

## Appointments in Partit Nazzjonalista Parliamentary Group

The Leader of the Opposition Simon Busuttil today announced the assignment of roles within the Partit Nazzjonalista Parliamentary Group.

In a statement, he said that “As promised, I will ensure the proper functioning of both the party and the Opposition in order to ensure a smooth transition towards the new leadership in September. In line with my commitment to ensure a fair level playing field in the upcoming leadership contest of the Partit Nazzjonalista, I have decided to assign a role to each and every Member of Parliament in the Parliamentary Group.” he said.

He concluded saying that “The decisions I have taken today will ensure that from the opening of Parliament this Saturday, Partit Nazzjonalista will present a strong and effective Opposition both in the House of Representatives as well as outside it.”

Key highlights:

1. All MPs assigned roles of Spokespersons for a different area to shadow individual Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in Government.
2. The Partit Nazzjonalista Parliamentary Group will discuss, on Friday, the decision of Partit Demokratiku that Marlene Farrugia MP and Godfrey Farrugia MP will form part of the Opposition Parliamentary Group.
3. Claudette Buttigieg will be nominated as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.
4. Beppe Fenech Adami will be nominated as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

PN SPOKESPERSONS IN PARLIAMENT		
1	<b>Simon BUSUTTIL</b>	Leader of the Opposition
2	<b>Mario DE MARCO</b>	Deputy Leader, Parliamentary Affairs Finance
3	<b>Beppe FENECH ADAMI</b>	Deputy Leader, Party Affairs Home Affairs and National Security <i>Chairman, Public Accounts Committee</i>
4	<b>Claudette BUTTIGIEG</b>	Deputy Speaker

PN SPOKESPERSONS IN PARLIAMENT		
	<b><i>Foreign and European Affairs</i></b>	
5	<b>Carm MIFSUD BONNICI</b>	Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion
6	<b>David STELLINI</b>	European Affairs
	<b><i>Justice and Citizens' Rights</i></b>	
7	<b>Jason AZZOPARDI</b>	Justice and Constitutional Affairs
8	<b>David AGIUS</b>	Group Whip Citizens' Rights and Social Dialogue (including Equality, NGOs, Consumer Protection, Youth and Sports)
9	<b>Robert CUTAJAR</b>	Local Councils
	<b><i>Economic Affairs and Public Sector</i></b>	
10	<b>Claudio GRECH</b>	Economic Affairs and Competitiveness
11	<b>Robert ARRIGO</b>	Tourism and Airmalta
12	<b>Kristy DEBONO</b>	The Services Sector (Including Financial Services, Digital Economy and Innovation)
13	<b>Ryan CALLUS</b>	The Property Market and Development Planning <i>Opposition member on the Planning Authority</i>
14	<b>Edwin VASSALLO</b>	Small Business, Self Employed and Cooperatives
15	<b>Hermann SCHIAVONE</b>	Public Administration and the Public Sector
	<b><i>Education and Employment</i></b>	
16	<b>Therese COMODINI CACHIA</b>	Education and Employment
17	<b>Karl GOUDER</b>	Culture and the Media
	<b><i>Health and Care</i></b>	
18	<b>Stephen SPITERI</b>	Health
19	<b>Maria DEGUARA</b>	The Elderly and Persons with a Disability

PN SPOKESPERSONS IN PARLIAMENT		
	<i>Social Justice</i>	
20	Clyde PULI	Family and Social Affairs
21	Ivan BARTOLO	Social Housing and the Fight Against Poverty
	<i>Environment, Energy and Transport</i>	
22	Marthese PORTELLI	Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects
23	Karol AQUILINA	Environment, Sustainable Development, Climate Change
24	Jean Pierre DEBONO	Energy and Water Management
25	Toni BEZZINA	Agriculture and Fisheries
26	Mario GALEA	Animal Welfare
	<i>Gozo Affairs</i>	
27	Chris SAID	Gozo Affairs
28	Frederick AZZOPARDI	Education and Social Affairs in Gozo <i>Deputy Whip</i>

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