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Fid-dawl tal-konklużjonijiet tal-Kummissarju għall-Istandards fil-Ħajja Pubblika fil-konfront tal-Ministru Carmelo Abela, Repubblika ippublikat rapport bil-għan li l-Korp tal-Pulizija jkun jista' minnufih jipproċedi bl-investigazzjoni tiegħu u jieħu kwalunkwe azzjoni li fiċ-ċirkostanzi tirriżulta bħala meħtieġa.

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<https://repubblika.org/mt/press-release/ittra-mibghuta-minn-repubblika-lill-kummissarju-tal-pulizija/>

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F'Jum l-Ambjent, Repubblika tkegġegħ għal riflessjoni u azzjoni quddiem l-isfreġju ambjentali li għaddej f'pajjiżna fejn qed naraw id-degrad u l-qerda kemm tal-ambjent naturali kif ukoll dak urban. Infakkru fid-dmir ewlieni tal-Gvern u tal-istituzzjonijiet li jharsu l-ambjent. Hemm bżonn jieqfu il-kontradizzjonijiet tal-awtoritajiet f'dan il-qasam.

<https://repubblika.org/mt/press-release/ambjent-tajjeb-hu-dritt-u-responsabbilta-tagħna-lkoll/>

Repubblika Live

Facebook Live Broadcasts

20.05.21 [Niddiskutu t-taxxi taċ-Ċaġnu u l-ambaxxati Maltin](#)

27.05.21 [Niddiskutu l-każ ta' Miriam Pace l-kostruzzjoni](#)

03.06.21 [Niddiskutu l-persons of trust u l-ktieb il-ġdid ta' Manuel Delia](#)

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#43Months

Alessandra Dee Crespo

"Għad hemm min irid iċaħhad lil Daphne mill-post tagħha fl-istorja, imma hi diġà ħaditu. Ma kellha bżonn il-permess ta' ħadd. Ħaditu f'ħajjitha permezz tas-servizz tagħha lil pajjiżna u saħħitu f'mewtha.

Post Daphne huwa fil-memorja kollettiva tagħna, fil-gratitudni tagħna lejha; postha huwa fiċ-ċentru tal-attivizmu tagħna. Post Daphne huwa fil-ħolm tagħna għal Malta: il-ħolm li ħolmot hi qabilna u li għalih tat ħajjitha."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-E6gKDaTKVM>

Ann De Marco

"I am angry. I am furious. I'm sick of seeing attacks on journalists and activists. I'm livid that the courts have decreed that journalists doing their job, to inform the public about conduct unbecoming in our politicians, are now supposed to be investigated by the police for doing their job. I'm sick of the vicious memes, posts, attacks on all those who speak out against wrongdoing - the few politicians who are vocal, NGOs like Repubblika, activists, journalists."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SP-FDG1jLw>

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*Post Daphne huwa fil-
memorja kollettiva
tagħna*

Marion Pace Axiaq

"Dan hu l-istat li ġabu lil pajjiżna fih. L-ex Prim Ministru Joseph Muscat u l-Prim Ministru tal-kontinwità Robert Abela dejjem jishqu fuq il-fraži: "Ħallu lill-istituzzjonijiet jaħdmu". U qedin jaħdmu: tafu liema istituzzjonijiet? Dawk li waqqfu huma stess: l-istituzzjonijiet tal-gideb, qerq, serq lill-poplu, qirda tal-kampanija tagħna u tal-wirt nazzjonali tagħna, attentat biex jiġu eliminati l-għaqdiet volontarji, il-bejgħ ta' pajjiżna, tixħim, impunità, korruzzjoni, ħasil tal-flus, kriminalità, mafja u saħanistra qtil ta' ġurnalista."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzL-G92TxzM>

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Political Advertising

Repubblika publishes Draft Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by the Government

06.05.21

The report by the Commissioner for Standards in Public Life in the case of the allocation of public funds for alleged political advertising in print media (K/028) following Repubblika's complaint of 19 October 2020 about advertising purchased by the Ministry of Carmelo Abela to promote Carmelo Abela, refers to two previous cases in which it was alleged that public resources were being used by Ministers for self-promotional purposes."

Although it is not for us a matter of ambiguity that the use of public funds for personal promotion is unacceptable use of public money and a breach of existing codes of ethics, a consensus has emerged that Ministers and public entities need specific guidelines and procedures with regard to appropriate expenditure in advertising.

In spite of the fact that that consensus includes public remarks made by the Prime Minister and the Speaker, who both underlined their agreement for the need of these guidelines, we have seen no evidence of urgency in adopting such rules

In the meantime, peoples' letterboxes are being stuffed by personal publicity of ministers evidently paid for by taxpayers through the ministry's budget. And expenditure in the media, particularly print media, on a discretionary and discriminatory basis is rampant.

In order to help facilitate the process, meet the outcome that the Prime Minister and the Speaker have publicly said they desire, and avoid any further waste of public money, Repubblika is taking the initiative of proposing a set of draft guidelines.

This draft is based on widely available international models. We have specifically consulted best practice models including in particular guidelines by the government of the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand. We have also reviewed relevant rulings of the European Court of Human Rights and recommendations by the Organisation of American States.

Link to full report here:
<https://repubblika.org/press-release/repubblika-publishes-draft-guidelines-on-information-and-advertising-campaigns-by-the-government/>

