



5 May 2017

Dr. Werner Langen
Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into money
laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion (PANA)
European Parliament
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Dear Chair,

Wiertz

I refer to your letter of 16 March 2017, whereby you invite me to attend the hearing with the PANA Committee on 30 May 2017.

As you recall, following a similar invitation in January 2017, I had explained that as Minister for Finance for Malta, I was ready to meet with the Committee. In fact, I had arranged that during your visit to Malta which took place on the 21 February 2017, you would meet with me, as well as with a number of officials from the Revenue department, the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) and the Financial Intelligence Analysis Unit (FIAU) in my country.

However I did point out, and feel I should reiterate now, that as President of the Council, I am advised that, the Treaties grant no role to the Presidency of the Council with regard to the enforcement or implementation of Union law.

The mandate setting up the PANA Committee refers to alleged contraventions and maladministration in the implementation of a series of Union law instruments, and alleged failure by the Commission to enforce, or by Member States to implement, those instruments.



In the absence of further specifications from your side, I am afraid I would be unable to accept your invitation as President of the Council.

This notwithstanding, I am ready to meet once again with your Committee, if the need arises, as Minister for Finance. If this were to be the case, I kindly ask you to arrange for a meeting on a mutually agreed date.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward".

Prof. Edward Scicluna

Minister for Finance