

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINETby the A/Minister of Finance, Customs and Port.

As a matter of principle and with a view to safeguarding the revenue derived from the Public Lotto and the National Lottery, the Public Lotto Department has always opposed the holding of big prize lotteries - whether on payment of duty or otherwise - on the grounds that the stakes paid thereon are bound in the long run to indent on the sales of Lotto and National Lottery tickets.

On the other hand, it has never been the policy of that Department to oppose the holding of advertising lotteries, for, apart from yielding a substantial amount of revenue - this amounted to no less than £6,307 in 1966 - such lotteries are held free of charge and cannot therefore be said to be competitors of the Public Lotto and the National Lottery.

It was in consonance with the policy outlined above that the Kursaal Company Ltd was recently provided with a permit - copy of which is attached - by the Director of Public Lotto in terms of the proviso to subsection 4 of section 11 of the Public Lotto Ordinance - - to run a car lottery at a gala night held at the Casino on Easter Monday.

Other factors, equally forceful, which contributed in swaying the Director of Public Lotto's opinion in favour of granting the permit were the revenue accruing to Government in the way of the 25% duty leviable in such cases (in this instance this came to the sum of £130) and the restriction of participants in the lottery to the patrons of the Casino.

It is finally pointed out that in their original application - copy of which is attached - the Kursaal Company Ltd had applied for permission to hold one lottery a month, and that notice of the second lottery has already been given by the said Company as being held on 1st May, 1967.

In view of the above it is clear that a refusal on the part of the Government to allow the second lottery - an application for which has now been received (vide letter dated 11th April, 1967), is bound to cause some embarrassment to the Kursaal Company Ltd.

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Under the circumstances, if it is the opinion of Ministers to spread the lotteries over a longer period, say, at three/six monthly intervals instead of one month, it is considered that this should start at least with the third lottery.

18th April, 1967.

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THE KURSAAL COMPANY LIMITED

Dragonara Palace,  
St. Julian's,  
Malta G.C.

Our Ref: ACC/C6.

6th March, 1967.

Dear Sir,

It is the intention of my Company to hold a Gala Night Lottery at the Casino each month, starting from Easter Monday, 27th March, 1967. Only the holders of admission tickets to the Casino on that particular lottery night shall be entitled to participate in the lottery and no extra charge will be levied.

The admission fee will be the same as for Saturday nights.

The prize of the Lottery will be a Mini Car whose C.I.F. price is £520.

It is therefore kindly requested that you be good enough to grant the necessary permission for the above.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) J. Cassar  
Secretary  
The Kursaal Company Limited

The Director of Public Lotto,  
Old Bakery Street,  
Valletta.

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L-Arkivji Nazzjonali ta' Malta

Lotto/22/67

PUBLIC LOTTO DEPT.  
74, Old Bakery Str.  
Valletta, Malta.

D.P.L. PERMIT NO. 5/67

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Lotto Ordinance (Chapter 110), permission is hereby granted to the Kursaal Co. Ltd., to hold a lottery under the following conditions, namely:

- a) that at a Gala Night to be held at the Dragonara Palace Casino on Monday, the 27th March, 1967, the grantees undertake to issue, free of charge, to each person admitted to the Casino, a lottery ticket which shall entitle the holders thereof to participation in a draw to be held on the same night for a prize of one Mini Car valued at £520;
- b) that the admission fee to the Casino shall not, on the above mentioned Gala Night, exceed that normally charged by the Casino on Saturday night, i.e. five shillings;
- c) that in the event of the above prize not being awarded for any reason whatsoever, such prize shall be donated to a charitable institution to be indicated by the Director of Public Lotto;
- d) that, within six days from the date of the draw, the grantees shall state whether the above prize has been claimed and, in the affirmative, furnish the name and address of the prize winner;
- e) that the Director of Public Lotto shall reserve the right to send a representative to supervise the said draw;
- f) that in all advertisements relating to the above lottery the grantees shall quote the number of this Permit.

16th March, 1967.

O.E. ARRIGO  
f/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC LOTTO

Certified that The Kursaal Co. Ltd., have paid into this office the sum of £130 (One hundred and thirty pounds) being 25% duty on the value of the prize offered by the grantees under the above scheme.

Receipt No. 911727.

(sgd.) O.E. ARRIGO

16th March, 1967.

f/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC LOTTO.

THE KURSAAL COMPANY LIMITED

Dragonara Palace,  
St. Julian's,  
Malta G.C.

Our Ref: ACC/C6.  
Your Ref: Lotto 22/67.

11th April, 1967.

Dear Sir,

Re: GALA NIGHT LOTTERY

With reference to our letter dated 6th March, 1967, we wish to apply for permission to hold the next Gala Night Lottery at the Casino on Monday, 1st May, 1967 under the same conditions imposed in your Permit No. 5/67 dated 16th March, 1967.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) J. Cassar  
Secretary  
The Kursaal Company Limited

The Director of Public Lotto,  
Old Bakery Street,  
Valletta.

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