REGION OF CULTURE PORT 2026

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Mr Christopher Galea
Director for Local Government
Department for Local Government
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Valletta

Tuesday, 23rd March 2026

Subject: Detailed Response to Management Letter – Financial Year Ended 31 December 2025

Dear Mr Galea,

I refer to the Management Letter issued in respect of the financial statements of Regjun Port for the year ended 31 December 2025, as well as to the observations raised therein.

On behalf of the Port Regional Council, I am providing a detailed response to the matters highlighted, with the aim of clarifying the current operational realities, delineating responsibilities, and outlining the actions being taken or proposed.

1. Local Enforcement System (LES) – Collections

The Region acknowledges the significant balance due from the Local Enforcement System, as highlighted in the Management Letter. However, it is important to emphasise that the collection of contraventions is not solely within the Region's control.

While the Region has a direct financial interest in the collection of these funds, the process itself forms part of a national enforcement framework administered by LESA. This includes both ongoing contraventions and the recovery of historical balances, which are currently being addressed centrally.

The Region remains committed to supporting the process administratively where required. Nevertheless, any structural improvements to the collection mechanism must be implemented at national level, in coordination with LESA and the Department for Local Government.

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2. Loqus System

The Region notes the audit qualification arising from reliance on the Loqus system and the absence of an IT audit.

In this regard, we reiterate that the Region does not exercise ownership or full operational control over the Loqus system. This position is consistent across Local and Regional Councils, including the position taken by Tarxien Local Council in similar circumstances.

Given that the system is externally managed, the Region's ability to verify, validate, or independently audit the data generated is inherently limited. While we recognise the importance of ensuring data integrity, this responsibility must be addressed at central level.

Furthermore, as indicated in previous correspondence, Loqus had confirmed that an audit of the system was already conducted and is currently held by the competent authorities. However, the Region has not been granted access to this audit.

In view of this, we will be formally requesting, together with the Department for Local Government a copy of the said audit. We maintain that this matter requires a coordinated approach involving all stakeholders to ensure transparency and reliability of financial data.

Annex A for your reference.

3. Supplier Statements

The Region acknowledges the recommendation regarding the regular collection of supplier statements.

In practice, the Region continuously requests and follows up for supplier statements in line with circulars issued by the Department for Local Government. However, it is a common and recurring challenge that several suppliers do not provide statements in a timely or consistent manner.

Notwithstanding these challenges, the Region ensures that all supplier invoices are processed and settled within 30 days from invoice date, and in many cases earlier. This demonstrates the Region's commitment to sound financial management and timely settlement of obligations.

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4. Long Outstanding Trade Creditors – Wasteserv

With respect to the balances related to Wasteserv Malta Ltd, these arise from an established operational and financial arrangement between Regional Councils and Wasteserv.

Specifically, a set-off mechanism is in place whereby Regional Councils incur costs for the collection of organic waste and are subsequently reimbursed by Wasteserv through the offsetting of gate fees payable by the Regions to Wasteserv.

Accordingly, the balances reflected in the accounts should be interpreted within the context of this reconciliation mechanism and not as overdue liabilities.

The Region will continue to monitor, reconcile, and regularise these balances on an ongoing basis.

5. Other Creditors – LES Unidentified Deposits

The issue of unidentified LES deposits is acknowledged. This is a long-standing systemic issue linked to the transition and implementation of new enforcement systems in 2011.

The Region has limited visibility and control over the allocation of these deposits. We are of the view that the planned reform involving the transfer of tribunal-related functions away from the Regions, expected to take place in 2026, should significantly improve reconciliation processes and address these discrepancies at source.

In the interim, the Region will continue to liaise with the Department for Local Government to seek guidance and resolution.

6. Granting of Funds Scheme – Department for Local Government

The Region recognises the observations regarding the need for enhanced monitoring controls over projects funded through the Granting of Funds Scheme.

It is important to clarify that the Region has consistently communicated with the Department for Local Government on this matter. The Region's role has primarily been administrative, facilitating payments based on instructions received and maintaining records of transactions.

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While we acknowledge the recommendation to strengthen monitoring, this would require clearer frameworks, guidance, and possibly additional resources from the Department. The Region remains fully committed to complying with any directives issued in this regard.

