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commissioner for the standards of public life is ongoing. An affidavit on the transaction has been submitted.

Ms Cutajar is also reported to have been promised money by Mr Fenech. This promise took place before the debate.

According to the Times of Malta she accepted cash from Mr Fenech in August 2019, after the report but before his arrest.

Ms Cutajar has not filed a single declaration of interest in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe by April 15th 2021. Neither did she make any oral statement drawing attention to her links with Mr Fenech.

Under paragraph 7, 8 and 9 of the rules of conduct in the code of the conducts she should have made such a declaration in the case of a potential or actual conflict of interest or even better, she should have tried to resolve this conflict of interest before the debate.

Therefore, I ask you to accept this letter and look into the behaviour of Ms Cutajar and her obligation to declare a relevant conflict of interest. In the light of the very serious prima facie evidence, I suggest the committee to inquire of Ms Cutajar whether she had any conflict of interest when signing amendments and speaking against the report in plenary. Alternatively, the committee could ask her to file her declarations of interest over the past three years.

I am at your disposal to answer further questions.

Sincerely yours,

Pieter Omtzigt

Member of the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe

Addendum 1: media reports in the Times of Malta on Ms. Cutajar

Rosianne Cutajar appears to have acted as a property broker while holding public office. See this exchange on Twitter.

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May 2019 - YF signs POS agreement. Vendor pays brokerage fee to Rosianne Cutajar See three Times of Malta reports here, here, and here.

Fenech signed a promise of sale agreement on a house in Mdina on 14 May 2019. Days later, the vendor, Joseph Camilleri, paid €44,500 in brokerage fees to Rosianne Cutajar and her associate, Carmel Farrugia. Camilleri told Ms Cutajar that she would have to return the money if the deal fell through. The sale fell through when Fenech was arrested in November 2019.