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**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE AT MINISTRY FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Ministry for Competitiveness and Communications has installed 2 photovoltaic systems (PV) - a 3.2kWp photovoltaic system at the Ministry's premises and a 3.2kWp at the Consumer and Competition Division (CCD). The PV systems are similar in design and consist of 32 x 200 watts of Kyocera Solar Photovoltaic panels and two SMA Sunny Boy DC to AC inverters.

During the press conference held at the CCD, Minister for Competitiveness and Communications Censu Galea said that "both systems will generate over 10,000 kilo watt hours yearly, and will actually save over 8,800 kgs of harmful CO2 emissions. This is equivalent to the total electrical consumption of 2 homes in Malta. The environment and climate change are at the top of Government's agenda. This is another initiative undertaken by the Ministry of Competitiveness towards having a better environment through energy-saving initiatives. We are actively looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint and the PV system is an excellent way to achieve instant savings."

Dr. Mireille Vella, Director General at the Consumer and Competition Division said that one of the key functions of the Division is consumer education. Often the Division focuses on the conduct of consumers in doing their purchases. In doing so, and aware of Government's commitment towards the environment, this is an excellent opportunity whereby through this initiative, the Division is setting an example so that where possible, consumers also take into consideration the environment when taking such decisions – this may be coined as "consumer green decisions".

Mr. Karl Azzopardi, Director for Solar Solutions added that this was another successful installation, noting that the system was specifically designed to compensate for energy used to power lighting within the CCD premises and power needs for the Ministry. He thanked all those who took the initiative for the project to take place and augured that this installation would be appreciated by the Maltese public.

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