7. Tarmac Initiative Fund and ESC Plan Fund

With respect to both the Tarmac Initiative Fund and the Economic, Social and Cultural (ESC) Plan Fund, these matters have been repeatedly highlighted in previous management letters and remain pending due to their structural nature.

In this context, and in my capacity as Deputy Executive Secretary, I am of the considered opinion that a comprehensive stock-taking exercise should be undertaken by the Department for Local Government. This would establish the current status of these funds and determine the appropriate financial treatment.

Where applicable, any funds that are no longer required or remain unutilised should be regularised, including potential reclassification or recovery from the Region's accounts, in line with official direction.

8. Loans and Scheme-Related Funds

From a financial management perspective, and in my role as Head of Finance, I would emphasise the Region's willingness to resolve all outstanding matters related to loans and scheme funds.

The Region's current cashflow position has improved significantly, particularly following the successful collection of funds from schemes such as GreenPak and GreenMT. This places the Region in a position to regularise outstanding balances and, where necessary, transfer funds back to the relevant authorities.

We are therefore ready to proceed with settlement, subject to formal instructions and coordination with the Department for Local Government.

Annex B for your reference.

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Conclusion

The Region remains fully committed to strengthening governance, enhancing financial controls, and addressing all matters raised. However, it is important to underline that several of the issues identified are systemic in nature and extend beyond the direct control of the Regional Council.

Accordingly, we strongly advocate for a coordinated and structured approach involving the Department for Local Government, LESA, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure sustainable and long-term solutions.

Whilst we fully acknowledge the qualified opinion, we would like to emphasise that the Region has made every effort to address the issues raised in previous years, particularly in relation to the Loqus system and other matters highlighted in the Management Letter. Notwithstanding these efforts, progress has been limited due to the lack of sufficient coordination between the relevant entities.

This stands in contrast to areas where the Region had direct control, such as the resolution of long-outstanding creditors relating to Valletta and Birgu in connection with LES income, where timely and appropriate decisions were taken to successfully address the matter.

However, in instances where resolution depends on third-party input or central coordination, the process is inevitably prolonged, resulting in matters remaining pending despite the Region's proactive efforts.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications and look forward to continued collaboration.

Best Regards,

Paul Farrugia

President

Lianne Cassar

Acting Executive Secretary

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Annex A.

Outlook

RE: [EXTERNAL] - Re: Request for Feedback on Loqus System – Management Letter for Regjun Port

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Dear Lianne,

Good morning,

We have not yet received the IT audit report for Loqus. As communicated earlier, NAO doesn't have a copy of it.

We cannot do much from our end without the required supporting documentation. Unless we receive the report, the audit report will still be qualified on the same basis as in prior year.

Kind regards,
Patrizia

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Dear all,

Trust you are well.

As we are approaching the closure of the audit process for the Port Regional Council, I would like to kindly ask whether there are any updates regarding the matter below.

At present, this issue is leading to a qualified audit opinion for the Region, and it is important for us to have clear visibility on how this can be addressed, particularly as the matter appears to be beyond the direct control of the Region.

While we understand that the Regions may collectively request an audit process on the system, it would be important to clarify how such a request would be formally recognised and enforced, to ensure that any action taken is meaningful and effective.

We would greatly appreciate your guidance on how best to proceed in order to resolve this matter in a structured and practical manner.

Kind regards,

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Dear Lianne,

Good morning,

Ms Mercieca confirmed that the loqus report being requested is not available and they are following up with the department.

Regards,

Patrizia

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Dear Patrizia,

Just a kind reminder regarding the below please.

Best Regards

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Dear Lianne,

Good morning,

We will confirm the below with NAO and see if the report can shared with us and get back to you.

Regards,

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Dear Rowena and Patrizia,

I trust you are both well.

Do you think the feedback provided is sufficient to remove the Loqus remark from the 2025 management letter?

Kind regards,

Lianne Cassar
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Dear Ms. Cassar,

Apologies for the delay in our reply.

Kindly note that yearly IT Audits are carried out on LES as part of our Company Financial Audits.

Moreover, an independent IT Audit was carried out on the LES System in 2021 and this is periodically refreshed.

This IT Audit has been commissioned by LESA (based on the parameters recommended by NAO) and the report and findings were shared with LESA and with NAO.

