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Presentation of proposed amendments to the Auditor General and the National Audit Office Act to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Governance

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In a meeting held on 5 November 2020, Auditor General Charles Deguara, presented to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Governance Edward Zammit Lewis with a series of proposals for amendments to the Auditor General and the National Audit Office Act.

The proposed amendments are deemed necessary in order to better equip the National Audit Office in its work intended to contribute towards the improvement of governance and performance of the public sector. The multiple responsibilities overseen by the public sector, coupled with its evolving complexity, renders the Office's audit thereof ever more challenging. Overcoming such challenges necessitates the introduction of new methods of auditing, improved coordination with stakeholders, and the refinement of existing practices, together with multiple other initiatives.

The delegation from the National Audit Office included the Deputy Auditor General, Mr Noel Camilleri, the Assistant Auditor General, Mr Keith Mercieca and Dr Amanda Borg, who together with Dr Denise Borg Muscat coordinated the extensive consultation process within the Office that led to the proposed legislative amendments. Supporting this process was Professor Ian Refalo, the Office's legal consultant.

Minister Edward Zammit Lewis conveyed his appreciation to the delegation for these proposals and indicated that the State Attorney, Dr Chris Soler, also in attendance, would be reviewing the submissions and providing advice on that proposed.

The proposed amendments may be accessed through the following [link](#).

