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# JPO, ALFRED SANT DISSSENT ON ABELA

Simon Busuttil and George Vella also disagree with George Abela nomination

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## Lino Spiteri not informed of being 'on the list'

FORMER Labour minister Lino Spiteri said he was never informed by Opposition leader Joseph Muscat of being on his list of Presidential candidates.

Contacted yesterday, Spiteri said that contrary to very highly placed Labour sources who had leaked his name as one of Muscat's preferred candidates

towards the end of December, he was never contacted by the party leader in that regard.

Spiteri – whose nomination was said to have found wide agreement inside Labour – was named internally in the Labour Party just days after he was awarded the Ġieħ ir-Repubblika medal,

although just as happened with George Abela, Alfred Sant was expected to strongly disagree with the nomination.

"I wasn't informed I was on the list," Spiteri said. "I was told I was meant to be on the list after Abela's appointment ... but now I doubt the list existed. I never wanted the post anyway."



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