

Brief Biography of Appointed Regulators

Dr Godwin Grima

April 2014 – January 2016



Dr Godwin Grima was appointed as the first Regulator when the Office was set up in April 2014.

Having joined the Public Service as Notary to the Government in 1979 he subsequently held a number of senior positions which included Director General (Land and Public Registry), Permanent Secretary (Ministry for Justice and Home Affairs) and Permanent Secretary (Office of the Prime Minister).

In January 2005 he was appointed as Principal Permanent Secretary and also as Cabinet Secretary in January 2006.

Dr Grima retired on 28 January 2016 having reached retirement age.

Mr Carmel De Gabriele

February 2016 -



Mr Carmel De Gabriele is the present Regulator (IIP), having been originally appointed for a two-year term through Government Press Release 160249 issued on 6 February 2016. He replaced Dr Godwin Grima, former Head of the Public Service, who had reached retirement age.

Mr De Gabriele was born in Zejtun on the 8th of December 1943. He joined the Public Service in 1964 where he enjoyed a distinguished career spanning over forty years, rising through the ranks and being ultimately appointed as Permanent Secretary within the Ministry for Social Welfare. It was in such area (social welfare) where he gained vast experience and expertise. This led him to be appointed as Government's representative on various renowned international Organisations, namely the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Council of

Europe Steering Committee for Social Affairs, the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Social Security and the United Nations Commission on Social Development. During such time he frequently participated in and/or chaired related international conferences, meetings and symposia.

Furthermore, he was appointed Chief Negotiator on behalf of the Maltese Government in discussions with a number of countries in connection with the formulation of respective Reciprocal Agreements on Social Security. Similarly he was appointed Chief Negotiator on behalf of the Maltese Government in discussions held in connection with the adoption of Romanian and Albanian children by Maltese families.

Between 1998 and 2005 he served as Chief Electoral Commissioner under different administrations, where he was responsible for the organisation of the General Elections of 1998 and 2003, the EU Referendum of 2003, the European Parliament Elections of 2004 and various Local Council Elections. During such time he participated in the EU Governing Body on Electoral matters (as an Observer during the period 1998-2003 and as a member during the period 2003-2005).

Mr De Gabriele's appointment as Regulator (Individual Investor Programme) was renewed for additional periods of two years on 2 February 2018 and, subsequently, on 6 February 2020.