



Case No U 0227

9 August 2024

Judge Emeritus Joseph Zammit McKeon
Ombudsman

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 23 May 2024, enclosing an interim report regarding the case quoted in reference.

The recommendations in the interim report have been discussed at length with all stakeholders involved in this matter. A reply is being submitted on the proposed way forward for each recommendation:

- a) Regarding the case under consideration, it is considered that the Lands Authority is the owner and has overall responsibility for this concession. The Commissioner of Land had been the signatory on behalf of Government for these specific agreements. Subsequently, the Lands Authority absorbed all the functions of the Land Department and the commitments made by the Commissioner of Land in accordance with Chapter 563 (Laws of Malta).

This information is in the public domain as these concessions were approved by Parliament.

- b) It is to be remarked that despite there not being any formal delegation in carrying out the respective annual certification, this requirement was completed.



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- c) Requests for information will be treated and addressed within the ambit of the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 496 (Laws of Malta).

I trust that the proposed actions address your recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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Permanent Secretary
Ministry for Lands and the Implementation
of the Electoral Programme

cc: Principal Permanent Secretary
CEO (Lands Authority)