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## **THE NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER PAYS A COURTESY VISIT TO THE SPEAKER**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honourable Dr Anġlu Farrugia had a courtesy visit from the New Zealand High Commissioner for Malta, HE Dr Trevor Matheson.

In the course of the meeting, the Speaker briefed the High Commissioner on his forthcoming visit to New Zealand to participate in the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth, which will take place in Wellington, New Zealand from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The Speaker informed the High Commissioner that he will be chairing Workshop Four on 'Openness and Transparency' and will also intervene in Workshop Two on 'Parliamentary Privilege – Protecting the effective functioning of democracies'.

Other topics of mutual interest were also discussed between the two dignitaries, including the possibility of a high level visit to New Zealand, the exchange of reciprocal support to various candidatures to International Organisations and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) which will be held in Malta in 2015.

The Clerk of the House, Mr Ray Scicluna, was also present.