

PRESS RELEASE

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Ministry not grasping full extent of Tourism tax issue

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, in representation of its members as well as a number of organisations directly involved in the Tourism industry, which include The Federated Association of Travel and Tourism Agents (FATTA), the Federation of English Language Teaching Organisations Malta (FELTOM), the Professional Diving Schools Association (PDSA) and the Malta Association of Hospitality Executives (MAHE), takes note of the Press Release issued by the Ministry for Tourism in reply to its statement on the introduction of Tourism tax without consultation.

The Malta Chamber clarifies that it had reacted to the matter immediately after the new tax was announced at the last budget, but its concerns were largely ignored. As a result, the implementation of the tax is seriously flawed and risks to damage the experience of the tourist and the industry.

The Malta Chamber shall be elaborating on the matter at the opportune time.

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