

MEMORANDUM BY THE HON. MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.

Chalet at Ghar-id-Dud, Sliema.

The tenders for the lease of the Chalet site at Ghar-id-Dud Sliema have not yet been submitted to Contract Committee.

2. This is a second call for tenders in respect of the site. None of the tenders received after the first call was accepted mainly because the tenderers did not comply fully with requirements regarding submission of plans and also because it was decided to reconsider the type of development which should be allowed.

3. The second call for tenders limited structures above pavement level to the bare minimum, namely to a covered entrance of kiosk measuring 18' x 18' of a height not exceeding 10' and having glass sides.

4. The call for tenders also mentioned that Government might consider extending the site to include a limited area under the public pavement.

5. Two tenders were received this time. The more advantageous one is that by J.O.K.A. Investments Ltd. who offered £2,000 per annum as ground rent and an investment of £25,000 and undertook to have a catering establishment completed within 18 months from the approval of plans.

6. The plan and elevation submitted by Messrs. J.O.K.A. cannot be accepted without substantial modification.

7. The elevation would be objected to mainly on the following grounds:-

a) the whole structure is of much too heavy and cumbersome an appearance; and

b) the tenderers have not limited construction and pavement level to the area allowed in the conditions of tender; they have provided for a covered stage and a covered bar and have also shown a canopy projecting over the public promenade.

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Cabinet Ministers are requested to consider:-

a) whether the tender by Messrs. J.O.K.A. (Investments) Ltd. should be accepted subject to all the necessary alterations in the plan and elevation and to the approval of the project as a whole;

or

b) whether both tenders should be refused and a fresh call be issued for the lease of the site and the development thereof in accordance with a plan previously prepared by the Commissioner of Land in consultation with the Director of Public Works.

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