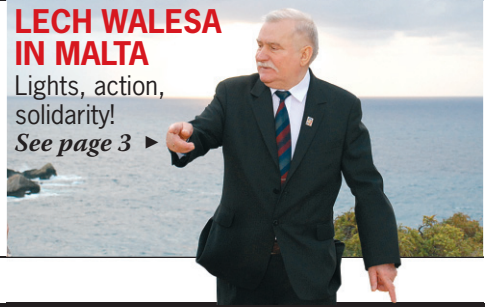


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### Bondiplus costings 'reasonable, but not all mine' – Tonio Fenech

**JAMES DEBONO**

THE parliamentary secretary for finance Tonio Fenech has denied that government had ac-

tually costed Labour's proposals to subsidise interest rates for first-time buyers at Lm60 million – instead taking responsibility only for the costing of Labour's overtime proposal pre-

sented last week on Bondiplus.

The debatable maths pitted Labour against TV presenter Lou Bondi after a programme featuring Fenech and MLP deputy leader Charles Mangion. In a two-minute right of reply aired last Monday on Bondiplus, Labour claimed the cost of four proposals was Lm15 million, and not Lm115 million as presented by Bondi.

Fenech also told MaltaToday he did not envisage a Lm5 million loss in government revenue should public holidays falling on a weekend be compensated by leave days – another of Labour's proposals – arguing instead that the figure quoted by on the programme represented a drop in productivity that would be suffered by the economy in general.

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Tonio Fenech

### 'Brute force' victim demands €30,000 in compensation... from MaltaToday

FIVE months ago, MaltaToday Midweek was instrumental in revealing the shocking use of brute force of a police sergeant on a French national.

Now, Catherine Sophie Pernod Sprangers, the 58-year-old French woman who was kicked unconscious in her car by the police sergeant in May, is demanding that MaltaToday pay her €30,000 in compensation for publicising a home video of the incident.

In a letter to the editor of this newspaper, Sprangers also claims to have been the victim of verbal abuse directed at her by the magistrate and lawyers in the case against David Sant, the 46-year-old police sergeant accused of assaulting her during an altercation in Paceville on 10



May.

"In the Magistrates' Court I even experienced being insulted and threatened both by the other party's solicitor and the Magistrate," Sprangers wrote, in a letter which goes on to request "€30,000 ▶ page 4

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