

Memorandum by the Hon. Minister of Justice
The Land Acquisition (Public Purposes) Ordinance
(Chapter 136)

The attached Declaration by His Excellency the Governor-General covers part of premises number 23A, 23B, Balbi Street, Marsa; 20A, 20C, 20D, Marsa Cross Road, Marsa; part of shops No. 23C, Balbi Street and 20B Marsa Cross Road, Marsa; two plots of land of the area of 6.4 square canes and 3.67 square canes in the limits of Marsa; and part of unnumbered premises in an alley in Marsa Cross Road together with part of the alley.

It is proposed to acquire by absolute purchase.

The acquisition of the land under review is required in connection with the project for the construction of the Harbour Approach Road. It is, therefore, required for a public purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Public Purposes) Ordinance (Chapter 136).

It emerges from the report of the Land Engineer that following an inspection in situ and after taking into consideration the locality as well as other factors which could have a bearing on the value of the property in question that its freehold value has been assessed at seven thousand one hundred and thirtyfive pounds (£7135.0s.0d.).

It is to be noted, moreover, that since some immovable structures are involved in this acquisition which would bring in its wake demolition works, the cost of demolition is not included in the freehold value of the property above indicated.

With regard to item ten in the attached declaration affecting part of an unnumbered premises together with part of an alley at Marsa Cross Road, the valuation given by the Land Engineer does not include the cost of the formation of another private alley, inasmuch as it is understood that these works will be carried out by the Public Works Department.

Honourable Ministers are invited to recommend.

11th June, 1965.