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## **THE ROLE OF THE AUDIT OFFICE AT MEPA**

The *Kamra tal-Periti* has long been in favour of the increased transparency and democratisation of the planning process in general, and it sees the Audit role as an important contribution to the credibility of the whole process. The Audit Officer must not only be appointed but also empowered and resourced sufficiently to carry out audits independently of influence as provided in the law. The Audit Officer's position as provided for in the Development Planning Act, (Article 17C) is an important institution by the legislature of the planning function and the operation of MEPA in particular.

The *Kamra tal-Periti* is seriously concerned that the role of the Audit Officer at the Malta Environment and Planning Authority is still not properly functioning after several months of dispute. Further protraction of this current situation is a disservice to the public and also continues to undermine the credibility both of the Authority and also that of the Government.

The *Kamra* thus insists that the required action be taken without further delay to re-activate, with the required resources, this Audit function of MEPA and its operations.