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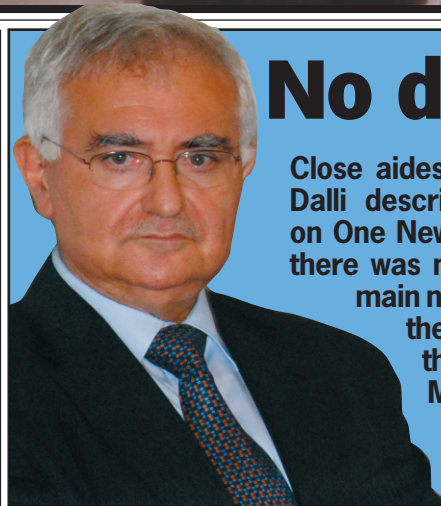
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### Dragonara denied extension

KARL STAGNO NAVARRA

The future of 225 employees at the Dragonara Casino is currently in limbo, after Cabinet has reportedly refused to grant an extension to the current operators to continue until next August. Government sources have revealed that Barriere Group, who have been operating the prestigious landmark casino since 1999, have only been given until the end of January to operate, while finance ministry officials are still vetting the expressions of interest that have been submitted during the summer.

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### No decision yet

Close aides to Social Policy Minister John Dalli described a report aired last night on One News as "an invention." They said there was no decision by Dalli. One News' main news item said Dalli had accepted the post of EU Commissioner, and that Dr Gonzi had not decided. MaltaToday is informed the report was based on a leak from the office of the Prime Minister.

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