

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

'City Gem' Bar and Restaurant, Sliema

The Third Schedule of the Import Duties Act, 1964 (Act No. XI of 1964) provides that the Governor-General, after consultation with the Malta Government Tourist Board, may declare restaurants to be approved catering establishments which may import certain articles free of import duty.

2. An application under the said law has been received from Mr Richard Brincat in respect of the 'City Gem' Bar and Restaurant at Sliema. The applicant has submitted details of the improvements he intends to make to enhance the standard and the service available in his establishment. No structural alterations to the premises are envisaged but the improvements include the renewal of wall tapestry in the dining room at a cost of £1,500, provision of new chairs and additional armchairs, installation of new cooker and refrigerator, improvement to the present electric lighting system, supply of additional sterling silver cutlery, plates, glassware etc.

3. The total cost involved is £3,450 which figure is above the minimum of £3,000 laid down by the Board in its criteria for the approval of catering establishments in terms of the law.

4. The members of the Malta Government Tourist Board have given careful consideration to this application. The members were satisfied that the 'City Gem', which is a very good restaurant, falls within the criteria laid down by the Board and that the request is in accordance with the provisions of Act XI of 1964.

5. Hon Ministers are invited to agree that His Excellency the Governor-General should declare the City Gem Restaurant at Sliema to be an 'approved catering establishment' for the purposes of the Third Schedule mentioned above.

28th October, 1965.