

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER OF WORKS
AND HOUSING

Government Employees with Own Vehicle

The vehicles at the disposal of the Public Works Department are either (a) Government owned and driven by Government employed drivers, or (b) privately owned and driven by Government employed drivers; or (c) hired with driver employed by owner (usually called "Impressed").

If reductions in the number of vehicles were to be made, these would naturally be effected first from among category (c) - Impressed. In fact, when this Administration assumed office notices of termination of hire had been already issued to owners of six impressed trucks. These notices were suspended and impressed trucks replaced contract transport at Ta' Zuta Quarry.

Employees in category (c) - drivers driving their own vehicles but directly employed by the Government - should retire on reaching the age limit of 63 years.

In the Public Works Department there are at present 27 such employees, driving 24 trucks and 3 vans, all privately owned. Some of these employees had been originally employed as cartmen.

Several requests have been made for the retention of trucks or vans on the impressment system when the driver is due to retire on attaining the age limit or before that date.

Since 1956, only four of these requests were met while 13 were refused and a policy decision is required to deal with similar requests in future.

The transport force in the Public Works Department is at present as follows:-

	<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Vans</u>
Government owned	30	15
Impressed	78	20

This force is more than sufficient to meet P.W.D. requirements, while contract transport is more economical.

Hon. Ministers are asked to consider whether future requests to retain vehicles on the impressment system on retirement of the Government employed drivers should be acceded to or refused.

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