

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Construction of a Police Station
at Munxar, Gozo

A provision of £3,000 is included in this year's Vote for Public Buildings and Sundry Other Works and Services (Vote 53 - 17) for the construction of a police station at Munxar, Gozo.

2. The Commissioner of Police does not see the necessity of having a new police station erected at Munxar. He considers that the existing station is adequate to meet Police requirements and the needs of the inhabitants, numbering less than 500, of that small village. The station itself is in a fairly good state of repair and is centrally situated.

3. On the other hand, the Commissioner considers that the proposal to construct a new Police Station at Munxar should be superseded by one for the erection of a new station at Xaghra.

4. In support of his recommendation, the Commissioner argues that the station at Xaghra is in such a dilapidated state that it is not worthwhile reconditioning. The Director of Public Works agrees with this view. Furthermore, Xaghra is a much larger village than Munxar.

5. The vote for the Police Station at Munxar is administered by the Gozo Civic Council as part of the capital works transferred to the control and supervision of the Council, who are in complete agreement with the original decision to provide funds for the construction of a new station in that village. It is not, however, one of the Council's responsibilities as such to provide for the construction of Police Stations in Gozo. In fact, the Council recommend that additional funds should also be provided for the construction of a new Police Station at Xaghra.

6. This matter has been considered by the Works Committee, who, considering that the construction of Police Stations in Gozo is not one of the responsibilities of the Gozo Civic Council as such, and considering that the Commissioner of Police, for the reasons given above, is strongly in favour of the erection of a new Police Station at Xaghra rather than at Munxar, feel that the funds now earmarked for the erection of a station at Munxar should be utilized for the construction of a new station at Xaghra.

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7. The Economic Committee consider that this is a matter which should be decided in Cabinet, and Hon. Ministers are accordingly kindly requested to give their views on this matter. (The money provided for the Munxar Station comes under Colonial Grants and Loans Schemes, and the Secretary of State's concurrence would have to be sought to any switch of funds, if this is decided upon).

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