulate the conservation, augmentation, operation and use of sources of energy, water and mineral resources as well as the promotion and the harnessing, generation and use of all forms of energy;

(i) for ensuring fair competition in all practices, operations and activities related to energy, water and mineral resources;

(j) for the undertaking of studies, research or investigation on any matter relating to the resources regulated by or under this Act and the provision of information, the issue of guidelines to the public and to commercial entities on matters relating to the said resources;

(k) to give effect to any international obligation entered into by Government in relation to the resources regulated by or under this Act;

(l) for regulating the services that may be required in relation to energy, water or mineral resources and the time, manner, place and condition in which or under which such services are to be provided;

(m) for the regulation of the qualifications to be possessed by persons who are employed in any activity regulated by or under this Act;

(n) for matters concerning the construction, condition and maintenance of any facilities, apparatus and other equipment utilised in the provision of any of the said resources or services related thereto;

(o) for prescribing the information to be retained by licensees under this Act and the provision of statistical data by such licensees;

(p) for the making of any deposit or the giving of any guarantee to ensure the performance of any obligation by any person imposed as a condition of any permit, authorisation or licence under this Act;

(q) for prescribing that any person who acts in contravention of any regulation made under this article shall be guilty of an offence and for establishing the penalties to which such person may be liable;

Provided that no such penalty shall be greater than a fine (multa) not exceeding Lm10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment;

(r) for prescribing the practices to be adopted with regards to safety and the protection of the environment in relation to any activity by or under this Act;

(s) for prescribing anything which may be or is required to be prescribed by this Act.

29. (1) The execution of all works in connection with any services provided under a licence issued under this Act shall be carried out in such manner as may be agreed between the service provider and the person receiving such services. Powers of service provider.

(2) The provider of any service for which a licence is required under this Act and any employee duly authorised by him may at all reasonable times enter any premises for the purpose of:-

(a) ascertaining that the services are being used in accordance with the conditions under which they are supplied;

(b) maintaining or repairing any equipment supplied by him in relation to such service;

(c) ascertaining such data or information that may be required in connection with the provision of such service:

Provided that any such service provider shall repair all damage caused by such entry.

(3) Any person who obstructs or impedes any person in the exercise of his duties under subarticle (1) hereof shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Power of entry for ascertaining conditions of installations etc.

30. (1) Any officer or employee of the Authority so authorised may, at all reasonable times, enter any premises in which any collecting area, spring, well, watercourse, gallery, cistern, conduit or any water, sewer, waste water, fittings or service, apparatus, installation, instrument, plant or accessories are, have been or are to be constructed, laid or installed for the manufacture, desalination, treatment, polishing, provision, storage and distribution of water or for the purposes of providing drainage to the sewers or in which any activity requiring a licence under this Act is required for the purposes of:

(a) inspecting any of the items or activities mentioned above and ascertaining whether there be any waste of resources, or other thing contrary to the provisions of this Act, to the regulations made thereunder or to any term or condition attached to any licence, permit or authorisation issued under this Act;

(b) ascertaining such data or information as the Authority may require in connection with its functions under this Act.

(2) Any person who obstructs or impedes any officer or employee of the Authority in the exercise of his duties under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalties for offences against this Act.

31. The Minister may, after consultation with the Authority, make regulations not inconsistent with this Act prescribing where a penalty is not otherwise prescribed under this Act, the penalties being not more than a fine (multa) of ten thousand Maltese liri to which a person committing an offence against this Act may be liable on conviction.

Resources Appeals Board.

32. (1) There shall be a Resources Appeals Board, consisting of three members, of whom one, who shall be the chairperson, shall be a person who has practised as an advocate for not less than seven years.

(2) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Minister for a period indicated in their letter of appointment, and may be so appointed for further periods as the Minister may deem appropriate.

(3) A member of the Board may be challenged or abstain for any of the reasons for which a judge may be challenged or abstain in accordance with Article 734 of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure. In any such case the Minister shall appoint a person, having the qualifications of the member challenged or abstaining, to sit as a member of the Board in substitution of the said member. Cap. 12

(4) A member of the House of Representatives or of a Local Council shall be disqualified from being appointed or continuing to be a member of the Board for so long as he holds that office.

(5) The Minister shall also designate a person to serve as secretary to the Board.

33. (1) An appeal shall lie to the Resources Appeals Board on any decision of the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Act and any regulations made thereunder, and the right to appeal shall be competent to any person aggrieved by such decision. Appeals.

(2) An appeal to the Board may be filed on any of the following grounds:

- (a) that a material error as to the facts has been made;
- (b) that there was a material procedural error;
- (c) that an error of law has been made;
- (d) that there was some material illegality, including unreasonableness or lack of proportionality.

