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All-out war at PBS

Editor speaks of 'imposed media blackout' from ministry

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PBS editor Sylvana Cristina has said the Investments Ministry has ordered "an imposed media blackout" on her, saying she can't speak to the press unless she first goes through chief executive Joe Fenech Conti – the minister's appointed chairman of the national station.

It's all-out war at Television House in what is turning into a never-ending soap opera between PBS directors, its editorial board, the Broadcasting Authority, the Labour Party and Bondiplus presenter Lou Bondi.

Within a week, Bondi has earned the rebuke of the editorial board, the registered editor, the BA and Labour; but the PBS chairman overruled the editorial board yet again reversing its decision to allow the MLP a two-minute right of

reply to be broadcast in tomorrow's edition.

The last three days were absolute chaos as everyone involved in the skirmish churned out press releases and counter-reactions about past and future programmes to be held by Bondi.

The week started with MLP secretary-general Jason Micallef complaining to the editorial board about what he referred to as Bondi's partisan bias against Labour after he faced deputy leader Charles Mangion with the costings of the Opposition's budget proposals in last Monday's programme.

The editorial board upheld the protest, allowing the party a two-minute reply to be broadcast tomorrow, but the board of directors informed Labour the decision was "null and void" as the protest letter was not addressed to Sylvana Cristina, who ▶ page 9



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