

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Application for the withdrawal of a bus
from public service for a period exceeding
the normal limit of six months

Regulation 26 of the "Motor Vehicles Regulations, 1948", 'inter alia' provides that "any motor vehicle licensed for the transport of passengers which has been withdrawn from public service for a continuous period of six months shall be deprived of its licence. In special cases and in special circumstances the Commissioner of Police may, with the approval of the Governor depart from this provision".

2. The Commissioner of Police has reported that Bus No. 2296, which operates on the Birkirkara Route and is owned by Mr Joseph Darmanin of No. 158, High Street, Zurrieq, was withdrawn from the public service on the 7th March, 1962, as its owner was taking steps to build a new body on its chassis.

3. Mr Darmanin has been unable to get his bus renovated as described within the period established by law and has requested an extension of three months for the purpose.

4. The Commissioner of Police advises that there is no Police objection to the request made by Mr Darmanin. It is usual to grant similar applications.

5. In the circumstances, Ministers are asked whether they agree that His Excellency the Governor be advised to grant the extension of three months required by Mr Darmanin to enable him to return his bus to public service.