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Press Release

## **MEA organises Information Session on Data protection**

An information session for employers about Data protection was organised by MEA on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Phoenicia Hotel. The main speakers at this session were Mr. David Cauchi and Mr. Ian Deguara from the Commission of Data Protection. Following a presentation about the Data Protection Legislation, Dr. Charlotte Camilleri prepared a list of questions which frequently emerged when employers came to apply the provisions of the legislation. This was followed by a lively debate and questions from the floor on various aspects of data protection, ranging from the installation of CCTV cameras, to medical certificates, palm readers, and union recognition. Representatives from more than a 100 companies were present for this session.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Joe Farrugia, Director General, said that the strong attendance and vigorous interest displayed by the participants is clear proof of the importance of this topic to employers, and that although many questions were answered, the answers frequently gave rise to further questions. He said that many employers are ethical in their treatment of sensitive information and that the MEA is always there to assist them whenever difficulties arise.

The event was sponsored by Atlas Insurance PCC Ltd and the Malta Institute of Management.

