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## **Media Release**

### **MEA describes the employment of Melvin Theuma in the public sector as ‘Extremely Worrying’.**

The Malta Employers’ Association stated that the fact that it has now been established that there are paid phantom jobs in the public sector is extremely worrying and called for an enquiry to establish the extent of this practice. From recent news it transpires that the case of Mr. Theuma is not an exception, as a while ago no one would carry responsibility to explain how or where Mr. Neville Gafa was employed. The Association said that this is the opposite of good governance and an abuse of public funds. It is incredible that, in a situation where employers are desperate for manpower, we hear of cases of people who are given a paycheck without being expected to give anything in return. This is a gross injustice to the business community, and also to all those hardworking employees who are held accountable to what they produce in order to obtain just remuneration. It is also an injustice to government departments that are short staffed and do not have the manpower to handle increased workloads. MEA added that in view of the all the skeletons that are being dragged out of the public closets, it would be better for the Prime Minister to do the right thing for himself and the country and resign immediately.