

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTERGrant of a Reduced Car Licence Fee to
Mr Joseph Camilleri, a Paraplegic

In terms of Regulation 5 of the Police Licences Regulations 1949 as amended by the Police Licence (Amendment) Regulations, 1960 (Legal Notice No. 12 of 1960) His Excellency the Governor is empowered to remit or reduce any fee specified in the schedule to the said regulations.

2. Mr Joseph Camilleri, a paraplegic, who lives at No. 10 Church Street, Nadur, Gozo, has applied to the Commissioner of Police for a free licence in respect of his motor car No. 25016 which is specially adapted to suit his physical deficiency and in respect of which exemption from the payment of customs duty has already been granted.

3. The Hon. Secretary of the Infantile Paralysis Rehabilitation Fund has recommended the request.

4. As a result of investigations carried out by the Department of Emigration, Labour and Social Welfare on the financial circumstances of the household of which Joseph Camilleri forms part, it has been ascertained that the total weekly income of the household derived from deposits in bank, private property, etc. amounts to £9. This is £1.15s. above the scale allowed for a family of 5 persons. Based on these calculations Mr Camilleri's household will have been liable to pay 4/8ths of the hospital rate. Under these circumstances the Hon. Minister of Labour and Social Welfare recommends that the licence fee should be reduced by 50%.

5. The Financial Secretary has no objections to the fee being reduced to 2s.6d. per annum in this case.

6. According to the Senior Occupational Health Officer, Mr Camilleri suffers from total paraplegia and that in his case a car is absolutely essential as a means to travel. However, as Mr Camilleri is a cobbler and works in his own house the use of a private car is not essential for carrying on with his trade.

7. Hon. Ministers are asked to say whether they agree that the car licence fee should in this case be reduced and, if so, to what extent so that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to approve accordingly, ~~please~~.

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