## **Financial Accountability Statement**

Member of the European Parliament: Prof Edward Scicluna MEP

Legislative year: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### 1. Secretarial Assistance Allowance (Article 14 – PEAM)

Staff complement of accredited and local assistants employed in Brussels and Malta offices and paid through the Secretarial Assistance Allowance from the European Parliamentary Budget. Accredited assistants in Brussels are paid directly by the EP, while local assistants are paid by an EP accredited local paying agent.

Accredited Assistants (Brussels Office)

Mr Ben Fox (FT)

Ms Desiree Georgakopoulos (FT)

Ms Michaela Muscat (Stagiaire)

Local Assistants (Malta Office)

Mr Frans Ghirxi (FT)

Ms Alda Vella (FT)

Mr Victor Grech (PT)

Mr Pierre Cachia (PT)

Short term assignments to 12 other contracted persons and 2 service providers (excluding the Paying Agent) were given during the period.

Name of EP Accredited Paying Agent: MSS International Services Ltd,

Address: Regent House, 52, Fifth Floor, Bisazza Street, Sliema, Malta.

Funds disbursed between 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010

€ 173,655.07

Funds due back to the European Parliament as at 31 December 2009

€ 625.20

Funds paid back to the European Parliament

€ 625.20

## 2. Daily Subsistence Allowance (Article 11 – PEAM)

Members of the European Parliament are entitled to a flat rate allowance for each day on which they are engaged in Parliamentary activities in Brussels or Strasbourg. The flat rate allowance is intended to cover living expenses relating, amongst others, to accommodation (including rent, lighting, water and heating, gas, cleaning, maintenance, insurance, condominium, laundry), hotels, meals, hospitality and other related expenses incurred during the members stay in the working places of the European Parliament. The daily subsistence allowance is only paid once Members' attendance has been attested by their signature in an attendance register provided for that purpose.

Total subsistence allowances (14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010)

€ 38,144.00

Total Number of Parliamentary Days

128 days

## 3. General Expenditure Allowance (Article 13 - PEAM)

European Members of Parliament receive a monthly flat rate **lump sum** allowance of € 4202 to cover general expenses including amongst others office management and running costs (in particular rent and related charges such as heating, lighting, gas, maintenance, insurance, cleaning, etc...), cost of purchasing or renting of office equipment, communications costs (fixed telephony, mobile telephony, postal charges, etc....), stationery, cost of purchasing books, periodicals and newspapers, subscriptions expenses, costs of TV and internet services, computer software, certain costs related to travelling in state where members were elected, conferences and events.

## 4. Reimbursement of travel expenses to and from Parliament (Article 10 - PEAM)

Members are entitled to travel expenses to meet actual costs incurred in connection with missions (duty travel) undertaken in the performance of members' parliamentary duties (Brussels, Strasbourg & Luxembourg). Travel expenses are reimbursed on the basis of attestation of attendance available in the Chamber or Meeting rooms or in the Central Registry.

A.	Air	€	35	5,103.88
В.	Car	€		540.89
C.	Distance and time allowance	€	1	6,576.58

### 5. Reimbursement of other travel expenses (Article 22 - PEAM)

Other Travel Allowance € 2,385.94

Signed

Prof Edward Scicluna

Date 12 10 2010

# Joseph Azzopardi

Certified Public Accountant

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### **Certification Statement**

I hereby certify, as auditor, that Prof. Edward Scicluna MEP has provided me with the necessary documentary evidence and financial data regarding his Financial Accountability Statement for the period 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

I have reviewed his financial accountability statement comprising expenses incurred by him with respect to European Parliamentary allowances.

I can confirm that this Financial Accountability Statement has been correctly compiled and reflects the expenditure incurred by Prof. Edward Scicluna MEP during the period under review. I can also confirm that the funds made available to him as MEP by the European Parliament have been utilised in full compliance with the established rules of the European Parliament. I can also confirm that unutilised funds remaining at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 have been paid back to the European Parliament by the Paying Agent.

Joseph Azzopardi FCCA, FIA, MBA, CPA

Certified Public Accountant

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010



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Dear Sir/Madam.

Subject: Regularisation of parliamentary assistance expenses for the second half of 2009 in relation to Edward SCICLUNA MEP

Thank you for the documents that have been received in relation to the regularisation of the parliamentary assistance expenses of Mr **Edward SCICLUNA** MEP, as concerns his local parliamentary assistants for the period 14 July 2009 to 31 December 2009.

On the basis of the information received I am happy to be able to inform you that the regularisation papers appear to be in order and that the requirements of Article 39 of the Implementing Measures to the Statute for Members for the relevant period have been met successfully.

For your information please note that documents regularising parliamentary assistance expenses as concerns local parliamentary assistants for the period 01 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 must be submitted by 30 March 2011.

Yours faithfully,

Paulo Campilho Head of Unit

cc. Edward SCICLUNA MEP