

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF WORKS  
AND HOUSING ON TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
LEGISLATION

The Cabinet has for discussion a Memorandum on the Preparation of a Master Plan for Malta and Gozo. In that Memorandum it is pointed out that the present provisions regulating Town and Country Planning are inadequate and that it is essential to enact a proper Instrument to control Town and Country Planning.

The legislation in force consists of sections 4 to 12 of the Code of Police Laws (Cap. 13). These provisions were amended in February, 1962 by Ord. No. XV to enable the Planning Authority to regulate as effectively as possible, town planning for a determined period of three years from the date of the promulgation of the said Ordinance during which a Master Plan for the Maltese Islands and a comprehensive Town and Country Planning Law are to be prepared.

An application has been made by this Government to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board to send a Town Planning Team to Malta to draw up a Master Plan. In view of the importance of this project and the effect of land use planning on the economy of Malta, the Technical Assistance Committee of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has approved the application and steps have already been taken by the appropriate Organisation of the United Nations to recruit a team of experts.

It is now therefore opportune to set up a Board to draft the necessary legislation.

Hon. Ministers are asked to agree to the nomination of a Committee to be composed of the Hon. Attorney General, the Hon. Financial Secretary, the Director of Public Works, the Chief Government Medical Officer and the Commissioner of Land or their representatives, to prepare a draft Town and Country Planning Law for consideration by Government.

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