

Brincat Anna at Parlament-MT

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Sent: 12 October 2017 12:35
To: Brincat Anna at Parlament-MT
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Subject: Follow up on my letter to the Parl Comm on Env and Dev Plang of February 2017
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Brincat,

TO THE SECRETARY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

I refer to our telephone conversation earlier.

Thank you for sending me by email the addresses of the Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Environment and Development Planning, whom I am copying.

As I tried to explain in our phone conversation, with date of 21 March 2017, I sent via Registered Mail a parcel containing **a letter addressed to The Chairman and All Members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Development Planning.** The letter had a copy of a separate letter which I had addressed to the Executive Council of the Planning Authority attached to it.

The subject matter of my letter was **"Request for public domain declarations on lands and/or properties in terms of the Civil Code (Chapter 16 of the Laws of Malta) as amended by Act XXV of 2016."** The letter was self-explanatory.

The envelope label was addressed to **Dr. Franco Mercieca MP, Chairman, Standing Committee on Environment and Development Planning, Parlament ta' Malta, Parliament House, Valletta, MALTA.** During our phone conversation, you indicated that if the envelope was addressed to Dr. Mercieca, then it would have been handed to him.

The date of 21 March 2017 refers to the mailing date per registered mail receipts, but the date on the letter was 19 February 2017 (delay was due to printing, assembly of attachment documentation etc).

Since then, I have never received any acknowledgement, the letter does not appear to have been actioned, and I cannot see any reference to it in the minutes of the Committee's sittings numbered 34 to 38 from 1 March to April 2017 under the 12th legislature on the official website of Parlament.mt.

The publicly available Track and Trace facility on the Maltapost plc website shows that my letter was delivered to destination on 23 March 2017.

Can I kindly ask you to follow up on this correspondence. I kindly ask that if untraced, the matter should be raised with Dr. Mercieca as the Chairman of the Committee at the time.

I wish to highlight, for the benefit of justice and fairness, that I do not agree with your view, expressed during our phone call, that a letter addressed by me, as a member of the public, to Dr. Franco Mercieca as Chairman of the Committee, is a private property of Dr. Mercieca, and that I believe and I expect, as a member of the public, that my query falls squarely within your role as Secretary of the Committee since you are the continuity within that Committee. In fact, my letter belongs to the Committee, irrespective of its members, and therefore it belongs to the present Committee as it belonged to the previous one, and all members of the present Committee shall have the right to see my letter.

I would also greatly appreciate if this email is referred to the Committee in its next sitting, and reference to this email is formally minuted in the proceedings of that meeting.

I also ask the Committee members to kindly note in their next meeting, and that the minutes of that meeting will document, the fate of my letter of 19 February (i.e. above referred letter) to the Committee and why there

are no formal traces of it in the Committee's business as publicly documented on the official website of Parliament.mt. I believe that it is a rather serious failure for a Parliamentary Committee not to be in full control of correspondence addressed to it, via registered mail, by the public, and that its minutes should publicly refer to all correspondence received by the Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

This email is provided in good faith.

Kind Regards,

Noel Ciantar