

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET SUBMITTED BY THE HON. MINISTER OF

AGRICULTURE POWER & COMMUNICATIONS.

Hon. Ministers are already aware of the difficult times which lie ahead in connection with the supply of electricity pending the commissioning of the new Station. As one of the alternatives to tide over this difficult period, it is contemplated to remove the two generating sets at Miziep Pumping Station which, together, are capable of affording us a total of 600KW.

Before proceeding accordingly, I should like to bring up the following points for consideration:-

- (1) These generators were paid out of C.W. & D. Funds. Consequently according to standing instructions they cannot be used for any other purpose than for pumping water.
- (2) At a meeting of all Government and Service Departments held at the Civil Defence Centre some four years ago, it was decided that all outlying pumping stations, especially Miziep, Bingemma and Fiddien should be kept properly equipped with standby pumping equipment for any emergency.
- (3) If the demand for water from the Marfa Area, due to the development of tourist resorts should start at once, we should not be in a position to discontinue pumping from Miziep except for a very short time as the reserve capacity of the Mellieha Tank is only of the order of about one-half million gallons.

As regards (1) above I feel that we can go ahead with the removal of these two sets as the measure which is being taken is only temporary and the water supply position is not likely to be affected.

With regard to (2), Bingemma and Fiddien Pumping Stations will be properly equipped with standby equipment all the time and in case of an emergency, steps can be taken to re-erect two sets at Miziep Pumping Station.

As to (3), the demand for water in the Marfa Area is not likely to occur before three years by which time we shall be in a position to re-erect the two diesel generator sets at Miziep Pumping Station.

I propose, therefore, to consider seriously the removal of the two sets at Miziep Pumping Station for supplementary supply to the existing Power Station. I may find it possible to provide Miziep Pumping Station with one small generator of about 150 K.W. which can be shifted from the Gozo Station to Miziep.

7th May, 1963.
