

MEMORANDUM BY THE HON. MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION  
IN THE CABINET.

Subject:

Amendment to the Education Ordinance of 1946 to modify the present constitution of the Board of Education.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to expand on the present constitution of the Board of Education with a view to making it more representative, more consonant with modern trends, and more consistent with the needs of the educational system of the island in general.

With this aim in view it is proposed to include on the Board of Education the Principals of the two training colleges, and of the College of Arts Science and Technology, the Librarian, the Federation of Malta Industries, and the Students Representative Council.

The Crown Advocate General has already been contacted and asked to prepare a draft amending Bill a copy of which is attached.

For Decision:

Hon. Members are asked to decide whether they agree that the attached draft bill amending the Education Ordinance 1946 as proposed be introduced in parliament for eventual approval.

Enclosures:

- (1) Draft Amending Bill
- (2) Extract from Education Ordinance 1946 showing the present composition of the Board of Education.

D R A F T

A BILL

entitled

AN ACT further to amend the Education Ordinance, 1946

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Education (Amendment) Act, 1965, and shall be read and construed as one with the Education Ordinance, 1946, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

Amendment of section 4 of the principal law

2. Immediately after the words "A representative of the Gozo Civic Council" in subsection (1) of section 4 of the principal law there shall be inserted the following:-

"The Principal of the Training College for men teachers;

The Principal of the Training College for women teachers;

The Principal of the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology;

A representative of the Federation of Malta Industries;

The Librarian of the Royal Malta Library; and

A representative of the Students Representative Council of the Royal University of Malta".

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to alter the constitution of the Board of Education by the addition of six new members, all of whom have some contribution to make to the work of the Board of Education.

Extract from the Education Ordinance 1946  
as amended, showing the composition of the  
Board of Education

Section 4(a) (1) There shall be a Board of Education which shall consist of the following members:-

1. The Director of Education, who shall be the Chairman;
2. The Vice-Chancellor and Rector Magnificus of the Royal University of Malta, who shall be the Vice-Chairman;
3. A representative of the Metropolitan Archbishop of Malta;
4. A representative of the Bishop of Gozo;
5. A representative of the Gozo Civic Council;
6. Not more than eight other members appointed from time to time by the Minister, at least three of whom shall be appointed from amongst persons who are members of trade unions connected with the teaching profession; and
7. A person appointed by the Minister to be the Secretary.