

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER OF  
JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

New Shops in Kingsgate Area

Several shops have now been completed in this area and six others are in the course of construction.

In order to avoid loss of revenue the shops which have been completed should be let without delay, care being taken to accept only such types of business as shall conform to the standard expected in a first class shopping centre.

Applications from several firms and individuals for the lease of these shops have already been turned down by the Lands Department.

The Commissioner of Land advises that the usual policy of going to tender should be strictly adhered to without giving anyone - not even the evictees from business premises demolished in the area to make room for the project - a right of first refusal. Tenderers would be required to state the nature of the business they intend to carry out, in order that the most suitable shops may be chosen, and in order that duplication of the same type of establishment may be avoided in the area.

Both the Malta Government Tourist Board and the Milk Marketing Undertaking have put in requests for a shop, in Kingsgate, for use respectively as a Reception Office and a Milk Bar.

The Malta Development Corporation is also very interested in obtaining office accommodation in this area.

Hon. Ministers are asked to decide:-

(a) whether the Malta Development Corporation and/or the Malta Government Tourist Board and/or the Milk Marketing Undertaking should be accommodated in these new shops

(b) whether such shops as are not allocated to the Departments mentioned in (a) above should be let out after a call for tenders.

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