

Sitting No. 9/62.

Cabinet meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Onore, Valletta, on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1962, at 10.00 am.

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 Labour & Social Welfare.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism.

The minutes of Meeting No. 9/62 were read and confirmed.

cc. 2494/61.

Exemption from Customs duty on replacement of lost possessions. Lt. Cmdr. J. Ashforth. Memo No. 22.

The Cabinet considered the case of Lt. Cmdr. J. Ashforth, R.N., who had lost his family's personal effects when the S/S "Clan Keith" sank in the

Mediterranean - on her way to Malta in  
November, 1961.

Other members of the crew  
of the ship in question had been given  
exemption from Customs duty on replacement  
of the lost possessions. In the circumstances  
the Cabinet agreed that H.E. the Governor  
be advised to authorize the exemption  
from duty applied for by Lt. Comdr. J. Ashford  
and to sign the relative Exemption Order.

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New Power / Date Station. Memo No. 5.

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The Hon. Mr. A. Salmons, Deputy Financial Secretary,  
Dr. H. Coviana Curran, Deputy Attorney General,  
and Mr. A. Elyon, Manager, D.C. Dept., were  
in attendance.

The Cabinet proceeded  
with the detailed review of Sections 26 to  
44 of the draft Legislation to set up a  
statutory Electricity Board. It was agreed  
as follows:-

Section 26 (1) to (3)

- No remarks.

Section 26 (4)

- The words "Accountants  
General" to be replaced  
by the words "Minister  
responsible for  
Finance".

Section 27 (1) to (4)

- The word "Minister" to be  
replaced by the words  
"Prime Minister".

Section 27 (5)

- The words "Accountants  
General" to be replaced

Section 28(1) to (3)

Responsible for Finance".  
- The word "Minister" to be replaced by the words "Prime Minister".

Section 29(1)

- The words "Accountants General" to be replaced by the words "Minister responsible for Finance".

Sections 29(2) to 31(1)

- No remarks.

Section 31(2)

- The words "under the public seal of Malta" to be deleted. ⊗

Sections 31(3) to 35(1)

- No remarks.

Section 35(2)

- The criteria on which this subclause is based will be given attention to by the governments when drawing up the contracts; the right will be reserved to have the price clause reviewed from time to time.

It was also agreed that the interpretation to be given by the governments to Clause 35 was  
i) that existing street lighting materials would be considered as

forming part of the assets transferred to the Board under Clause 19;

ii) that as regards new street lighting materials to be fixed by the Board pursuant to subclause 35(1) the price to be charged by the Board under subclause (2) for their supply and fixing shall take into account the cost of the materials and the maintenance of the public lamps in addition to the cost of energy supply, and iii) the Board will not carry out extensions of street lighting where it would not be economical for it to do so, but such extensions will be carried out provided the Government is prepared to defray the initial capital involved subject to such agreement that may be entered into between the Government and the Board.

Section 35 (3)

No remarks.

Section 36

The position to be discussed

Sections 37 to 44

and cleared with the  
respective authorities.  
No remarks.

The Cabinet approved


i) the principles embodied in the  
draft legislation as amended (Red 425 b  
in file 1962. 114/59, Vol. II) and

ii) that copies of the draft legislation  
as amended should be sent to the  
Secretary of State, the United Kingdom Treasury  
and the International Bank of Reconstruction  
and Development.

3rd October, 1962.

Emery Dieris

Prime Minister

  
Secretary to Cabinet  
3.10.62.