

Reply to targeted stakeholder consultation on the 2026 rule of law report: supporting document by the Office of the Commissioner for Standards in Public Life

1 Statistical data on the work of the Commissioner

Information covering time periods different from those shown in the tables below can be provided on request.

Table 1 Complaints received, resolved and pending: totals, 2018–2025

Complaints received – total as on 31 December 2025		221
Complaints closed – total as on 31 December 2025		205
Of which:	Not investigated/not investigated further	125
	Withdrawn by complainant	1
	Investigated and concluded	79
Complaints pending on 31 December 2025		16
Of which:	Under preliminary review	2
	Under investigation	13
	Investigation suspended	1

Table 2 Complaints received, resolved and pending: annual breakdown, 2023–2025

	2023	2024	2025
Complaints outstanding at start of year	19	27	16
New complaints received	35	19	30
Total number of outstanding and new complaints	54	46	46
Complaints closed	27	30	30
Of which:			
Not investigated/further	20	13	17
Withdrawn by complainant	–	–	–
Investigated and concluded	7	17	13
Complaints pending at end of year	27	16	16
Of which:			
Under preliminary review	16	4	2
Under investigation	11	12	13
Investigation suspended	–	–	1

Table 3 Outcome of investigations concluded, with corresponding number of complaints:* totals, 2018–2025

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Number of investigations</i>	<i>Corresponding no. of complaints</i>
Case referred to Parliament's Standards Committee	15	16
Case referred to other authorities	–	–
Case resolved by the Commissioner**	15	18
Case report dealt with practices rather than individuals	3	3
Investigation was inconclusive	5	6
No misconduct found	30	36
Total number of investigations concluded	68	79

* *The number of investigations carried out does not necessarily match the number of complaints investigated. Related complaints can be addressed through a single investigation or, conversely, the Commissioner can start an own-initiative investigation in the absence of a complaint.*

** *Article 22(5) of the Standards in Public Life Act empowers the Commissioner to resolve cases of misconduct himself if the misconduct is not serious in nature, and the person investigated agrees to take remedial action as proposed by the Commissioner. Such cases are closed by the Commissioner without reference to Parliament's Standards Committee.*

2 Links to correspondence mentioned by this office in its replies to the consultation questionnaire

[Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister of 6 January 2026 regarding asset declarations by ministers](#)

[Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister of 30 January 2025 regarding asset declarations by ministers and MPs](#)

[Commissioner's letter of 18 July 2023 recommending that the guidelines on government advertising should be incorporated in the ministerial code of ethics \(in Maltese\)](#)

3 Links to other documents mentioned by this office in its replies to the consultation questionnaire

[OECD report of October 2023 on the integrity framework of Malta](#)

[Commissioner's guidelines on government advertising and promotional material](#)

[Commissioner's report of 2020 proposing revised codes of ethics for MPs and ministers](#)