

PN 'super-mole' informs Labour of what PM is doing

A veritable rebellion from Nationalist backbenchers and former ministers last Wednesday forced the prime minister into retreat over the proposed €16 million underground extension for St John's Co-Cathedral.

Lawrence Gonzi was faced with no alternative but to backtrack over the allocation of millions in EU funds for the Cathedral's underground museum, as he faced a rebellion from Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando, Censu Galea, Ninu Zammit, Jesmond Mugliett and Robert Arrigo.

With the sure probability of losing face in parliament on the motion against the project presented by the Opposition,

Gonzi did not want to give Joseph Muscat an even bigger winning card before the European Parliament and local council elections.

In an attempt to avoid any leaks to the Labour Party and the press, Gonzi decided to call a meeting just four hours before parliament convened to discuss the motion on Wednesday evening.

But the 'permanent' presence of a super-mole in the PN parliamentary group, led Labour to issue the flash news of the parliamentary group's decision at 4:05 pm, just ten minutes before a Department of Information press release announced the decision at 4:15 pm.

Sources from the Office of the Prime Minister sources told MaltaToday that Gonzi was furious at yet another leak from within the parliamentary group.

Wednesday's parliamentary meeting was not attended by Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando, the controversial backbencher who fell out of favour with

his party over the Mistra scandal in the last election.

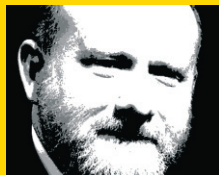
The backbencher launched his own personal crusade against the EU-funded project to house the Cathedral's Goblin tapestries in an underground museum, but PN sources say his opposition stems from his antagonism towards Richard Cachia Caruana.



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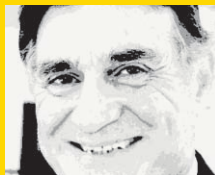
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Labour's considerable lead

Joseph Muscat and Simon Busuttil did the best job

For which party do you intend voting for in next June's elections for the European parliament? (%)

PL.....	27.7
PN.....	15.9
AD.....	2.7
Not voting.....	7.3
Don't know.....	30.8
No reply.....	15.7

Which MEP did the best job for the country? (%)

Joseph Muscat.....	21.1
Simon Busuttil.....	17.2
John Attard Montalto.....	3.3
David Casa.....	2.9
Louis Grech.....	2.6
Glenn Bedingfield.....	0.3
None.....	4
Don't know.....	48.6

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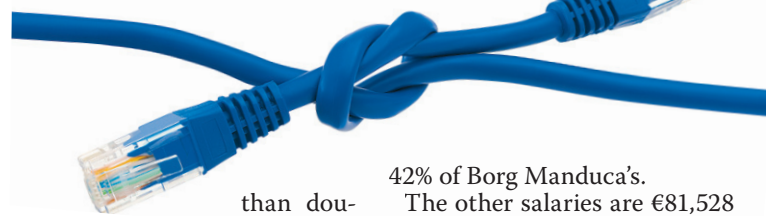
Double salary for MCAST director in IT contract fiasco

Matthew Vella

THE MCAST director who presided over a controversial tender for IT courses in 2008, and which led to a police investigation, is earning more

in response to a parliamentary question by Labour MP Evarist Bartolo.

At €28,301, the salary of the directors of MCAST's other institutes earn is just



than double the salary of his peers.

Juan Borg Manduca's €66,491 salary was revealed by Education Minister Dolores Cristina,

42% of Borg Manduca's.

The other salaries are €81,528 for school principal Prof. Maurice Grech and chief executive Emanuel Attard, and €26,787 for the institutes' deputy directors.

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