(3) The Board shall give reasons for its decision and shall cause such decisions to be made public omitting, if it deems it appropriate for reasons of confidentiality, the names of the persons involved.

(4) In determining an appeal under this article the Board may:

- (a) dismiss the appeal;
- (b) annul the decision, and where the Board annuls the decision it may refer the matter to the Authority with a direction to

reconsider it and reach a decision in accordance with the findings of the Board.

(5) The effect of a decision to which an appeal relates shall not, except where the Board or the Court of Appeal, as the case may be, so orders, be suspended in consequence of the bringing of the appeal.

Powers and procedure of the Board.

34. (1) The Board shall be competent to hear and decide any appeal made to it in accordance with the provisions of this Act and any regulations made thereunder; and subject to article 36 of this Act, the decisions of the Board shall be final and binding.

(2) For the exercise of its functions, the Board may summon any person to appear before it and give evidence and produce documents; and the chairperson shall have the power to administer the oath. The Board may also appoint experts to advise the Board on any technical issue that may be relevant to its decision.

(3) For the purposes aforesaid the Board shall have the same powers as are competent to the First Hall, Civil Court according to law.

(4) The procedure to be followed before the Board, the time within which and the manner in which an appeal to the Board is to be made shall be such as may be prescribed; and subject thereto, and to any other applicable provision to this Act, the Board may establish its own procedure.

Appeal to the Court of Appeal.

35. Any party to an appeal to the Board who feels aggrieved by a decision of the Board, or the Authority if it feels dissatisfied with any such decision, may on a question of law appeal to the Court of Appeal as constituted in accordance with subarticle (6) of article 41 of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure by means of an application filed in the registry of that court, in the case of an appeal by the Authority within thirty days from the date of the Board's decision, and in the case of any person within thirty days from the date on which that decision has been notified to him.

Amendments and saving.

36. (1) With effect from the coming into force of this article the enactments shown in the First Column of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments shown in the Second Column of the said Schedule.

(2) Any subsidiary legislation prescribed under any of the provisions of the enactments being amended shall continue in force and any such subsidiary legislation other than the subsidiary legislation

made under the Petroleum (Production) Act, shall have effect as if made under this Act and may be amended, substituted or revoked accordingly.

(3) Any licence, permission, authority or order granted or made under any of the provisions of the enactments being amended, and still in force immediately before such amendment, shall continue in force thereafter as if it were a licence, permission, authority or order granted or made under a corresponding provision of this Act, and any such licence, permission, authority or order as aforesaid shall be treated and dealt with accordingly.

(4) The penalties prescribed under paragraph (q) of article 45 of the Water Services Corporation Act, 1991, which article is being deleted by this Act, shall, until regulations are prescribed under article 31 of this Act, be deemed to be the penalties prescribed under this said article 31.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Article 5(2))

Directorates

Subject to the Minister's powers under subarticle (2) of article 5 of this Act, there shall be the following Directorates -

1. Directorate for Energy Resources Regulation with responsibility for the regulation of all practices, relating to the generation, transmission, distribution, supply and use of energy, whatever the sources of any such energy.
2. Directorate for Water Resources Regulation with responsibility for the regulation of all practices relating to water resources, drainage and sewage.
3. Directorate for Minerals Resources Regulation with responsibility for the regulation of all practices relating to mineral resources.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Article 37)

**First Column
Enactment**

Petroleum (Importation, Storage
and Sale) Ordinance
Cap. 25

Petroleum (Production) Act
Cap. 156

**Second Column
Extent of Amendments**

1. Article 12 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) for the words "would not be applicable." there shall be substituted the words "would not be applicable:"; and

(b) the following proviso shall be added at end thereof:

"Provided that such power shall not extend to the making of regulations concerning the importation, storage and hawking of any explosive or inflammable substance in relation to which the power to make regulations is vested in the Malta Resources Authority under the Malta Resources Authority Act, 2000."

1. In the definition of "Minister" in article 2, for the words "Minister or Officer" these shall be substituted the words "Minister, person or authority".

2. In subarticle (1) of article 3 for the words "and the Maltese Government shall have the exclusive right of searching and boring for and getting such petroleum" there shall be substituted the words "and the right of searching and boring for and getting such petroleum shall be subject to a licence granted under the provisions of this Act".

