

Meeting No. 3 of 1971.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Palace, Valletta, on Monday, 18th January, 1971, at 12 noon.

Present: The Acting Prime Minister, Acting Minister of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance, Customs and Post.
 The Minister of Public Building and Works
 The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
 The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture
 The Minister of Health.
 The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism
 The Minister of Labour, Employment and welfare.

OPM.1252/63.

Amendment of the National Assistance Act.

Ministers considered again the draft Bill amending the National Assistance Act, 1956, (Red 29a in file) - already discussed and approved in Cabinet on the 5th January, 1971, and now before the House of Representatives - and agreed that the scale rates of means governing sickness assistance be raised by a further two shillings and sixpence: the rates to be as follows:-

<u>Number of persons</u> <u>in household</u>	<u>Scale rate</u>
1	72/6d
2	82/6d
3	92/6d
4	102/6d

Number of persons
in household

Scale rate

5	112/6d
6	122/6d
7	132/6d
8	142/6d
9 or more	152/6d

The Bill at Red 29a is file to be amended accordingly at the Committee stage.

CAG. 29/71. Release of prisoner Angelo Mazzara.

It was agreed in Cabinet that prisoner Angelo Mazzara should be released on the 18th January, 1971, instead of on the 20th January 1971, on humanitarian grounds - File CAG. 29/71 refers.

Confirmation of Written Opinion

The files mentioned below were circulated to Ministers whose written opinion was as follows: -

Land 639/70 H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of six plots of land at Zejtun required for the formation of a new road connecting 25th November Avenue with St. Catherine Street, Zejtun.
(Memorandum No. 1689)

Land 24/53. H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of nine plots of land

at Zebbug, Malta, required in connection with the construction of a bridge on the Zebbug-Siggiewi Road. (Memorandum No. 1688)

land 441/62. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of premises No. 48 (formerly No. 46) Tower Lane, Cospicua, required in connection with the reconstruction scheme for Cospicua. (Memorandum No. 1687)

OPM. 48/65. Ministers agreed that a Resolution enabling the Housing Act 1949 to continue in force for a further period of one year until the 12th February, 1972, be brought before the House of Representatives. (Memorandum No. 1463A)

OPM/IMM/964/69. Ministers agreed that a licence be issued to Dr. Gordon Munro to take up employment as Visiting Master in Physics and General Science at St. Mary's Grammar School, Gozo. (Memorandum No. 1691).

Acting Prime Minister

Secretary to Cabinet