In relation to specific discrepancies, one would need to understand how data presented in LES is accounted for in the Region's Accounting System.

LES has a specific set of reports used for EOY that are static and are not affected by time differences (that was a concern in the past reports).

Such discrepancies can also be investigated on request.

Obviously, we have no control over the physical funds transferred between entities and we cannot take responsibility for reports showing that the money was transferred but the funds haven't yet actually been received in the bank account.

Looping in Mr. @Flores Svetlick at LESA in this thread for his information.

Regards

Rachel

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Dear Ms. Bailey

Just a kind reminder for your feedback please.

Best Regards

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Noted with thanks

On Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 13:02:46 CEST, Lianne Cassar <lcassar@lca.org.mt> wrote:

Dear Ms. Bailey,

Kindly note that the management letter for Regjun Port highlights ongoing issues related to the Loqus system. As the financial statements of the Region are partially dependent on information obtained from Loqus reports, the Council is formally requesting an IT system audit.

Please refer to the letter linked below, particularly points 1.2 and 2, which outline the concerns. It appears that this matter has been noted repeatedly in the Regional Council's management letters by auditors, and thus warrants a closer review.

Management-Letter-Financial-Year-2024_compressed.pdf

We would appreciate your feedback on how this issue may be resolved. For ease of reference and coordination, I am also copying the Compliance Unit from the LDG and the National Audit Office.

Thank you in advance for your attention and support.

Best regards,

Annex B.

Outlook

RE: Clarification on Deferred Income and Pending Funds - Regjun Port

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Dear Mr. Galea,

This is a kind reminder regarding the matter below. As the auditing process for the Port Region has been halted, the auditors are unable to issue the management letter until a response is provided on the outstanding points.

This issue was discussed during the Port Region Committee meeting, and please note that if no reply is received, the region will be forced to transfer the funds back to the Department.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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Dear Mr. Galea,

Just a kind reminder regarding the way forward for the below please.

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Dear Mr. Galea,
I hope this message finds you well.
Kindly note that the region is currently carrying out the audit fieldwork for the year 2024. In this regard, there are the following transactions related to waste management:

- EUR 588,530, which were transferred in two separate tranches
- A loan of Eur149,296

This brings the total to **EUR 737,825**. Could you kindly advise whether we should repay the LGD or if we should record this amount as deferred income for 2025?
The funds related to the Tarmac initiative are still pending from 2018 and funds related to the Economic, Social, and Cultural Plan Funds are also still pending. Please note that all funding agreements related to the funding have now lapsed. I would appreciate your advice on how we should proceed regarding these funds as well.

- **Eur200,000** - ESC Plan
- **Eur29,945** - Tarmac Initiative Funds

Additionally, please be reminded that in our accounts, we have **EUR 876,082** recorded in relation to the LGD schemes
I am copying the auditors for ease of reference.
Looking forward to your guidance.
Best regards,

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Għażiż Chris,

Tifkira sabiex ir-Reġjun ikun jista' jagħmel it-trasferiment ta' dawn il-fondi.

Tarmac Initiative Fund

4.3 With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Committee and the Local Government Division regarding the Tarmac Initiative, the Committee received an amount of €114,340 in prior years and an amount of €29,944.86 remains untilised and which has been outstanding since 2021.

4.4 We recommend that the Committee follows this up with DLG and either settle or, if considered non-payable, reverse after careful consideration and approval by the Committee. Any decisions taken should be fully explained and taken into the Committee's minutes.

Economic, Social and Cultural Plan Fund

4.5 The Committee received an amount of €200,000 from the Local Government Division to carry out works and projects which address the Economic, Social and Cultural plan of the Government in 2015. Up to date, the Committee has yet to plan the possible work and projects.

4.6 We recommend that the Committee follows this up with DLG and either settle or, if considered non-payable, reverse after careful consideration and approval by the Committee. Any decisions taken should be fully explained and minuted.

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Għażiż Chris,

Ġentilment nixtieq ninfurmak li wara l-laqgħa tal-bieraħ il-President informa lil dawk preżenti li ġie avviċinat waqt attivita mis-Sa. Pisani fejn din qaltlu li saret taf li ser jirritorna xi fondi tal-iskemi fosthom l-iskema ta' tarmak. Huwa qal li din qaltlu li d-Dipartiment diġa naqqaslu il-fondi relatati ma' tarmak mill-allokazzjoni lura fis-snin u allura m għandu jirritorna xejn.

