



Appendix B

| <b>CHARGES ISSUED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY RE: THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN 2017 <sup>1</sup></b>   |
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| <b>Bay Radio</b>   |
| The Authority issued a charge against Bay Radio under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the transmission of Public Service Announcements deemed objectionable due to their political nature during an Election Campaign.   |
| <b>ONE Radio</b>   |
| (A) The Authority issued a charge against ONE Radio under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the transmission of Public Service Announcements on the 25 May 2017 deemed objectionable due to their political nature during an Election Campaign.                        |
| (B) The Authority issued a charge against ONE Radio under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the transmission of Public Service Announcements deemed objectionable due to their political nature during an Election Campaign.   |
| <b>RTK</b>   |
| The Authority issued a charge against RTK Radio under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the transmission of Public Service Announcements deemed objectionable due to their political nature during an Election Campaign.   |
| <b>F Living</b>  |
| The Authority issued a charge against F Living under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of Article 3(2) of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the programme "In Depth" broadcast on the 13, 15, 20 and 24 May, 2017 when the station changed its programme schedule without seeking the Authority's approval. |
| <b>ONE</b>   |
| (A) The Authority issued a charge against ONE under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the transmission of Public Service Announcements on the 25 May 2017 deemed objectionable due to their political nature during an Election Campaign.                              |

<sup>1</sup> Details of BA decisions can be found on [www.ba-malta.org](http://www.ba-malta.org)

(B) The Authority issued a charge against ONE under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the transmission of Public Service Announcements deemed objectionable due to their political nature during an Election Campaign.

**NET HD**

The Authority issued a charge against Net TV under the Broadcasting Act in relation to a breach of Article 3(2) of its Directive in terms of Article 15 of the said Act for the period 8 May to the 3 June 2017 referring to the programme “Jien Naghzel Malta” broadcast on the 23 May, 2017 when the said programme was presented by Mr Norman Vella who was a candidate for the Nationalist Party for the General Election.



## Appendix C

| <b>LIST OF COMPLAINTS – PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2017 <sup>2</sup></b>   |
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| <p>1. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd</p> <p>The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 6 May 2017, in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 3 May 2017 in which case it contended that certain verbs and tactics adopted in the said bulletin were intended to condition the reasoning and fair judgment of the listener/televviewer</p>  |
| <p>2. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd</p> <p>The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 6 May 2017, in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 4 May, 2017 in which case it contended that a report regarding a court decree in a court case involving an investigation on Mr Keith Schembri and Mr Brian Tonna, was presented in such a way as to conceal the Governments actions.</p>  |
| <p>3. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd</p> <p>The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 7 May 2017, in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 5 May, 2017 in which case it contended that the use of certain verbs and tactics in the report was unacceptable and further it questioned the omission of three features from the general election segment in the said bulletin describing this as a way to benefit the Labour Party in terms of time and exposure.</p> |
| <p>4. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd</p> <p>The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 8 May 2017, in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 7 May, 2017 in which case it contended that the station had reported and repeated what it termed a lie made by Dr Joseph Muscat during a mass meeting in Żabbar.</p>  |
| <p>5. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd</p> <p>The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 17 May 2017, in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 16 May, 2017 in which case it questioned what it</p>   |

<sup>2</sup> Details of BA decisions can be found on [www.ba-malta.org](http://www.ba-malta.org)

termed the manipulative tactics employed by the station in failing to report the candidature of Dr Godfrey Farrugia with the Nationalist Party and the reporting on the other hand of the deposition in court of the *whistleblower* against Pilatus Bank in the Egrant case.

6. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd.

The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 18 May 2017 in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 17 May, 2017 in which case it objected to a report of Dr Joseph Muscat quoting, as it was claimed 'erroneously', the leader of the Opposition Dr Simon Busuttil to the detriment of the latter.

7. Complaint by the Nationalist Party vs PBS Ltd

The Nationalist Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 20 May 2017 in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 19 May, 2017 in which case it objected to a report of a Press Conference addressed by Dr Joseph Muscat in which he made incorrect and untruthful claims over the proof presented by Dr Simon Busuttil in connection with the Egrant case on bribes and money laundering.

8. Complaint by the Labour Party vs PBS Ltd

The Labour Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 22 May 2017 in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 20 May, 2017 in which case it objected to what it termed unfair reporting resulting from the fact that a report of events by the Nationalist Party was longer than the report on events by the Labour Party.

9. Complaint by the Labour Party vs PBS Ltd.

The Labour Party filed a complaint with the BA against PBS Limited dated 22 May 2017 in relation to the News Bulletin broadcast on the 19 May, 2017 in which case it objected to remarks passed by the journalist reporting an event by the Nationalist Party in Imgarr deemed by the Party as political comment and not factual.