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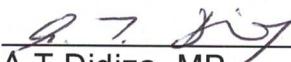
Dear Hon Michalakis

**ALLEGATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR**

Your letter dated 09 February 2026 wherein you refer to the documents related to the salary of the Secretary to Parliament that the Democratic Alliance submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament and the Public Protector, bears reference. The submission you refer to was made under cover of a letter from yourself, addressed to the Chairpersons of the Joint Standing Committee, dated 5 February 2026. I was merely copied in that letter.

The issue you raise in your letter dated 9 February concerns allegations about a personal matter, which, if resulting in a conflict of interest, would fall within the responsibility of the Office of the Public Protector to respond to the Democratic Alliance, as complainant. I can therefore not accede to your request as suggested in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

  
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Speaker of the National Assembly

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