

Case No OMB-26-7135

15 July 2026

The Honourable Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
Auberge de Castille
Castille Place
Valletta

Honourable Prime Minister

Pursuant to Section 22(4) of the Ombudsman Act (Cap. 385), I formally bring to your attention the Final Opinion issued by this Office on 24th February 2026, following a complaint submitted by [OMISSIS].

Following its investigation, this Office determined that the complaint was substantiated. It further found that the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs committed an act of maladministration by failing to safeguard the Constitutional Rights of the complainant and her minor son, both Maltese citizens, and by failing to facilitate their return to Malta.

Despite these clear findings, the Ministry has rejected both the conclusions of the report and the recommendation contained therein.

In light of the Ministry's refusal to give effect to the findings and recommendation of this Office, I am referring the matter to you so that your intervention may secure its resolution and avoid the need for further action under Section 22(4) of the aforementioned Act.

Yours sincerely

Judge Joseph Zammit McKeon
Parliamentary Ombudsman

Encl.

1. Report dated 24th February 2026
2. Letter from Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 11th March 2026
3. Letter to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 27th March 2026
4. Letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 23rd April 2026
Letter to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 5th June 2026.