

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Subletting of Government premises held on
lease by External Affairs Officers serving abroad

1. On the 23rd February, 1967, Ministers agreed in principle that External Affairs Services Officers be allowed to sub-let their premises during the period of their postings abroad on duty. The conditions under which such permission should be granted were to be further considered by the Hon. Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs in consultation with the Foreign Office and the Prime Minister's Office.
2. The granting of the permission aforesaid could present certain difficulties owing to the fact that the Sub-lessee - except in the case of de-controlled property - might be able to resist the demand for his eviction as he would be protected by the Provisions of Chapter 109 of the Laws of Malta.
3. Complications would also arise as the evicted sub-lessee or the officer himself (should the latter be unsuccessful in recovering possession) would be applying to the Housing Department for alternative accommodation.
4. In view of this, Hon. Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs is of the opinion that the implementation of the decision aforesaid taken by Ministers on the 23rd February, 1967 presents serious practical difficulties.
5. Hon. Ministers are asked to decide whether in view of the above the said decision taken by them on the 23rd February, 1967 should not now be reconsidered and that permission to External Affairs Officers for sub-letting of Government premises should be refused.

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