

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

Request by the Leone Band Club for the purchase of plot of Government Land adjoining their property in Capuchins Street, Victoria

By a deed received by Notary Dr A. Attard on the 5th March, 1966 Government sold to the Leone Band Club, the site in Capuchins Street, Victoria, measuring 418 sq. canes shown coloured red on plan No. L.D. 103^A/66, Red 8^A, and granted to the Club on perpetual emphyteusis the plot shown coloured yellow on the same plan:

The Leone Band Club are now requesting further concessions namely:-

- a) To purchase a plot of Government land adjoining their said site in Capuchins Street,
- b) To exchange part of their said site in Capuchins Street with a Government owned site in Castle Hill, for the purpose of housing street decorations.

As regards the additional land in Cpuchins Street which the Club is asking for it should be noted that although this site has a frontage on the street of only 9 feet it could possibly be developed on its own. This site is shown coloured blue on attached plan "X".

It is not the policy of Government to transfer land by direct allocation to private parties. However Hon. Ministers may wish to consider whether in view of the social nature of this club and of its standing in the structure of life in the Island of Gozo, they could be justified in recommending a direct allocation in this case.

As regards the other request, i.e. that for a site in Castle Hill, Victoria, apart from the fact that "exchanges" such as the one proposed by the Club, are contrary to Government Policy, the exchange in question would not appear to have any justification unless the special circumstances referred to above can be considered to carry sufficient weight.

Hon. Ministers may also wish to consider the probable repercussions in Gozo of such further concessions to the Leone Band Club and the possibility of similar further requests from other parties.

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