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## Busuttil pushes for transparency



**MATTHEW VELLA**

NATIONALIST MEP Simon Busuttil has congratulated MaltaToday for its “contribution towards greater transparency in the rules of a European Union institution” and declared he will present transparency proposals for PN MEPs after MaltaToday’s ombudsman complaint against the European Parliament.

The complaint brought an official censure from the Ombudsman against the European Parliament for refusing MaltaToday access to MEPs’ expense and allowances accounts. He said the EP’s actions constituted “maladministration”.

Writing to MaltaToday, in a letter copied to PN secretary-general Paul Borg Olivier, Busuttil said he will be presenting new transparency proposals “that PN MEPs will be required to follow in dealing with public funds placed at their disposal by the European Parliament.”

“This proposal shall take into account the decision of the Ombudsman and shall seek a level of transparency for PN MEPs that goes beyond current requirements under the established rules of the European Parliament.”

Busuttil said that in previous exchanges on the subject with MaltaToday,

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# Government presses Greens’ secretary general to relinquish teaching job

## Victor Galea accuses government of political discrimination

### JAMES DEBONO

IN an unprecedented move, Alternattiva Demokratika’s secretary-general Victor Galea has been informed by the government that he cannot continue exercising his teaching profession as teachers in public employment are precluded from any political post.

Yet MaltaToday can reveal that over the past years, various public

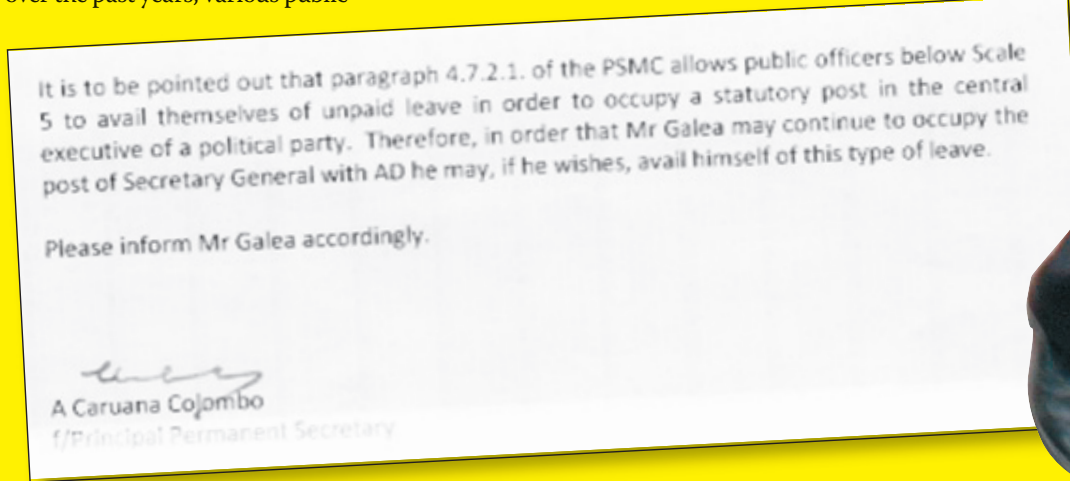
officials in the same rank as Galea have been tolerated to hold on to their posts in the PN or the MLP.

Victor Galea has served as AD’s unpaid secretary-general since 2006.

A letter sent from the Office of the Prime Minister instructed the permanent secretary in the Gozo Ministry to inform Galea that as a “teacher”, he “may not hold the post of Secretary General of AD.”

Acting upon the OPM’s instructions, the Gozo Ministry duly informed Galea that he had until last Friday – the Santa Marija holiday – to decide on whether he intends to continue serving as AD’s secretary-general.

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