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Napprezza jekk tikkonfermaw dan jew mod ieħor peress li din il-materja ijla pendenti mis-sena 2018 u kif tafu rridu nwieġbu anki lill-awdituri fuqha.

Grazzi u tislijiet

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Għażiża Lianne

X'kien l-eżitu tar-riżoluzzjoni pls u kemm huwa l-ammont li r-Reġjun ser jirritorna lid-Diviżjoni?

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Għeżież,

Napprezzaw direzzjoni mill-Accounts sabiex inkunu nistgħu nitrasferixxu l-fondi.

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Għażiż Sur Galea,

Grazzi tal-gwida.

Min-naħa ta' rekordjar kollox hemm kif suppost. L-awdituri riedu jkunu jafu jekk hux ser jingħataw lura jew jiġux deferred income peress li l-ammont huwa materjali.

Wara li tkellimt mal-President, jidher li mhemmx qbil li r-Reġjun iżomm fondi li ma jistax juża għax iridu jerġgħu jgħaddu lid-Diviżjoni u għaldaqstant ir-Reġjun ma jixtieqx li dawk il-fondi jinżamu fil-kontijiet bankarji tiegħu biex sempliċiment jidher li qed iżomm il-miljuni meta fil-verita' dawk jistgħu jintużaw aħjar jekk ikunu għand id-Diviżjoni speċjalment meta mal-mejda tar-Reġjun hemm Sindkli li kontinwament qed jagħlqu s-sena finanzjarja tagħhom b' deficit. Għaldaqstant il-President ser ikun qed iressaq reżoluzzjoni waqt il-laqgħa li jmiss tar-Reġjun sabiex fondi li mhumiex tar-Reġjun imma jinstabu filkontijiet bankarji tar-Reġjun jagħddu lura kollha minn fejn ġew.

Dan anki biex ma tingħatax l-impressjoni skorretta tas-sitwazzjoni finanzjarja tar-reġjun meta wieħed iħares lejn il-financial statements.

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Għażiża Sa Cassar

Fir-rigward ta' l-ammont ta' EUR 737,825, dan l-ammont għadu dovut lid-Diviżjoni.
Fir-rigward l-amonti ta' Eur200,000 - ESC Plan u Eur29,945 - Tarmac Initiative Funds, dawn l-ammont għandhom jiġu ritornati lura lid-Diviżjoni. Qed nikkopja lit-taqsima tal-Accounts biex jigwidawk kif għandek tagħmel dan.
Dwar l-ammont ta' EUR 876,082, dan jibqa' jkun rekordjat bl-istess mod kif qed jiġi rekordjat issa.

Għal diffikultajiet fuq rekordjar fl-accounts, is-Sa Bugeja ikkupjata tkun tista' tigwidak.

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Dear Mr. Galea,

This is a kind reminder regarding the matter below. As the auditing process for the Port Region has been halted, the auditors are unable to issue the management letter until a response is provided on the outstanding points.

This issue was discussed during the Port Region Committee meeting, and please note that if no reply is received, the region will be forced to transfer the funds back to the Department.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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Dear Mr. Galea,

Just a kind reminder regarding the way forward for the below please.

Best Regards

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Dear Mr. Galea,
I hope this message finds you well.
Kindly note that the region is currently carrying out the audit fieldwork for the year 2024. In this regard, there are the following transactions related to waste management:

- EUR 588,530, which were transferred in two separate tranches
- A loan of Eur149,296

This brings the total to **EUR 737,825**. Could you kindly advise whether we should repay the LGD or if we should record this amount as deferred income for 2025?
The funds related to the Tarmac initiative are still pending from 2018 and funds related to the Economic, Social, and Cultural Plan Funds are also still pending. Please note that all funding agreements related to the funding have now lapsed. I would appreciate your advice on how we should proceed regarding these funds as well.

- **Eur200,000** - ESC Plan
- **Eur29,945** - Tarmac Initiative Funds

Additionally, please be reminded that in our accounts, we have **EUR 876,082** recorded in relation to the LGD schemes I am copying the auditors for ease of reference.
Looking forward to your guidance.
Best regards,

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