


<b>Date</b>	<b>Development</b>
07 May 2021	Request for audit submitted to the Auditor General by Professor Arnold Cassola
11 August 2021	Notification of commencement of audit submitted to the CEO Lands Authority
07 September 2021	Receipt of Lands Authority file
12 November 2021	Referral of audit proposal to Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General by Assistant Auditor General [REDACTED]
06 December 2021	Commencement of the planning phase of the audit
09 December 2021	Commencement of the conducting phase of the audit
20 March 2023	Submission of initial batch of queries to the Lands Authority
21 April 2023	Engagement of Forward Architects as technical experts to assist the NAO audit team
30 May 2023	Finalisation of the planning phase of the audit
28 August 2023	Meeting with the Architects Lands Authority
27 November 2023	Meeting with officials from the Malta Tax & Customs Administration
23 January 2024	Commencement of reporting phase of the audit
05 July 2024	Submission of initial batch of queries to Grant Thornton
18 July 2024	The NAO becomes first aware of the report submitted by Grant Thornton to the Chair Lands Authority (Reference: Query NAO_28c)
26 July 2024	Meeting with the former CEO Lands Authority (Mr Carlo Mifsud)

- 30 July 2024 Meeting with a member of the Board of  
Governors Lands Authority (Hon. Ryan Callus)
- 01 August 2024 Meeting with a member of the Board of  
Governors Lands Authority (Hon. Alex Muscat)
- 14 August 2024 Meeting with the Deputy Chair of the Board of  
Governors (Dr John Vassallo)
- 15 August 2024 Finalisation of the conducting phase of the audit
- 26 August 2024 Meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for  
Planning and the Property Market (Hon. Chris  
Agius)
- 03 September 2024 Meeting with the Senior Manager (Contracts)  
Lands Authority (Dr Marisa Grech)
- 20 September 2024 Meeting with representatives of Fortina (Mr  
Adrian Zammit Tabona, Mr Julian Zammit Tabona  
& Mr Edward Zammit Tabona)
- 30 September 2024 Meeting with the Minister for Transport,  
Infrastructure and Capital Projects (Hon. Ian Borg)
- 12 November 2024 Meeting with the Chief of Staff, Office of the  
Prime Minister (Mr Keith Schembri)
- 15 November 2024 Meeting with representatives of Grant Thornton  

- 29 November 2024 Submission of final query to Grant Thornton
- 13 February 2025 Forward Architects submit the final version of the  
valuation report prepared on behalf of the NAO
- 20 March 2025 Submission of final query to the Lands Authority

07 April 2025 Finalisation of the reporting phase of the audit and referral of final draft report to Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General for review

29 July 2025 Referral of final reviewed report for publication

27 August 2025 Referral of the final report for printing

15 September 2025 Publication of the audit report titled 'The Government's rescission of restrictions on the site of the Fortina Hotel'

