



SDOE has details of accounts of ex-minister's relatives'

The Financial Crimes Squad (SDOE) is examining details of the bank accounts of the three relatives of former Finance Minister Giorgos Papaconstantinou whose names were removed from the so-called Lagarde list of wealthy Greek depositors, and is to provide the parliamentary committee probing Papaconstantinou's handling of the list with a report soon, Kathimerini understands.

Once the committee receives the report, it will summon the relatives and also seek testimony from Papaconstantinou, the latter's successor and current PASOK chief Evangelos Venizelos and former Socialist Premier George Papandreou. Former technocrat Premier Lucas Papademos is not

expected to be summoned.

On Tuesday the committee heard the testimony of Nikos Lekkas, head of inspections at SDOE, who reportedly refuted claims by SDOE chief Stelios Stasinopoulos that Lekkas had linked Papandreou's mother, Margarita, to a 550-million-euro account on the Lagarde list. Lekkas reportedly added that SDOE urgently needs additional staff to plow through pending cases.

In a related development, a financier called Sabby Mionis who has been identified as the manager of the 550-million-euro account on the Lagarde list sent a written deposition to the committee declaring that the cash does not belong to him and speaking of "disinformation."

Greece's government ministers won't be changed, says spokesman

Greek government spokesman Simos Kedikoglou said there was no truth to reports that Prime Minister Antonis Samaras was planning to change the ministers in his government.

"There is no issue at all of a reshuffle, period," Kedikoglou said in an e-mailed statement on Wednesday.

Samaras assembled his ministers in June when three political parties came together to form a government after two elections in six weeks.

His government is charged with carrying out the reforms needed for Greece to continue receiving bailout loans from the euro area and the International Monetary Fund.



Nestle Hellas dismisses press reports on more relaxed regulations in dismissals

In a statement released by Nestle Hellas on Tuesday, company officials dismissed reports in the press alleging that the company had requested more relaxed regulations in workers' dismissals during a meeting with Development Minister Costis Hatzidakis, AMNA reported.

"Neither Mr Raymond Franke nor any other representative of our company ever made such a request in

their recommendations to improving business environment in Greece," the statement read.

The company, which operates four companies in Greece and employees over 1,000 permanent workers, said that it was its strategic decision to remain in Greece and invest 8 million euros to modernize its factories and develop new projects.



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