

Memorandum for Cabinet by the Minister of
Industrial Development and Tourism

Palace Theatre Restaurant - Paula

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 F. Attard in respect of the Palace Theatre, Paula. The applicant has submitted details of the works and improvements carried out, involving an outlay of about £5,000, of which he has already spent some £2,500 on the construction and decoration of the premises. Another £2,300 will be spent on furniture and special requirements of the restaurant, and the proprietor proposes to keep his establishment up-to-standard by continuing to install more modern equipment.

3. This establishment, which can accommodate parties of up to 120, is very conveniently situated for tourists visiting the Halsaflieni Hypogeum at Paula, the Neolithic Temples at Tarxien, and Birzebbugia's Ghar Dalam Cave and Museum. The total cost involved is well above the minimum of £3,000 required 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 and are satisfied that the restaurant falls within the criteria laid down by the Board and that the request is in accordance with the provisions of Act No. XI of 1964.

5. Hon. Ministers are invited to agree that His Excellency the Governor-General should declare the Palace Theatre, Paula, to be an 'approved catering establishment' for the purposes of the Third Schedule mentioned above.

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