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Reference is made to the article dated 8 May 2024 appearing on the online portal of *The Malta Independent* titled 'Grech says Speaker blocking debate on hospital inquiry was pre-arranged by Abela'.

The Speaker categorically denies that at any point there was any exchange with the Prime Minister regarding the request put forward by Leader of the Opposition Bernard Grech for the House to adjourn in terms of Standing Order 13 of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker reiterates that Standing Order 13 unequivocally lists the requisites which must exist for the Chair to accept that a debate be held in terms of this Standing Order, the application of which is clearly explained in the same ruling which can be consulted at <https://parlament.mt/14th-leg/rulings/so-13-report-on-vitals-inquiry/>.