

The Chairman
Public Contracts Review Board
Notre Dame Ditch,
Floriana



19th November 2019

RE: Objection IMA 2019/010 – Tender for the provision of Audit Services to Identity Malta Agency.

I refer to the objection in caption filed on 6th November 2019 by Parker Randall Turner Certified Public Accountants & Auditors, and bring to your attention the following facts;

That subsequent to the disqualification of GCS Assurance Malta Ltd from the tender process due to a conflict of interest, and following discussions held with the Departmental Contracts Committee and the Department of Contracts, the Tender Evaluation Committee was advised verbally and in writing to cancel award of the contract and the tender process itself, and the Committee acted accordingly;

That the opening and adjudication of a tender is a transparent and public process and done according to the provisions of the Law;

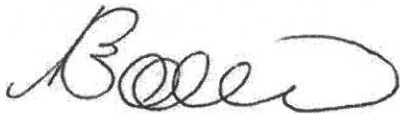
That Regulation 110(1) of SL 174.04 – Public Procurement regulations provides that,

*“Tenders shall be opened in public by two officers of the contracting authority.
The names of the bidders and the prices quoted shall also be made public
either through government’s e-procurement platform or on the notice board at
the contracting authority’s premises.”*

That any other comment in this regard is superfluous;

That Section 2 of the tender document includes an extract from the Public Procurement Regulations which outlines the steps to be followed by an injured party. Nevertheless, a response to the information requested by the objectors was sent within forty-eight hours from date of receipt;

This is being submitted in support of the decision taken by the Tender Evaluation Committee and in reply to the opposition raised by the objector and the Committee reserves the right to present further evidence and submissions during the hearing.



Martin Bowerman

Chairperson

Tender Evaluation Committee