

REPORT ON THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE DUE TO BATHING PROHIBATION PERIOD

Next to B10 Exiles Bay- sandy beach
(26th May to 2nd June 2026)

On 26 May 2026, a complaint was received regarding a sewage overflow into the sea beneath the public toilets at Ġnien l-Indipendenza, Sliema.

An onsite inspection by the Environmental Health Officer (EHOs) was carried out on the same day at 16:00 confirmed the presence of sewage discharge into the sea (Figure 1). Dye testing from the public convenience confirmed that the discharge originated from a failure of the sewage pump (Figure 2 & 3).

The responsible party was immediately notified, and corrective actions were undertaken. The overflow ceased following repairs carried out on the same day.



Figure 1: sewage overflowing into the sea



Figure 2: dye into the sea



Figure 3: origin of overflow

Signage was installed to advise the public against bathing in the affected area (Figures 4, 5, and 6). EHOs monitored the corrective measures implemented by the responsible party, and seawater samples were collected from the impacted area.



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Figure 4: Sign 1

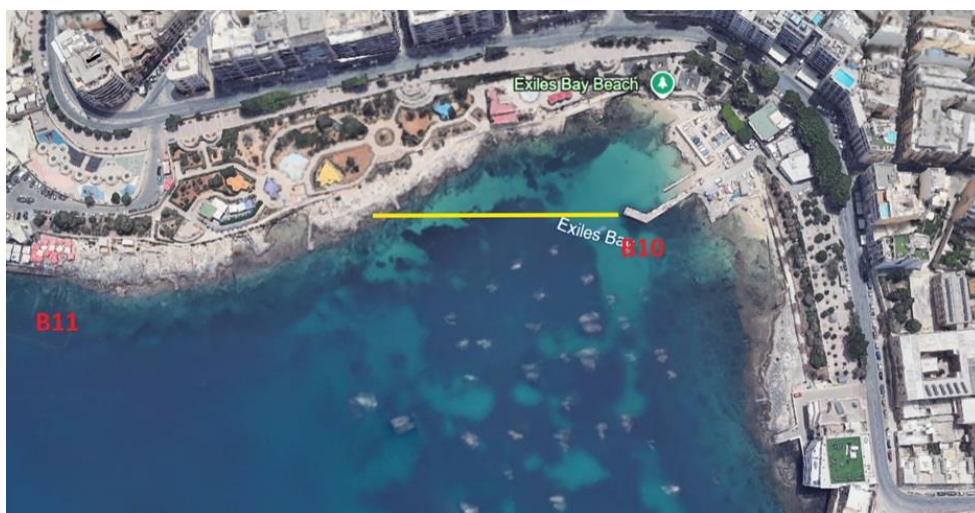


Figure 5: Sign 2



Figure 6: Sign 3

The map below indicating the affected area.



Sea water samples were collected from area next to Site Code B10 and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Services (PHLS) for analysis for the microbiological parameters, Escherichia coli (EC) and Intestinal enterococci (IE) as per L.N. 125 of 2008. Table 1 below lists the samples details and results.

DATE	RESULTS	
	EC / 100 mls	IE / 100 mls
26/05/2026	52	46
27/05/2026	15	15
28/05/2026	15	15

Table 1: Sample Results



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Following the results presented in Table 1, the onsite public information signs advising of the temporary closure of the bathing area were removed on 2 June 2026.

Conclusion

The site was closed due to a sewage overflow into the bathing area. Based on results in Table 1, no “short-term pollution” as defined in Article 3 of L.N. 125 of 2008 was identified.

Following cessation of the discharge and compliance of three consecutive daily samples, the warning was lifted.