3. Article 4 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) in subarticle (1) for the words "to grant to such persons as he thinks fit licences" there shall be substituted the words "to grant to the successful applicant, a licence";

(b) in subarticle (2) for the words "as the Minister thinks fit" there shall be substituted the words "as may be stipulated in the call for applications";

(c) in subarticle (3) for the words “may in particular, if the Minister so determines, include” there shall be substituted the words “may in particular include”;

(d) in paragraph (v) of subarticle 3, for the words “operations or otherwise.” there shall be substituted the words “operations or otherwise;”;

(e) immediately after paragraph (v) there shall be added the following new paragraph:

“(vi) such other terms and conditions as may be specified in the call for applications;”;

(f) in subarticle 4 immediately after the words “published in the Government Gazette” there shall be inserted the words “and in any such other manner as may be required under international obligations entered into by the Government”;

(g) immediately after subarticle (4) there shall be added the following new subarticles:-

“(5) The public call for applications referred to in subarticle (1) of this article shall be published in the Government Gazette and in any such other manner as may be prescribed, at least ninety days prior to the closing date for such applications.

(6) The issue of the call for applications and the granting of a licence under this article shall also be subject to the following criteria:-

(a) the technical and financial capability of an applicant;

(b) the manner in which an applicant proposes to prospect, explore or to bring into production the geographical area which is the subject of the call for applications; and

(c) economic and financial considerations.

(7) The issue of a public call for applications and the granting of a licence under this Act shall comply to any provision of law regulating procurement and competition rules which may from time to time be in force.”.

4. Subarticle (1) of article 5 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) for the words “The Minister” there shall be substituted the words “Subject to the provisions of this Act and to any international obligation entered into by Government, the Minister”; and

(b) immediately after paragraph (d) there shall be added the following new paragraph:-

“(e) anything which is required or may be prescribed under this Act;”.

Enemalta Act,
Cap. 272

1. article 3 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) in subarticle (2) thereof, for the words “Enemalta shall have the sole and exclusive authority” there shall be substituted the words “and to any requirement provided under any other law, Enemalta is authorised”;

(b) subarticle (3) thereof shall be amended as follows:-

(i) immediately after the words “Subject to the provisions of this Act” there shall be added the words “and to any other requirement provided under any other law;” and

(ii) for paragraph (a) thereof there shall be substituted the following:-

“(a) to develop and maintain an efficient system in order to carry out its functions under this Act;”

(iii) for paragraph (d) thereof there shall be substituted the following:-

“(d) to provide the harnessing, generation and use of other sources and forms of energy;”;

(iv) paragraph (e) thereof shall be deleted; and

(c) subarticle (4) thereof shall be amended as follows:-

(i) immediately after the words “subject to the provisions of this Act” there shall be added the words “and to any other requirement provided under any other law”;

(ii) in the proviso to paragraph (c) thereof, for the words “approval of the Minister responsible for public works” there shall be substituted the words “approval of the Malta Transport Authority”; and

(iii) paragraph (f) thereof shall be deleted;

(d) for subarticle (5) thereof there shall be substituted the following:-

“(5) In carrying out its functions under this Act, Enemalta shall:-

(a) be in possession of such licences, permits or other authorisations;

(b) be subject to such regulations, rules, orders, directions, standards and other regulatory provisions;

as may be required from time to time be required by or under the Malta Resources Authority Act, 2000, or any other law.”.

2. Subarticle (1) of article 14 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) for the words “Subject to the provisions of this Act and to any directions given thereunder, Enemalta

shall in so far as it is able to do so” there shall be substituted the words “Subject to the provisions of this Act and to any other requirement provided under any other law Enemalta may”;

(b) in paragraph (a) thereof, for the words “as in the opinion of the Corporation, are calculated to satisfy reasonable demands for petroleum;” there shall be substituted the words “as are deemed by the Corporation to be most advantageous”.

3. Immediately after subarticle (4) of article 20 there shall be added the following new subarticle:-

“(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing subarticles of this article, when price structures are established for the supply of electrical energy by or under the provisions of the Malta Resource Authority Act, 2000, the prices that may be charged by Enemalta for the supply of electrical energy and related services shall, to the extent that these are applicable, be regulated by such price structures.”.

4. Articles 37 and 38 shall be deleted.

5. Article 39 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) immediately after the words “not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,” there shall be added the words “or the provisions in or under any other law regulating the functions of Enemalta,”;

(b) in paragraphs (d) immediately before the words “any tariff of prices” there shall be inserted the words “subject to the provisions of subarticle (5) of article 20 of this Act”;

(c) paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h) and (j) thereof shall be deleted; and

(d) in paragraph (m) thereof, the words “or for securing the safety of the public, or for ensuring a proper and sufficient supply of electrical energy and of petroleum or the proper management of such service” shall be deleted.

6. Article 41 shall be deleted.

7. In Article 42, immediately after the words "or is to be supplied" and immediately after the words "or of petroleum there shall be added in each case the words "by Enemalta".

