i would like to submit a comment regarding the consultation paper proposed for integration:-

- I personally, feel that if one wishes to integrate themselves it depends also on that person to try to immerse themselves into the culture of the place they are living in
- it is not right that we, as Maltese, are expected to change while they persist in retaining their customs etc
- one thing that i oppose very strongly is the wearing of the Burqa and the Nijab here in Malta
- how can someone integrate when they are shutting themselves off from the rest of society
- I for one cannot know or recognize who i am speaking to if someone comes and faces me with the Burqa because they are covered from head to toe and all I can see is material
- if I am outside I would not be able to recognize this person
- I also strongly oppose this on the grounds of national security
- it is not right to have their faces covered
- this has nothing to do with religion because this is the persons choice and has nothing to do with religion itself
- here in Malta we have a law in the civil code which prohibits the covering of the face and this should be implemented
- if a person wants to integrate and share in the culture of the country they have come to, then they have to be willing to blend into our society as it is, without shutting themselves off.