

# AI & Digital Parliamentary Committee

+Q2 in 2026 Work Plan – Reporting & Oversight Focus  
Proposed and Subject to Committee Approval

**Proposed by:**

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Chair, AI & Digital Parliamentary Committee

## Mandate of the Committee

To **review, study, analyse and report to Parliament** on developments related to AI, digitalisation, data governance, the digital economy, and the emerging technology ecosystem—ensuring informed parliamentary debate and evidence-based policy scrutiny.

## CORE PRIORITY AREAS

Focused strictly on **information gathering, hearings, expert consultations, and written reports to Parliament.**

## 1. Review of Malta's Digital Economy Landscape

### 1.1 MDIA – Artificial Intelligence & Digital Innovation

Areas to **observe and report:**

- Current implementation of AI auditing and sandbox frameworks
- Status updates on AI-related certifications/registries
- MDIA's work in emerging technologies and digital innovation

**Activities:**

- Hold an information session with MDIA executives
- Produce a **Parliamentary Briefing Note** summarising findings

## 1.2 MITA – Government Digital Infrastructure

Areas to review:

- Status of national digital transformation priorities
- Updates on e-ID reforms and upcoming e-Wallet
- Cybersecurity standards

**Activities:**

- MITA Committee Hearing
- Committee Report: “Digital Government Readiness – Overview”

## 1.3 Tech.mt – Industry Growth & Export Trends

Areas to examine:

- Data on digital economy clusters
- Export development in ICT and AI-enabled sectors
- SME participation in digital markets

**Activities:**

- Meeting with Tech.mt leadership
- Produce a transparency update for Parliament

## 1.4 MGA / Malta Gaming Foundation – Digital & AI Use

Areas to observe:

- AI in compliance, AML, and safer gambling
- Innovation trends in esports and video game development

**Activity:**

- Committee fact-finding session
- Short report summarising sector insights

## 1.5 MCA – Communications, Digital Safety & Connectivity

Areas to examine:

- 5G rollout progress
- Digital services’ regulatory updates
- Child online safety initiatives

**Activities:**

- Technical briefing with MCA
- Issue Committee summary to Parliament

## 2. Education, Digital Skills & Academic Consultations

### 2.1 Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills (DLTS)

Focus:

- Digital education programmes
- Teacher preparedness in AI and emerging technologies
- Digital literacy strategy

**Activities:**

- DLTS information session
- Committee note on digital-skills readiness

### 2.2 Ethics Directorate

Focus:

- Ethical guidelines in the use of technology in education
- Responsible use of AI tools by students and educators

**Activities:**

- Hearing with Ethics Directorate
- Formal summary for the parliamentary record

### 2.3 University of Malta – Faculty of ICT & Department of AI

Focus:

- Trends in research, innovation, and skills supply
- Challenges in talent retention and industry alignment

**Activities:**

- Academic Panel Discussion
- Written Insights Report for Parliament

### 2.4 MCAST & ITS

Focus:

- Emerging tech in vocational training
- Industry readiness and digital skills uptake

**Activities:**

- Joint VET Review Session
- Short analysis document to be tabled

### 3. Joint Committee Knowledge Sessions – Health & MedTech

With the Health Committee, the AI & Digital Committee will only **observe, analyse, and report.**

#### Topics to Review

- The Digital Health & Health Data Strategy
- Medicines
- Use of AI in diagnostics, patient triage, and back-office systems
- Data governance models and privacy safeguards
- Alignment with EU health data space trends

#### Activities:

- Joint Briefing with Ministry for Health
- Cross-Committee report: “Digital Health Insights – Overview”

### 4. Review of AI Governance, Ethics & EU Alignment

#### 4.1 National AI Strategy – Parliamentary Review

Focus on:

- Consultation outputs
- National priorities and public concerns
- Alignment with the EU Artificial Intelligence Act

#### Activity:

- Committee review session with MDIA & relevant experts
- Produce an **AI Strategy Monitoring Report**

#### 4.2 Ethical, Legal & Societal Implications (ELSI)

Review areas:

- Transparency and accountability in algorithmic systems
- Fundamental rights considerations
- Impacts on employment and vulnerable groups

#### Activity:

- Expert Roundtable
- Committee Memo to Parliament

## 5. Alignment with Malta Vision 2050 (Observation & Reporting)

### Committee will review:

- The digital transformation objectives within Vision 2050
- Long-term implications for:
  - Workforce and education
  - Public administration
  - Digital public services
  - The economy and competitiveness

### Activity:

- Vision 2050 Technical Briefing
- Committee Roadmap Document on early alignment observations

## 6. Public Engagement & Evidence Gathering

### Activities Include:

- Stakeholder consultation events
- Surveys & feedback submissions from:
  - SMEs
  - Civil society
  - Tech industry
  - Academia
- Publication of a **Quarterly “AI & Digital Insights Report”**
  - Summaries of hearings
  - Non-binding recommendations
  - Key observations for Parliament

## 7. Additional Ideas (Non-Executive & Fully Aligned with Mandate)

### A. Establish an Expert Advisory Panel

Non-executive, purely consultative group:

