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# The assassination of Ms Daphne Caruana Galizia

**Written question No. 727 to the Committee of Ministers**
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On 16 October 2017, Ms Daphne Caruana Galizia, the prominent journalist who led the Panama Papers investigations in Malta, was assassinated in a car bomb. In 2016 and 2017, Ms Caruana Galizia revealed, among other things, that the Maltese Prime Minister's wife, his chief of staff and a government minister own secret Panamanian companies. Ms Caruana Galizia also reported failure of the police to investigate evidence revealed by whistleblowers and subject of a highly critical report of the Maltese Financial Intelligence Unit. This is confirmed by a European Parliament fact-finding mission to Malta.

Mr Omtzigt,

To ask the Committee of Ministers,

Will you request formal explanations from the Maltese Government on its Police Force's failure to investigate evidence of money laundering by government officials and their relatives, on its failure to adequately protect Ms Caruana Galizia and on the protection it intends to afford to the relevant whistleblowers?

A quick reply would be appreciated.