8. In subarticle (1) of article 43, immediately after the words "as may be prescribed" there shall be added the words "by or under this Act or by or under any other law".

Water Services
Corporation Act,
Cap. 355

1. Article 3 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) in subarticle (2) thereof, for the words "the Corporation shall have the sole and exclusive authority" there shall be substituted the words "and to any requirement provided under any other law, the Corporation may";

(b) subarticle (3) thereof shall be amended as follows:-

(i) immediately after the words "Subject to the provisions of this Act" there shall be added the words "and to any requirement provided under any other law";

(ii) for paragraph (f) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:-

"(f) to advise the Minister on any matter relating to any of its functions under this Act;";
and

(iii) in paragraph (j) the words "and to make regulations" shall be deleted;

(c) subarticle (4) thereof shall be amended as follows:-

(i) in paragraph (c) for the words "Director of Works" there shall be substituted the words "Malta Transport Authority"; and

(ii) paragraph (e) shall be deleted; and

(d) for subarticle (5) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:-

“(5) In carrying out its functions under this Act, the Corporation shall:-

(a) be in a possession of such licences, permits or other authorisations;

(b) be subject to such regulations, rules, orders, directions, standards and other regulatory provisions;

as may from time to time be required by or under the Malta Resources Authority Act, 2000 or any other law.”.

2. For article 18 there shall be substituted the following:-

“18 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and to any requirement under any other law, the Corporation may:-

(a) supply water to such persons, in such manner and under such conditions as may be authorised by the Malta Resource Authority;

(b) ensure the sufficiency, pressure and wholesomeness of water supplies;

(c) in so far as it is able to do so, augment water resources and for such purpose to treat salt water by any process for removing salt or other impurities, or make use of the most appropriate technology for supplementing the natural water resources;

(d) to the extent that it is so authorised to do, survey any land, to inspect any well and to cause the sinking of bores or other works for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the subsoil or the presence, quality or quantity of underground water in it and to cause the sinking of shafts and the driving of subterranean galleries.

(2) The Corporation may provide technical assistance to other persons desirous of sinking wells, driving galleries, constructing conducts or otherwise to improve their water supply.”.

3. Article 19 shall be amended as follows:-

(a) for the marginal note thereto there shall be substituted "Provision of sewage services, etc.";

(b) for the words "and to any directions given thereunder, the Corporation shall" there shall be substituted the words "and of any other law, the Corporation may"; and

(c) for the words "public services" wherever they occur in paragraphs (b) and (c) thereof, there shall be substituted in each case the words "such services".

4. For article 27 there shall be substituted the following:-

"27 The charges, prices and fees to be charged by the Corporation for any service or facility provided by it under this Act shall be as may be prescribed subject to such regulation or rate mechanisms that may from time to time be applicable to such services or facilities under the Malta Resources Authority Act, 2000."

5. Articles 43, 44, 45, 47 and 48 shall be deleted.

6. For article 49 there shall be substituted the following:-

"49. Any officer of the Corporation duly authorised by the Board may, at all reasonable times, enter into any premises:-

(a) to inspect, alter or repair any water fittings or service, apparatus, installation, instrument, plant or accessories belonging to the Corporation, whenever any service by the Corporation is no longer required or where the Corporation is authorised by or under this Act or any other law;

(b) to inspect, alter or repair any part of the sewers, waste water or stormwater run-off systems owned by the Corporation:

Provided that the Corporation shall repair all damage caused by any such entry, alteration or repair."

7. In subarticle (1) of article 50, immediately after the words “as may be prescribed” there shall be added the words “under this Act or as may be required by or under the provision of any other law”.

8. Paragraph (c) of article 52 shall be deleted.

Bunkering (Fuels) Tax
Act, Cap. 381

1. In the definition of “Authority” in article 2 thereof, for the words “Maritime Authority” wherever they occur, there shall be substituted in each case the words “Ports Authority”.

2. Article 5 thereof shall be deleted.

3. For article 6 thereof there shall be substituted the following:-

“Grant of
licences by
regulatory
authority.

6. No person shall distribute, sell, export or dispose in any other manner fuels supplied for bunkering unless under a licence issued by, or agreement or arrangement made with, the Malta Resources Authority in terms of the Malta Resources Authority Act, 2000.”.

4. For subarticle (2) of article 7 there shall be substituted the following:-

“(2) The Minister responsible for ports may, in consultation with the Authority, and with the concurrence of the Minister make regulations with respect to any matter which may be or is required to be prescribed by this Act and with respect to any other matter which may appear to be necessary or expedient for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.”.

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to set up an Authority to be designated as the Malta Resources Authority which shall be the regulator of activities and operations related to energy, water and mineral resources. The Bill also provides for consequential amendments to other enactments.