

✓ Sitting No. 4/62.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambra d'Argon, Valletta, on Thursday, 20th September, 1962, at 5.00 pm.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Education and Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance, in the Chair.

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications

The Hon. Minister of Justice

The Hon. Minister of Works & Housing

The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Commerce

The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

The minutes of Meeting No. 6/62 were read and confirmed.

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The Hon. Mr. A. Solomone, Deputy Financial Secretary, Dr. M. Curuana Curran, Deputy Attorney General, and Mr. A. L'yan, Manager, W.S.E. Dept., were in attendance.

The Secretary to Cabinet

read a letter from the United Kingdom Commissioner, dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1962, (Ref 440 in file OPH. 114/59, Vol. II), who had been asked by the Secretary of State to let the governments of Malta know that the Admiralty were very worried about the lack of progress in making provision for additional generating ~~plants~~ plants. He stated that it would be impossible to bring new plants into service before the middle of 1965, though a critical shortage was expected to develop in 1964.

A Memorandum, prepared by Mr. Salomone on the drafts legislation to set up a Statutory Electricity Board, was read. This was intended to give a general view of the drafts Electricity Act. This memorandum was supplemented by further explanations by Mr. Salomone regarding the current financial position of the Water & Electricity departments. The assets were stated to be about £5m. and the net annual profits was given as £300,000.

A detailed review of sections 1 to 7 of the drafts legislation was then made. It was agreed as follows:-

- Sections 1 to 6(1) and (2)(a)(b) - No remarks.
- Section 6(2) - (c) and (f) to be deleted.
- Section 6(2)(d) - No remarks.

Section 6(2)(e) - The words "notice" to be replaced by the words "the approval of" and the words "Director of Public Works" by the words "Minister responsible for Public Works".

Section 6(2)(g) to (i) - No remarks.

Section 6(3) - The words "that will involve borrowing money upon the credit of Malta or" to be deleted as the contingency <sup>covered</sup> is already ~~is~~ covered by Sect. 8 in the draft Bill.

Section 7(1) to (4) - No remarks.

*Tam*  
Prime Minister  
(ad int.)  
21.9.62

*James*  
Secretary to Cabinet.  
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