- Academics
- Industry representatives

- Digital rights experts

## B. Parliamentary Tech Foresight Notes

Brief, forward-looking summaries on:

- AI opportunities
- Global regulatory changes
- Digital economy competitiveness

## C. Sector-Specific Observation Papers

Potential topics:

- AI in public service
- Robotics in industry
- Creative sector digitalisation
- SME digital adoption gaps

## SUMMARY OF DELIVERABLES

*(All non-executive, reporting only)*

Deliverable	Purpose	Timing
Sector Hearings (MDIA, MITA, MCA, Tech.mt, MGA)	Gather information	Jan–Mar
Education & Skills Review Notes	Summaries of DLTS, Ethics, UoM inputs	Jan–Feb
MedTech Joint Committee Report	Health–AI cross-sector analysis	Feb
AI Governance & Ethics Report	EU AI Act alignment analysis	Mar
Vision 2050 Digital Pillar Review	Early alignment observations	Mar
AI & Digital Insights Report	Committee publication to Parliament	End of

# PARLIAMENT OF MALTA

## House of Representatives

### AI & Digital Parliamentary Committee Scheduled Agenda (Proposed)

#### MEETINGS' SCHEDULE (PROPOSED and to be confirmed by Committee)

December 2025 – June 2026

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 3:30pm,  
except where otherwise indicated for official visits.

- ✓ *Public Holidays have been excluded as per Parliamentary protocol.*
- ✓ *Based on 3 meetings every Month*

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#### December 2025

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 1	Tuesday, 9 December 2025	3:30pm	Internal Committee Planning (Second Sitting)	Parliament

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#### January 2026

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 2	Tuesday, 13 January 2026	3:30pm	Briefing by the Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA), followed by on-site familiarisation visit to DiHubMT and the National High-Performance Computing Centre	MDIA Boardroom (Off-site official visit)
Meeting 3	Tuesday, 20 January 2026	3:30pm	Briefing by MITA – Digital Government, e-ID, e-Wallet, Cybersecurity	Parliament
Meeting 4	Tuesday, 27 January 2026	3:30pm	Hearing with Tech.mt – Digital Economy, Export Capacity	Parliament

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#### February 2026

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 5	Tuesday, 3 February 2026	3:30pm	Hearing with the Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills (DLTS)	Parliament
Meeting 6	Tuesday, 17 February 2026	3:30pm	Hearing with the Directorate for Ethics within Education	Parliament
Meeting 7	Tuesday, 24 February 2026	3:30pm	Hearing with University of Malta – Faculty of ICT & AI Department	Parliament

## March 2026

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 8	Tuesday, 10 March 2026	3:30pm	Briefing by the Malta Communications Authority (MCA)	Parliament
Meeting 9	Tuesday, 17 March 2026	3:30pm	Hearing with the Malta Gaming Authority / Gaming Foundation	Parliament
Meeting 10	Tuesday, 24 March 2026	3:30pm	Expert Roundtable on the EU AI Act & National AI Governance	Parliament

*(No meeting on 31 March – Freedom Day Public Holiday.)*

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## April 2026

*(No meetings between 1–10 April due to Easter period and public holidays.)*

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 11	Tuesday, 14 April 2026	3:30pm	Joint Session with Health Committee – Digital Health & Health Data Strategy	Parliament
Meeting 12	Tuesday, 21 April 2026	3:30pm	Review Session – SME Digitalisation (Tech.mt & Malta Enterprise)	Parliament
Meeting 13	Tuesday, 28 April 2026	3:30pm	Hearing on AI Ethics, Digital Wellbeing & Online Safety	Parliament

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## May 2026

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 14	Tuesday, 5 May 2026	3:30pm	Briefing on Public Administration Digital Readiness (OPM & MITA)	Parliament
Meeting 15	Tuesday, 12 May 2026	3:30pm	Hearing with MCAST & ITS – Digital Skills and Workforce Readiness	Parliament
Meeting 16	Tuesday, 19 May 2026	3:30pm	Briefing on Cybersecurity & National Digital Resilience	Parliament

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## June 2026

Meeting No.	Date	Time	Agenda Item	Venue
Meeting 17	Tuesday, 9 June 2026	3:30pm	Hearing on AI in Finance & Fintech (MFSA & Industry Representatives)	Parliament
Meeting 18	Tuesday, 16 June 2026	3:30pm	Hearing on AI & Emerging Industries (Robotics, Manufacturing, Creative Sector)	Parliament
Meeting 19	Tuesday, 23 June 2026	3:30pm	Review Session – Malta Vision 2050: Digital Pillars Alignment	Parliament

*(No meeting in the week of 7 June or week of 29 June due to public holidays.)*

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## Participation in Conferences and External Events

Where the Chair or any Member of the Committee attends a conference, seminar, workshop, or stakeholder event that is relevant to the Committee's mandate on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Affairs, the Member may, at their discretion, provide a brief report to the Committee. Any insights shared shall be limited to matters that fall within the Committee's remit and are obtained during attendance not relating to personal or professional roles.

Such contributions will serve to **enrich the work of the Committee**, providing additional context and perspectives that may support future discussions and reports to Parliament.