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## **Arrigo explodes rumours of junior minister offer**

NATIONALIST MP Robert Arrigo has I didn't ask for anything, either." dismissed as pure speculation the rumour that Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi offered him a parliamentary secretariat, which he turned down insisting on a ministry instead.

"I couldn't refuse anything, because there was nothing to refuse," he said in an interview with MaltaToday Midweek (see page 11). "I wasn't offered anything.

The PN backbencher admitted to a certain disappointment at being left out of Gonzi's revamped Cabinet, but denied feeling entitled to the tourism ministry.

"One might have expected a call, all things considered," he said. "But obviously one also has to also respect the Prime Minister's prerogative...

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