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According to copies of SMS texts acquired by this newspaper, it is evident that SMSs were exchanged between the Minister for Justice and businessmen, in which there were many discussions regarding projects to construct a new fence for the Becora prison, projects were solicited, contacts with international businessmen regarding the acquisition of uniforms for prison officers and other such things.

On the 7th of August 2008, at 12:25:04, before the AMP Government had reached its first anniversary the Minister for Justice received an SMS from her friend JS, containing the following, "Sister, I have just finalized the plans for the project items and I see that the price I informed you of today is enough because this fence is 10 meters high and very thick without using blocks but only cement fill (cement, rock and double layer of steel) International quality. The works are the same as for the USA embassy fence only that theirs is only 3 meters high and not very thick." According to the list of SMSs sent out at 12:30:10 on the same day, the Minister for Justice promised "Good, I will look at it later."

Officially it was only on 25 August 2008 that the Ministry of Finance began to advertise the public tender invitation for the project to construct a new fence for the Becora prison, Project ITB No. RDTL-08-081860101-ITB-812664. "Procurement Services, Ministry of Finance RDTL invites closed bids from those who are eligible to undertake the construction of the new fence for the Becora Prison, in Dili," described the advertisement in the national newspapers.

On that same morning the Minister for Justice asked for financial help from this businessman. "Good morning J, in fact...for sure I will phone Her to come and get it from me. Sorry for disturbing you constantly. Thanks," the Minister sent the message to the businessman who won this tender at 11:25:34 hours.

Happily JS, who is the director of the company Marabia Pty Ltd, according to the announcement made by Procurement services on the 2nd of October 2008 was the successful bidder of this project valued at \$1 035 333 33 did not leave the minister's words to fall

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