



Abela vs Muscat

POLL TRACKER

Muscat's rating among floating voters rises from 21.7% in April to 39.5%, but Abela increases popularity among Labour voters, from 10.7% to 31.2%.

Muscat's rating with Labourites plummets from 64.2% to 36.4% and instead rises with Nationalists from 17.9% to 30.4%.

First-time voters who cost Labour the election in March prefer Muscat.

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Gay man claims insurance discrimination

SABRINA AGIUS

A man who claimed he was discriminated against by his former insurance company in 2003, said his life insurance policy premium was increased because the company assumed he was gay.

Paul Muscat, 44, is gay but says he was warned by friends not to reveal his sexual orientation in a questionnaire by the insurance company, Middlesea, because his premium would be higher simply because he was gay.

The insurance company has categorically denied imposing any premium loadings due to

the alleged higher health risks for homosexuals, saying it does not ask its customers to declare their sexual orientation.

But Muscat claims he was asked to declare whether he was gay in the questionnaire he filled in for the life insurance policy, and that he was repeatedly asked whether he was gay by the doctor he was referred to by Middlesea.

The case was brought up by Malta Gay Rights Movement spokesperson Gabi Calleja on PBS's Reporter, citing cases of discrimination against homosexuals.

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PN, MLP CANNOT MAINTAIN DATABASES WITHOUT CONSENT

Data Protection Commission explodes 'political exemption' myth

RAPHAEL VASSALLO

CONTRARY to popular perception, Maltese political parties are not exempt from the Data Protection Act (DPA), and need the subjects' consent in order to legally maintain their own databases of personal information about individuals, MaltaToday has learnt.

Just over a week after Labour leadership hopeful Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca

argued against the "exemption" of political parties from data protection in an interview with sister newspaper Illum, sourc-

es close to the Data Protection Commission (DPC) exploded the myth that political parties are somehow "above the law".

"Political parties, like the church and other non-commercial associations, may process personal data within certain parameters, but only regarding their own members, and even then only with the members' active consent," a Commission source told this newspaper.

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