

**-Who introduced you to Wasay Bhatti, and when did you first meet?**

Dr Bhatti was introduced to me as an investor in Malta by my then Chief of Staff some years back.

**-When did you start communicating with Mr Wasay Bhatti about your personal consultancy contract?**

Dr Bhatti communicated with me after I announced my resignation.

**- Your home and offices were searched last year, over suspicions that your consultancy contract with Accutor was a bogus one, used as cover to pass on kickbacks linked to the Vitals and Steward deals. How do you respond to this?**

I am not informed about your claim that the search was because of suspicions that the contract with Accutor was "bogus". So you seem to be better informed about what is going on within a supposedly confidential inquiry. Nevertheless, I strongly refute these allegations. I have carried out legitimate and documented work in connection with my contract.

**-Were you aware that by the time you started being paid, Accutor and affiliated companies were largely funded by payments from Steward?**

No I was not aware and cannot verify not even now whether the said claim is correct.

**-Why did the first two payments to you come from Accutor Consulting, when your consultancy contract was with SpringX Media?**

I would not know that and you would need to ask the company.

**- When were you first aware that both Shaukat Ali and his son Asad were also Accutor consultants?**

I was not aware of this.

**-When were you first aware that Sirimed, the building contractors at the Gozo medical school, paid money into Accutor? Have you asked Mr Bhatti the purpose behind these payments?**

I was made aware by yourself. Dr Bhatti told me Sirimed was a client of his company in the Gulf region.

**- You have said there is documented evidence to show you carried out work for Accutor. What type of evidence is this? Can you provide us with these documents?**

It is evidence that shows the projects I have been working on and meetings held. I do not believe I should divulge them beyond making them available to the competent authorities.

**- Can you show us the communication in which your engagement was formally terminated, as per clause 21 of the contract?**

I do not believe I should divulge any further document but can ascertain you everything was carried out accordingly.

**- How were you involved in plans by Mr Bhatti/Accutor to take over Crystal Palace? Were any concerns ever raised to you about the veracity of the Accutor accounts provided to the club and its lawyers?**

I was asked to monitor the situation on Dr Bhatti's behalf with regards to his interest in a group involved in takeovers within the football industry. I was involved towards the end of the deal with Crystal Palace as it fell through. None of the concerns you mention were flagged to me and I would like visibility on the said allegations to be able to respond further if needed. May I point out this fact belies the idea that my contract was bogus.

**-We have seen a business proposal from Spring Solutions, Bhatti's company, for monitoring coverage of you and your government and creating more favourable coverage. Was Keith Schembri negotiating a contract for media "agenda-setting" with Bhatti and his business partners under your instructions?**

I am not aware of this proposal and would like to have visibility. I do not think it ever went through and never came to my attention. We would receive numerous such proposals to this effect.

**The NAO audit report found that "...several of the failures that emerged at the implementation stage of the concession may readily be traced to the selection of Vitals Global Healthcare as the concessionaire, a poor choice that set the stage for what was to come..." This was cited in the Depasquale judgement. How do you respond to this?**

I have no further comments to add to those I already made, and surely not about an arbitrarily selective part of extensive NAO reports.

**We have heard from cabinet sources that the €100 million side agreement signed by Konrad Mizzi was never discussed in cabinet. You have said that it was. Can you provide us with minutes from the meeting?**

Yes.

**The hospitals privatisation deal was signed on your watch. Operationally, it has clearly failed at enormous cost to the taxpayer - of almost half a billion euros - and opportunity cost to the healthcare system. Do you have any regrets?**

I regret that we missed out on an enormous possibility, mostly because the vested interests would never let it happen. Obviously, with the benefit of hindsight, things could have been done better by all concerned. I concur with government's statement that your calculation of cost is totally misconceived.

**How did you ask Robert Abela to handle Steward's concession, ahead of him succeeding you?**

I did not ask anything of the Prime Minister. I simply introduced him to the main stakeholders.