

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

The Societas Doctrinae Christianae were granted on emphyteusis for a period of 150 years a site at Blata 1-Bajda, the former disused Blata-1-Bajda Cemetery, on the 5th December, 1953 in virtue of a deed published by the late Doctor Carmelo Farrugia, the then Notary to Government.

On the 18th March 1961 by a deed published by Doctor Anthony Attard, Notary to Government, the said title of temporary emphyteusis was converted into one on perpetual emphyteusis from the date of the expiration of the respective current emphyteutical concession.

One of the conditions regulating the last mentioned grant forbade the use of Centre for the Society of Christian Doctrine, in whole or in part, for commercial, business or industrial purposes under pain of ~~dis~~olution.

The building was to be used solely and wholly as a National Centre of the Society of Christian Doctrine.

The said Society has requested

- (1) that the building be also used for activities of lay apostolate.
- (2) that the restriction of the use of the building for commercial business be lifted.

While there should be no objection to the use of the Centre also for activities of the lay Apostolate, the Society should not have absolute freedom in the use of the building for commercial business. What the Society could be granted would

be the right to operate a Printing Press, a Workshop for members of the Society and a Shop for the Sale of Religious Articles.

The above rights would be granted to the Society by an amendment to the two contracts above mentioned.

Hon. Ministers are invited to state if they agree with the proposed amendments.

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