

## Brincat Anna at Parliament-MT

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Hon. Dr Beppe Fenech Adami  
Chair  
Public Account Committee

Dear Dr Fenech Adami,

Reference is made to the Public Accounts Committee sitting of 10 October 2017, wherein the National Audit Office was requested to provide further information to the Committee regarding the Office's report 'An Investigation of Property Transfers between 2006 and 2013: The Transfer of the Property at 83 Spinola Road, St Julians'.

In essence, this Office was requested to:

- a. submit a list of the officials cited in the report;
- b. indicate the period of tenure in office of the key officials of the Government Property Department;
- c. provide details of the members on the Arbitration Committee and indicate whether they sat on other such committees; and
- d. indicate the shareholders of E.G. Property Holdings Ltd/Eighty Two Company Ltd.

The information requested is forwarded in the attached document.

With the information at hand, the NAO is unable to indicate whether the members on the Arbitration Committee sat on other such committees. However, a request to this effect has been put to the Land Authority.

Regards,  
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## **List of the officials/persons cited in the report\***

### **Government Property Department**

1. Mr John Sciberras, Director General
2. Mr Paul Miruzzi, Director General
3. Mr Alfred Bezzina, Director General
4. Mr Iman Schembri, Director General
5. Mr Joseph A. Scriha, Director Joint Office
6. Mr Vincent Gilson, Director Joint Office
7. Mr Rosario Galea, Assistant Director Joint Office
8. Dr Tonio Mallia, Legal Consultant
9. Dr Errol Cutajar, Legal Officer
10. Dr Josianne Azzopardi, Legal Officer
11. Dr Matthew Cassar, Legal Officer
12. Architect Duncan Mifsud, Senior Architect
13. Mr Gaetano Schembri, Draughtsman
14. Mr Martin Bajada, Assistant Director Enforcement
15. Ms Marita Portelli, Principal Officer and Secretary GPD Tender Committee

### **Arbitration Committee**

16. Architect Anton Zammit, Chair Arbitration Committee
17. Architect Michael Schembri, Architect Government Property Department and Member Arbitration Committee
18. Dr Edwin Mintoff, Member Arbitration Committee

### **Ministry/Parliamentary Secretariat**

19. Hon Tonio Fenech, Minister for Finance, the Economy and Investment
20. Hon Dr Jason Azzopardi, Minister for Fair Competition, Small Business and Consumers
21. Mr Paul Zahra, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Fair Competition, Small Business and Consumers
22. Mr Lino Mintoff, Head of Secretariat Ministry for Fair Competition, Small Business and Consumers
23. Mr Jonathan Degabriele, Private Secretary to Minister for Fair Competition, Small Business and Consumers

\* where applicable, position held as at time of reporting

## **Period of tenure in office of the key officials of the Government Property Department**

### **Director General, Government Property Department**

- Mr John Sciberras - 1997 to mid 2008
- Mr Paul Miruzzi - mid 2008 to December 2009
- Mr Alfred Bezzina - September 2009 to January 2011(designate between September and December 2009)

- Mr Iman Schembri - January 2011 to November 2013

Director Land, Government Property Department/Commissioner of Land

- Mr Albert Mamo - June 2000 to December 2012

Director Joint Office,

- Mr Joseph A. Scriha - April 2002 to December 2008 (on retirement leave until March 2009)
- Mr Vincent Gilson - January 2009 to March 2015 (designate during January and February 2009)

#### **Members on the Arbitration Committee**

1. Architect Anton Zammit, Chair
2. Architect Michael Schembri, representing the Government Property Department
3. Dr Edwin Mintoff, representing Eighty Two Company Ltd

#### **The shareholders of E.G. Property Holdings Ltd/Eighty Two Company Ltd**

June 1998 – As at this date, the shareholders of E.G. Property Holdings Ltd were El Dara Ltd, Ernest Grech, Desert Rose Ltd and Itrac Ltd.

September 2008 – El Dara Ltd and Ernest Grech transfer their shares to V.F. Group Ltd (previously Desert Rose Ltd).

April 2010 – A change in name is registered with the MFSA that E.G. Property Holdings Ltd is now Eighty Two Co. Ltd.

October 2017 – From the change in shareholding registered in 2008, the shareholders of Eighty Two Co. Ltd have remained V.F. Group Ltd and Itrac Ltd.

From June 1998 to date, the shareholders of V.F. Group Ltd (previously Desert Rose Ltd) were Vincent Farrugia, Elaine Farrugia, Matthew Farrugia and Michelle Vassallo Farrugia.

Itrac Ltd was established in 1995, with shareholding retained by Desert Rose Ltd and Alessandro Runco. Presently, shareholding of Itrac Ltd is held by V.F. Group Ltd (previously Desert Rose Ltd) and Vincent Farrugia.