



DECLARATIONS FOR Y-PLATES (4)

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In the latest development of the ongoing saga related to the Y-plate licence renewals, the Ombudsman, through the Commissioner for the Environment and Planning (CEP), has published its Opinion on a complaint filed by an operator “that highlights significant legal anomalies and administrative irregularities surrounding the issuance and renewal of LPTS (Y-Plate) Operator’s Licences in Malta over the past year”.

The CEP made the following statements:

1. A planning permit for a public service garage is required regardless of the number of cars accommodated in a garaging facility;
2. There are regulatory inconsistencies in the role of the perit as envisaged in the same legal notice;
3. The role of periti under these regulations limited solely to new applicants without an existing operator’s licence;
4. The Kamra tal-Periti “is correct in issuing the corresponding Circular to Architects, instructing them to ensure that the garage possesses a valid public services garage PA permit.”

In concluding the Final Opinion, the CEP called on Transport Malta “to convene discussions with the Planning Authority, the [Kamra tal-Periti], and the Operators to facilitate the necessary amendments to S.L.499.68”.

Periti are thus advised to proceed as per circular CIR 04/24 until further notice.


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President