

**2024 Pre-Budget Document Proposals by
The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry on:**

JUSTICE

1. An **accelerated process of full digitalisation of the law courts is required**. Significant funding from the Recovery and Resiliency Plan is understood to be allocated for this purpose, to increase judicial and particularly court efficiency while streamlining interactions across relevant authorities. The business community lacks visibility of progress in this regard but reiterates the importance of expediting implementation.
2. A **comprehensive review** of the current processes and systems should be carried out. Courts' workload should be distributed more efficiently, such as by assigning a **dedicated group of magistrates to inquiries and compilation of evidence**. It is essential to provide judges and magistrates with adequate human and financial resources to effectively carry out their responsibilities.
3. **Specialised commercial courts are necessary** to align with the more complex transposed procedures requiring specialised professional expertise.
4. **The working hours of the courts need to be extended** to accommodate the demands of the reformed system.

