

Mr. Joseph Caruana,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry for Education and Employment
Great Siege Road,
Floriana, VLT 2000

1st December 2016

Subject: Standard Agreement: Full-time basis contractee engaged on a Person of Trust basis by Agreement signed between yourself, acting obo the Government of Malta, and myself, Philip Rizzo.

Mr. Caruana,

I refer to the above agreement entered between myself and the Government of Malta on the 28th April 2016.

By this letter, I am, with immediate effect, tendering my resignation from the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Tomorrow Schools, by application of article 6 of said agreement; for clarity's sake, I declare that my medically-certified ill health results from profound disappointment at the discovery of serious breaches of Government's Procurement Regulations and of the Criminal Code and, more so, of your Ministry's hesitancy over a considerable number of months to appropriately discipline the 'prima facie' prime culprit in good time.

I specifically repulse the pathetic attempt of your Minister to suggest to the general public that my current mental state is the result of any mere 'altercation'

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at work in October 2016; he has known the true reasons since the last week in April 2016 and he repeatedly attempted to dissuade me from formalising my discovery of serious multiple wrongdoings (committed primarily by a member of your own family) until the last day of August 2016.

It was that that caused me to lose trust in the Ministry for Education and Employment; indeed, I have since come to the sad conclusion that the differences of ethics and appreciation and application of the law, between myself and yourselves is unable to change through time, making it impossible for me to remain in the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Tomorrow's Schools.

It is widely accepted that, in April 2016, I brought fairness and transparency to every operational aspect of the Foundation and that such was warmly welcomed by a large majority of FTS Management and Staff, who responded with a work momentum that produced school building achievements in time for the beginning of the 2016/17 scholastic year which are on public record.

What finally '*broke my back*' was that, on 6th September 2016, the newly appointed FTS-Chairman, Dr. Emanuel Camilleri, ruled that, contrary to my suggestion, the FTS Board should NOT call in the OPM's Internal Audit and Investigations Directorate (IAID) to investigate the suspicions of multiple economic crimes that FTS' Executive Management had '*uncovered*', because, in his words, '*we would be disturbing HIS (Dr. Camilleri's) analysis of the FTS' internal and external environment*'.

I then had no option but to perform the onerous civic duty of filing copious and irrefutable documentary evidence with the Economic Crimes Police on a personal basis rather than '*ex-officio*' in representation of the FTS-Board or, better still, of the Ministry.

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Rest assured that despite my resignation, I will continue to co-operate with the Police, the IAID and with the Permanent Commission against Corruption (which officially summoned me to provide documentary evidence, which I did yesterday); I will remain loyal to my own professional formation and experience as an auditor, to ensuring that public funds are properly and adequately used according to law and that the wrongdoings of specific individuals does not overshadow the sterling work done by most public officers.



Philip Rizzo

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